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Paramedic Association of Canada and NAEMT Form Strategic Alliance To Promote Quality EMS Education

Clinton, Miss. –The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and the Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) recently finalized an agreement in which both organizations will work collaboratively to provide high-quality continuing education to EMTs and Paramedics in Canada.

PAC creates and publishes Canada’s National Occupational Competencies for Paramedics, the standards that are used by all EMT and Paramedic training programs in Canada. PAC is recognized throughout Canada as the leading expert in classifying the tasks performed by EMTs and Paramedics, and in identifying the knowledge and skills these EMS professionals require to provide high-quality patient care.

“PAC looks forward to furthering collaborations with NAEMT,” said Chris Hood, president of PAC. “It is the mission of both of our associations to help provide EMTs and Paramedics in Canada with greater access to quality education which, in turn, contributes to their ability to better serve the public’s health needs.”

NAEMT is the global leader in EMS continuing education, offering the following continuing education courses in the United States and in 60 other countries:

- [Advanced Medical Life Support \(AMLS\)](#)
- [Bleeding Control for the Injured \(B-Con\)](#)
- [Emergency Pediatric Care \(EPC\)](#)
- [EMS Safety](#)
- [Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services \(GEMS\)](#)
- [Law Enforcement and First Response Tactical Casualty Care \(LEFR-TCC\)](#)
- [Prehospital Trauma Life Support \(PHTLS\)](#)
- [Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership \(PEPL\)](#)
- [Tactical Combat Casualty Care \(TCCC\)](#)
- [Tactical Emergency Casualty Care \(TECC\)](#)
- [Trauma First Response \(TFR\)](#)

NAEMT and PAC will work together to increase awareness about the quality and value of NAEMT continuing education courses among provincial leaders with jurisdiction over EMS, and within EMS agencies. The two associations will also work with EMS training centers to bring NAEMT courses to their students.

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"High-quality, evidence-based EMS education has been a defining pillar of NAEMT as an association, and is the mantra of the authors who create our courses," said NAEMT President Conrad "Chuck" Kearns. "We look forward to working with PAC to ensure that every EMS practitioner in Canada has access to the same high standards of EMS education that are preferred around the globe."

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 50,000 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.

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About PAC

PAC is comprised of over 14,000 paramedics from coast to coast to coast. The Association is a national organization of prehospital practitioners that exists to promote quality and professional patient care through working relationships among organizations with similar interests. Protection of the Public and development of the profession in the public interest is the foundation. This mission will be accomplished by allowing the association to serve as a nexus for consensus building among all stakeholders. The purpose of PAC is to represent the practitioners on a national level. It accomplishes this goal through cooperative consensus building.

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