



## EMSAC Members' Update

A monthly update for members of the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado.

**March 2022**

EMSAC group (agency) members, please forward to your staff. If you have news for the EMSAC monthly update, send it to [communications@emsac.org](mailto:communications@emsac.org).

### EMSAC NEWS

#### EMS Day at the Capitol 2022, March 2022



We are again hosting EMS Day at the Capitol, on **March 29**. We have eliminated the Capitol-specific, daytime functions this year. The Legislator's Reception—the most useful, anyway—is at the **University Club**, 1673 Sherman St, Denver CO 80203, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Please arrive at 4:00 PM** for a briefing on the issues by our Advocacy Committee.

**REGISTER  
HERE**



Contact Advocacy Committee Chairperson Tim Dienst with any questions: [tdienst@uprad.org](mailto:tdienst@uprad.org).

## Colorado EMS Educators Association



Circle the Date!

**Second Annual Colorado EMS Educators Symposium**

May 21-22, 2022 in Colorado Springs.  
Pre-con May 19-20.

The Colorado EMS Educators Association is a chartered subsidiary special interest group of EMSAC.



Register now—[here](#).

## You can have an impact on EMS in Colorado



**EMSAC at Work**  
Advocate  
Communicate  
Educate

You can now easily volunteer with an EMSAC Committee, [online](#). EMSAC committees are the workhorse of all we do. Get involved and make your mark on EMS in Colorado.

## COLORADO EMS NEWS

### State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council



The State of Colorado is seeking individuals interested in serving on the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council to apply for one of the following open positions:

- A board-certified neurosurgeon involved in providing trauma care at a Level I or II trauma center.
- A representative of a **government provider of pre-hospital care.**
- An administrative representative of a rural trauma center.
- **An officer or crew member of a volunteer organization who provides pre-hospital care.**
- A county emergency manager.
- A **flight nurse** of an emergency medical service air team or unit.
- A licensed physician who is a pre-hospital medical director.
- A board-certified surgeon providing trauma care at a Level III trauma center.

To apply, go to the [Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions](#) website to complete the online application and attach documents. Once submitted, an email confirmation will be received. Applications are due April 15. Questions contact Kate Siegel Shimko.

## OTHER NEWS

New Course Available: Decreasing the Risks Involved with Emergency Response

The NVFC has released a new course in the Virtual Classroom. Decreasing Risks Involved with Emergency Response is designed to provide knowledge, guidance, and practical applications that can help fire and EMS agencies mitigate their members' risks during emergency response. This course is being offered for free for a limited time to all members of the fire and emergency services. [Access the course.](#)

## COVID NEWS

Medscape

## REMINDERS

### EMS Career Center



EMSAC's new [Career Center](#) is free for anyone to view **job listings and to post and edit their resumes.** Recruiters can browse the resumes in the system to see if there is a good match within the EMSAC membership database.

**NEW** Job Board feature! When posting a job to the EMSAC Job Board, you can now send an email notification about the post. This feature is only an additional \$50 and can help with visibility to your job posting.

[Post a job](#) (for Job Recruiters)    [Upload a resume](#) (for Job Seekers)

The EMSAC **Career Center** is a national job board, linked to EMS jobs posted in other states. **Posting a job is free for EMSAC members.** For-non members there is a fee, but the cost is lower than many job boards.

### [CREATE—Colorado Resource for Emergency Education](#)



CREATE offers a live Q&A session on the first Monday of every month from 2:00 to 2:50 PM. Here you can find answers that will help in applying for a CREATE education grant (except November (2:30 pm to 3:20 pm) and January (first Thursday). Attend these interactive sessions to ask questions related to the CREATE grant application.

- To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/709267797>
- To join by phone dial (872) 240-321, access code: 709-267-797.

# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

## [Path4EMS](#): Colorado's EMS Peer Assistance program

Any currently certified Colorado EMS provider now has a new avenue of access and support for issues related to stress management, mental health and wellness. These services are confidential, free of charge, and available statewide. Information about the program can be found [here](#). **For immediate assistance, please call 1-800-873-7138. Make the Call to Make Things Better.**

Firefighters and EMS personnel face many unique challenges that can have a significant impact on their behavioral health. To ensure these individuals and their families have access to the help they need, the NVFC teamed up with American Addiction Centers (AAC) to create a free, confidential helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Fire/EMS Helpline: 1-888-731-FIRE (3473)**  
**The Code Green Campaign**  
[Code Green](#) is a first responder-oriented mental health advocacy and education organization. It is not a crisis helpline; its mission is to bring awareness to the high rates of mental health problems in first responders and reduce them, eliminate the stigma that prevents people from admitting problems are present and asking for help and educate first responders on self and peer care and to advocate systemic change in how mental health problems are addressed by first responder agencies.

## **Building Warriors**

[Building Warriors](#) is a specialty group of private practice professional counselors and peer consultants supporting emergency responders and their families. Even the strongest among us can feel lost, unsure, ambivalent, or unhappy at times. We specialize in working with Emergency Responders and their families. We can help manage whatever life may bring, we will attack issues and focus on finding a healthy balance within your mind, body, and heart. For more information or to schedule a class for your agency, call (720) 504-6207.

## **Foundation 1023**

[Foundation 1023](#) is committed to supporting the emotional and mental wellness of first responders and their support network who are experiencing illness, loss or stressful life events by providing confidential funding for emotional and mental wellness services, as well as access to peer supported outdoor activities and events designed for personal wellness and connection. Foundation 1023 offers referral services and financial support to pre-approved Professional Counselors that are experienced in the first response industry.

## **Safe Call Now - (206) 459-3020**

[Safe Call Now](#) is an emergency services-based emergency CONFIDENTIAL, comprehensive, 24-hour crisis referral service for all emergency services personnel and their family members nationwide. Speak confidentially with officers, public safety professionals and/or mental health care providers who are familiar with your line of work. MAKE A SAFE CALL NOW: (206) 459-3020. Download a brochure for your colleagues and staff.

## **Colorado Crisis and Support Line 1-844-493-TALK (8255)**

Get connected 24/7/365 with experienced professionals, counselors and peer specialists. [Colorado Crisis Services](#) has **12 walk-in crisis service centers**: Fort

Collins, Greeley, Grand Junction, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs; and in metro Denver: Westminster, Lakewood, Littleton, Aurora (2), Boulder and Denver. [Download](#) an information card. For your agency offices and quarters download a rack card.



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