



## EMSAC Members' Update

An update for the profession from the  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO**  
 EMSAC group (agency) members, please forward to your staff.  
 August 2021

If you have news for the EMSAC monthly update, send it to [communications@emsac.org](mailto:communications@emsac.org).

### EMSAC NEWS



#### EMSAC Election August 20 - September 21

We are happy to announce the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Click [here](#) to learn more about the candidates. Voting opens on August 20 and will close on September 21. In order to vote, members MUST be in good standing by August 16 at 5 PM.

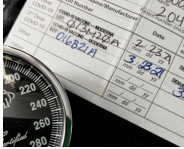


Don't miss out on our 49th Annual Colorado State EMS **Conference** in Keystone, Colorado November 4th (precon day) through November 7th! This **conference** continues to build on its impressive tradition of superb EMS **education** in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. This is the premier event where EMS professionals, agency managers and administrators, EMS instructors, medical directors and allied professionals learn about trends and techniques that enhance patient care and agency operations. The Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado is proud to bring you Colorado's foremost EMS educational **event**. We look forward to seeing you there **in person again!**

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### COVID Protocol for Colorado State EMS Conference

There is nothing more paramount than the safety and well-being of our caregivers—think “BSI, scene safe.” In that vein, we will be requiring one of two documents to attend this year’s conference. **When registering for the conference, you can attach a copy of your COVID vaccination card or bring with you a copy of a negative COVID test from within the last 72 hrs.** This protocol is subject to change as COVID-19 data changes.

Whether advocating at the state and national levels or developing protocols with our medical directors, following evidence-based practice must be our north star. We are thrilled to learn alongside you in person this year and we all must do everything we can to ensure a safe, fun and positive conference.

### 2021 Colorado State EMS Award Nominations

The [portal](#) for nominations for this year's Colorado EMS Awards is now open. Take a few moments to recognize a colleague for their exceptional service in any of the categories below. Get it done early, so the September 15 deadline does not sneak up on you (it's only seven weeks away!).



1. Robert Marlin ALS EMS Professional of the Year
2. BLS EMS Professional of the Year
3. Critical Care Paramedic of the Year
4. Community Paramedic of the Year
5. RN of the Year
6. EMS Dispatcher-of-the-Year
7. EMS Ambulance Service-of-the-Year
8. EMS Executive-of-the-Year (Formerly EMS Administrator-of-the-Year)
9. EMS Region-of-the-Year
10. Dr. Gerald Gordon EMS Instructor/Coordinator-of-the-Year
11. Dr. Valentin E. Wohlauer Award for Physician Excellence in EMS
12. Paul Cary Award for Valor (formerly the Gold Honor for Saving Life)
13. EMSAC Citizen Rescuer Award for Valor
14. C.J. Shanaberger Award for Lifetime Achievement
15. Francis Mildred Roth Women in EMS Award
16. Dr. Robert Campbell Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service
17. EMSAC Life Honor Membership Award
18. The “Peg Hamilton” Award
19. EMSAC President’s Award
20. Children’s Hospital Colorado Award for Commitment to Pediatric Emergency Care
21. Flight For Life Colorado Award for Excellence in Safety



### Joining a Committee is Easy!

You can have an impact on EMS in Colorado. 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!



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### Order Colorado EMS insignia and rockers online

We have Colorado EMS uniform insignia, rockers and window decals available, you can order [online](#). These are the de facto "state EMS" insignia for Colorado. Insigne rockers: Critical Care Paramedic, Paramedic, EMT, EMT-Advanced, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, Dispatcher, Instructor, Nurse, Physician, Student. Window decals: EMT-B, EMT-Intermediate, EMT-P, 3" EMSAC decal for POVs, 5" EMSAC decal for agency vehicles.

### OTHER NEWS



### Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council

The State of Colorado is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council to apply for the following open positions on the council.

- **An emergency medical service provider certified or licensed at any level who is actively involved in the provision of emergency medical services**
- A clinical psychiatrist licensed in good standing in Colorado, recommended by a statewide association of psychiatrists
- An anesthesiologist licensed in good standing in Colorado, recommended by a statewide association of anesthesiologists
- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado actively serving as an emergency medical service medical director and practicing in rural or frontier counties
- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado actively serving as emergency medical service medical director and practicing in urban counties
- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado actively serving as emergency medical service medical director in any area of the state

To apply, go to the [Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions website](#) where you can complete your online application and attach all other pertinent documents. You will receive an email confirming the submission of your application. Applications are due by September 10, 2021. If you have any questions please contact [Kate Siegel Shimko](#).



### Implementing Telemedicine in EMS and the 911 Communications Center

No one could predict the speed at which COVID-19 changed healthcare, including the acceleration of telemedicine. For EMS and 911 systems, telemedicine has enabled safer triaging of possible COVID patients, avoiding unnecessary and expensive visits to the emergency department, and getting patients the right care at the right time. The [webinar](#) is Wed, Sep 22, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MDT.



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## Wildfires and Disasters Guidance



Please refer to the CDPHE EMS office's [guidance document](#) regarding out-of-state providers responding to wildfires and other incidents. Reach out to the EMS office Operations team if you have any questions by email or phone at [cdphe.emtcert@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.emtcert@state.co.us) or (303) 691-4932.

## Rock and Snow Medicine Symposium



The 1st Annual Rock & Snow Medicine [Symposium](#) will be hosted by the Wilderness & Environmental Section of the University Of Colorado School Of Medicine and is scheduled for November 4, 2021. This event will include high-caliber speakers presenting innovative and relevant medical topics geared towards an audience of ski patrollers, search & rescue specialists, agency personnel, and other prehospital responders.



## Colorado EMS Provider Licensing

Converting your Colorado EMS provider certification to a license is optional. If you choose not to convert your certification to a license, you will remain certified and will be able to renew your certification as you always have. Converting to a license does not change your scope of practice or the duration of your certification/license. For those wishing to be licensed, you can convert your certification by completing the license conversion form found in your OATH account or by choosing the license option in your next renewal application. There is no additional cost associated with license conversion. For more information and FAQs, please visit the EMS provider licensing page on our website or contact the CDPHE EMS Operations Section at 303-691-4932 or via email. FAQs are [here](#).

## Report EMS Sentinel Events



In the continued effort to improve EMS provider and patient safety, the SEMTAC Safety Committee asks EMS providers to [report](#) sentinel events using EVENT (EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool). EVENT is a platform that allows an individual or organization to anonymously report misses and near-miss occurrences, resulting in system improvements.



## Honoring Healthcare Heros!

Healthcare workers across the country are selflessly and tirelessly caring for their communities every day in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a token of appreciation **Hyatt Place Keystone** is extending their Friends & Family Rate to you and your family. **Book January 1–September 12, 2021.** Click [here](#) for details.





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## COVID-19 News

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### Determining the Incidence of Asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 among Early Recipients of COVID-19 Vaccines

The impact of COVID19 vaccination on viral characteristics of breakthrough infections is unknown. In this [prospective cohort study](#), the incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection decreased following vaccination. Although asymptomatic positive tests were observed following vaccination, higher cycle thresholds, repeat negative tests and inability to culture virus raises questions about their clinical significance.

## 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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