



EMSAC Members' Update

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

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



EMSAC NEWS

2022 COLORADO STATE EMS CONFERENCE

CREATE GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE September 6th

CREATE

Colorado Resource for Emergency And Trauma Education

November 10- 13, 2022 | Keystone, CO

CREATE assists private and public organizations in improving and expanding the emergency medical and trauma system in Colorado by funding education and training for emergency medical and trauma services (EMTS). Funding requires a 50% match from the requesting entity, although some waivers are available to provide a lower match amount if financial need can be demonstrated." Let me know if there's any additional information you'd like! To request funding for EMSAC, agencies will need to apply by the September 6 deadline.

[**Find Out More and Apply**](#)

We have an awesome line-up of CE-accredited education sessions that include traditional classes, hands-on sessions, cadaver labs, escape rooms and even a simulation RV. All sessions will be in-person at the Keystone Conference Center. We will be offering more than 8 credit hours through online on-demand sessions.

THE AGENDA

Topics Covered This Year

- State Updates
- Ventilation
- Cardiac
- Pediatric Ingestions
- Trauma Resuscitation
- Mental Health
- Diabetic Emergencies
- Pre-Hospital OB
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Environmental Emergencies
- Pre-Hospital Stroke Triage

REGISTER WITH EARLY BIRD PRICING THROUGH 9/2



APPROACHING! 2022 Colorado State EMS Awards Nomination Deadline is September 15!

This year's portal to make any of the 21 Annual Colorado EMS Awards nominations are open. Find it and the 21 categories [here](#).

SOON! Colorado Rockies First Responder Appreciation Day September 11



The Colorado Rockies' First Responder Appreciation purchase website is officially LIVE at www.rockies.com/RESPONDER.

• Sunday, September 11th vs. Arizona Diamondbacks @ 1:10pm

- Purchasers will receive a First Responders Appreciation t-shirt
- \$2 of every ticket sold through your promo code will get donated back to EMSAC
- There is a pre-game ceremony with two people from EMSAC on the field.

Select your [seats](#) now, before our allocation is sold out!

EMS System Sustainability Task Force Appointments

The CDPH&E has established the 20-member EMS system sustainability task force to evaluate Colorado's EMS system throughout the state. View the news release and appointments [here](#).

Many current and past EMSAC leaders were appointed, including:

- **Christopher Williams.** (current EMSAC board regional rep) EMS agency representative. Williams, of Denver, is the Regional Manager for AMR/Global Medical Response,
- **James Robinson.** (past EMSAC board member) Paramedic. Robinson, of Littleton, is chief of Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services,
- **Sean Caffrey.** (past president and past VP of EMSAC) EMS group. Caffery, of Denver, currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District.
- **Tim Dienst.** (current EMSAC board member-treasurer) State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council. Dienst, of Woodland Park, is the chair of the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council, or SEMTAC. He also serves as the chief executive officer of the Ute Pass Regional Health Service District.
- **Daniel Barela.** (current EMSAC board member, chairman of the Colorado EMS educators association) EMS educator. Barela, of Delta, serves as executive director of the Western Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council.

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.

NEW AND RECERTIFIED EMS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT

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- UNITS IN-STOCK
- REPAIRS + SERVICE
- DEFIBRILLATORS
- VENTILATORS
- IV PUMPS
- STRETCHERS
- MONITORS




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The SAVVIK Co-op supports EMSAC with revenue sharing.

COLORADO EMS NEWS

EMT training program in Denver South High School

 **The Colorado Sun** The Denver Health Paramedic Division is working with Denver South high school to train students as EMTs and enter the prehospital care pool of available EMTs. Read more [here](#).

National EMS Memorial Bike Ride: Colorado Route -- Sep. 12 -16.



This year it will begin in Snowmass and conclude in Morrison to honor EMS personnel who are killed in the line of duty, who become sick or injured during EMS service, or who died and left a lasting impact on the EMS community. Single and multi-day riders are welcome as well as support volunteers. You do not have to be an EMS provider to participate. For more information click [here](#). Questions contact [Steve Berry](#).



