



Brian Stennett

Position Sought: Great Plains Region Director

Statement of Candidacy

I am honored to submit my candidacy for the NAEMT Board of Directors representing the Great Plains Region. For more than 27 years, I have served the EMS profession as a paramedic, educator, fire officer, emergency preparedness leader, and advocate for EMS professionals. Throughout my career, I have sought opportunities to improve our profession beyond the communities I directly serve. Whether responding to emergencies, leading healthcare preparedness initiatives, educating responders across the country, or serving in national leadership roles, my focus has remained the same: strengthening EMS through collaboration, innovation, and professional leadership.

My involvement with NAEMT has reinforced my belief that our association is uniquely positioned to influence the future of EMS. As Vice Chair of the EMS Disaster Preparedness Committee, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated EMS leaders to address disaster readiness, special pathogen preparedness, and national policy initiatives. That experience has demonstrated the tremendous value NAEMT provides in representing the voice of EMS while developing practical resources that improve patient care and responder safety.

If elected to the Board of Directors, my goals would be to strengthen EMS preparedness for emerging threats, expand leadership development opportunities for EMS professionals, advocate for the integration of EMS into healthcare and public health systems, establish EMS as an essential service and continue elevating the profession through education, evidence-based practice, and strategic partnerships. I also believe NAEMT should continue to support the mental health and well-being of EMS professionals while promoting recruitment, retention, and workforce resilience.

Our profession faces significant challenges. Workforce shortages, increasing call volumes, financial pressures, expanding clinical expectations, emerging infectious diseases, and increasingly complex disaster environments require EMS leaders who understand both operational realities and long-term strategic planning. At the same time, these challenges present opportunities to further integrate EMS into healthcare delivery, emergency management, public health, and community resilience initiatives.

NAEMT should continue serving as the national voice for EMS by advocating for sustainable funding, advancing leadership education, supporting research, and strengthening partnerships with federal agencies, healthcare organizations, and public safety stakeholders. The association should also continue investing in professional development programs that prepare the next generation of EMS leaders to navigate an increasingly complex healthcare landscape.

I believe I offer a unique perspective to the Board because my career has spanned frontline EMS, fire service leadership, hospital emergency preparedness, public health, infectious disease preparedness, and national emergency management. Through leadership roles with NAEMT, the National Association for Public Safety Infection Control Officers, the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center, and FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness, I have worked to improve preparedness and responder safety at the local, regional, and national levels.

It would be a privilege to continue serving our profession as a member of the NAEMT Board of Directors and to represent the EMS professionals of the Great Plains Region with integrity, collaboration, and a commitment to advancing EMS nationwide.