

Statement of Candidacy – Michael Kaduce
Candidate for Re-election, West Coast Region Director
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

I'm honored to seek re-election as West Coast Region Director for the NAEMT Board of Directors. Over the past two years, I've had the privilege of representing our region's diverse EMS professionals, including educators, field providers, and leaders, while contributing to the strategic direction of NAEMT's education programs, member engagement, and national influence.

My professional background includes two decades in EMS as a paramedic, educator, program director, and now Director of the Falck Health Institute. I've led EMT programs serving thousands of students and launched new training centers across the U.S. and internationally. These experiences have deepened my belief in the power of high-quality EMS education and the importance of creating pathways for professional growth and long-term career sustainability.

As Chair of the NAEMT Education Committee, I've worked with an exceptional team to modernize our courses, align with national standards, and improve the support we provide to instructors. I also serve on the AMLS Committee and as a contributing author for both the AMLS and EMS Safety courses. These roles allow me to directly shape the content and strategy behind the education we deliver, always with the provider and the patient in mind.

One of the most meaningful projects I've led this term was the first phase of development of NAEMT's new membership and education portal. Built in direct response to feedback from educators and members, the new platform will simplify course management, improve navigation, and enhances the experience for students, instructors, and training centers alike. It's a clear example of what we can achieve when we listen to our members and take action.

If re-elected, I will continue advocating for:

- Accessible, relevant, and evidence-based EMS education
- Stronger support systems for instructors and coordinators
- Expanded adoption and ongoing improvement of the new membership and education portal
- Continued membership growth through partnerships with EMS agencies, training centers, and allied organizations
- Transparent, responsive leadership that puts members first

This is a critical time for EMS. We face workforce shortages, rising demands, and evolving expectations from the communities we serve. I believe NAEMT must continue to lead with bold, forward-thinking solutions, and I want to continue being a part of that work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for your continued trust.