UPDATE: Monkey Pox Awareness

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has updated the screening and post-exposure guidance in the following resources for EMS personnel:

- [Monkeypox Guidance for EMS](#)
- [Monkeypox resources for health care providers](#)
- [Department Monkeypox Information](#)

EXTENDED: Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council The State of Colorado is seeking people interested in serving on the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council to apply for the following open positions:

- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado who is actively serving as an emergency medical service medical director and practicing in rural or frontier counties.
- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado who is actively serving as an emergency medical service medical director and practicing in urban counties.
- An emergency medical service provider certified or licensed at an advanced life support level who is actively involved in the provision of emergency medical services.
- An emergency medical service provider certified or licensed at a basic life support level who is actively involved in the provision of emergency medical services.

To apply, go to the [Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions website](#) to complete the online application and upload attachments. Once your application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email. Applications are due Aug. 26. Questions contact [Kate Siegel Shimko](#).

Upcoming Colorado Option Stakeholder & Advisory Board [Meetings](#)



COLORADO Department of Regulatory Agencies From July through the end of 2022, the Division of Insurance will host public meetings in regard to the Colorado Option minimum insurance plan. See the information on these various meetings and register [here](#).

Throughout this bill's journey through the legislature, EMSAC offered critical information and expressed our concerns regarding the potential impacts this bill may have on EMS. Unfortunately, to this day, we are still unsure of the consequences of this bill. That being said, we have the opportunity to provide stakeholder input and

comment on the rate-setting methodology and maybe even the rates paid. We must engage in this process to get the highest rates for EMS.

OTHER NEWS

For EMS/Fire: Reviewing Your Road Through the Lens of Motorcycle Safety



Does your community have an influx of motorcyclists during the riding season? Do you have a disproportionate number of motorcycle crashes in your community? Are you interested in ways to improve your roads for motorcycle safety? If so, this [webinar](#) is for you! We will start with a discussion of guidelines for conducting a Road Safety Audit (RSA) through the lens of motorcycle safety to help you determine your risk factors. We will then delve into noteworthy practices and strategy recommendations for improving the safety of your roads for motorcycles.

American Rescue Plan Act funds

It's been one year since The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law. Experts from Lexipol's grants division return for another roundtable discussion to review how can funds be used by **local government and emergency services**, what's been going on in the past year, a summary of the Final Rule and more. Watch the video [here](#).

National Registry Board of Directors Rescinds Expanded Eligibility Resolution



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Emergency Medical Technicians®**
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The National Registry Board of Directors voted to rescind 22-Resolution-13 (the resolution on extending eligibility requirements) during its special meeting on August 17, 2022, and will continue the conversation with national partners and key stakeholders to progress towards more inclusive solutions.

This decision came after an informative 60-day comment period, during which the National Registry received over 1,000 different perspectives, questions and concerns. We realize the magnitude of this decision and its impact on the national EMS System. Read more [here](#).

New Video Educates Public to Slow Down, Move Over When Passing Emergency Scenes

Emergency responders handle over 12,000 roadway incidents each day in the U.S. These responders are at risk of getting struck and injured or killed by passing motorists. The NVFC has released a new animated infographic that highlights the importance of drivers staying alert and slowing down, moving over when they see responders on the roadways. Share this video in your community to remind motorists to do their part to protect responders. Gain access on [YouTube](#) or [Vimeo](#).

Webinar to Help You Plan for Crash Responder Safety Week 2022

Tips and best practices for leveraging mass media outreach channels will help increase public awareness for responder safety.



The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Operations Center of Excellence (NOCOE) are sponsoring a series of three webinars about best practices and calls to action regarding traffic incident management (TIM). Police, fire, emergency medical services, and towing personnel—as well as state and local communications and public information officers—are invited to these events.

All States [Webinar](#), **September 14**, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. EDT. This webinar discusses mitigation strategies for distracted driving and provides resources for improving adherence to “Slow Down, Move Over” laws.

COVID NEWS

US CDC announces major changes after criticism of its responses to covid-19 and monkeypox



The US national public health agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will make major changes to its structure and systems in the light of a review of its emergency response to the covid-19 pandemic. Read more [here](#).

REMINDERS

EMS Job Board



EMSAC's new [Job Board](#) is free for anyone to view job listings and 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 the visibility of 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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