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NAEMT FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

- Formed in 1975 and more than 72,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians ([NAEMT](#)) is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners.
- NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military. NAEMT members are trained as paramedics (50%), EMTs (41%), and physicians, nurses and other prehospital medical professionals (9%).
- A 15-member elected [Board of Directors](#) leads the association. Board members volunteer their time and effort to further the mission of the association. The Board also includes an appointed medical director who is an experienced EMS physician. The Board relies on volunteer committees comprised of members to assist in carrying out the work of the association.
- NAEMT offers its members thousands of dollars in member benefits, including insurance coverage, free access to Amazon and other industry purchasing programs, education scholarships and publication subscriptions, as well as discounts on education resources, EMS merchandise, and conference registration.

ADVOCACY

- NAEMT is at the forefront of national discussions and initiatives that have significant impact on the EMS profession. Since March 2020, all efforts have focused on advocating for our nation's paramedics and EMTs serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic response and include:
 - Working to ensure that our EMS practitioners receive priority access to PPE and testing, and that our EMS agencies receive direct relief for the overwhelming costs of fighting the pandemic combined with the financial impact of unprecedented reductions in overall 9-1-1 medical calls.
 - Conducting ongoing nationwide grassroots advocacy campaigns to support EMS, which have resulted to date in over 32,000 letters to members of Congress.
 - Sending letters to the [President](#) and to leaders in [Congress](#), [CMS](#), [HHS](#), [DHS](#), and [DOJ](#).
 - Sharing with [national media](#) the heroic work being performed by paramedics and EMTs during this pandemic and the challenges they face in serving their patients and protecting themselves and their families.

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- Conducting [free webinars](#) for our members to help them in the field. Topics include managing the stress and anxiety of COVID-19; how to apply for federal relief funds; best practices in the use of PPE and disinfecting processes; best practices in EMS triage and transport to alternate destinations during the pandemic; and Crew Resource Management during public health crises.
- Publishing reports on the impact of COVID-19 on EMS agencies. The [results of a recent national survey](#) were provided to federal government leaders highlighting the greatest impacts on EMS across the nation.
- [EMS On The Hill Day](#), hosted by NAEMT each year, is the national advocacy event for all EMS professionals to meet with their congressional leaders on Capitol Hill or virtually to advocate for the passage of key EMS legislation.
- NAEMT publishes [position statements](#) and [comments](#) on critical EMS issues. Our most recent comments include the role of EMS in the [development of a national 9-1-1 system](#), ensuring that the EMS workforce receives [high priority for COVID-19 vaccines](#), and reimbursement for EMS provision of [“treatment-in-place” care to patients](#).
- NAEMT published national reports to spotlight critical challenges and concerns. Most recently, NAEMT published the results of a [national survey on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on EMS agencies](#) and a [national report on violence against EMS practitioners](#).
- NAEMT develops digital resources for EMS and distributes them free of charge to EMS agencies and practitioners across the country. Recent publications include [A Guide on Developing an EMS Agency Safety Program, and A Guide to Building an Effective EMS Wellness and Resiliency Program](#).
- NAEMT promotes the value of EMS to our communities through [national awards](#) that recognize outstanding contributions to the EMS profession, and the promotion of national [EMS Week](#).
- NAEMT seeks partnerships with companies that provide products and services to the EMS industry to collaborate on issues of mutual interest. These partnerships are structured through NAEMT’s [Corporate Partner Program](#).
- NAEMT also hosts the [EMS Corporate Engagement Council](#) to provide a forum for those who supply the EMS industry with products and services and those who provide EMS care to discuss key issues impacting the industry and understand their implications.

EDUCATION

- NAEMT provides continuing education to over 134,000 EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers in 78 countries. NAEMT works with more than 12,000 instructors through our network of 2,500 approved training centers to conduct our courses. NAEMT is the global standard in continuing education for EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers and provides evidence-based, referenced and field-tested courses that emphasize critical thinking skills to obtain the best outcomes for patients.
- All courses conducted through NAEMT are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Prehospital Continuing Education ([CAPCE](#)) and recognized by the National Registry of EMTs ([NREMT](#)).

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- NAEMT courses include:
 - Advanced Medical Life Support ([AMLS](#)) – 16 hours
 - AMLS Basics (specifically designed for EMTs) – 8 hours
 - All Hazards Disaster Response ([AHDR](#)) – 8 hours
 - Emergency Pediatric Care ([EPC](#)) – 16 hours
 - [EMS Safety](#) – 8 hours
 - EMS Vehicle Operator Safety ([EVOS](#)) – 8 or 16 hours
 - Geriatric Education for EMS ([GEMS](#)) – 8 hours
 - Advanced GEMS – 8 hours
 - [NAEMT Instructor Preparation Course](#) – 6 hours
 - Prehospital Trauma Life Support ([PHTLS](#)) – 16 hours
 - PHTLS for [First Responders](#) – 8 hours
 - Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership ([PEPL](#)) – 16 hours
 - Psychological Trauma in the EMS Patient ([PTEP](#)) – 8 hours
 - Tactical Combat Casualty Care ([TCCC](#)) – 16 hours
 - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care ([TECC](#)) – 16 hours
 - TECC for Law Enforcement and First Responders ([TECC-LEO](#))
- New courses in development include:
 - Critical Care Test Preparation – 16 hours
 - Community Paramedicine course series – 14 courses designed to prepare paramedics to take the IBSC Community Paramedic certification exam.
 - First On The Scene – 4-hour course designed to prepare the public to respond in an emergency until EMS arrives.
- NAEMT partners with the Public Safety Group of Jones & Bartlett Learning on [Recert.com](#), an online continuing education platform with an integrated course library and CE management tools. Recert currently offers over xxx EMS courses including 250 Fire and Rescue courses.
- NAEMT hosts an annual [World Trauma Symposium](#) to provide prehospital practitioners, military medics, physicians, nurses and educators an exceptional program of global trauma experts presenting the latest trends and research in prehospital trauma care.