



## EMSAC Members' Update

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

**August 2023—Our 50th year!**

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](mailto:communications@emsac.org).

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This is your association, and we want to hear from you. You can find your region representative and the officers [here](#). If you do not know who to call or have a general question, contact the staff at [303-317-6511](tel:303-317-6511) or email [emsac@emsac.org](mailto:emsac@emsac.org).

### AUGUST'S USEFUL MUSING

An over-reliance on the reserve chute is a risky way of doing business. — FireRescue Editor Timothy Sendelbach

### EMSAC NEWS



## The EMSAC Blog

### Region news

[Read](#) all about EMSAC's Region 6 EMS agencies professionals, in the southeast corner of the state.

CELEBRATING  
**50 YEARS**  
OF THE EMSAC CONFERENCE

November 2-5, 2023 | Keystone, CO

**Start planning now for the 50th Anniversary EMSAC Conference!**

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 beautiful Keystone Conference Center. And we will be offering 8+ credit hours through online on-demand sessions.

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[Learn More About the Conference here.](#)

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**The LAST deadline to apply for a CREATE grant funding to attend EMSAC 2023 is September 5, 2023.**

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, though agencies can apply for a financial waiver to reduce the match.”



And [here](#) is a CREATE workshop recording which is helpful to learn more about applying for CREATE grants.

# Colorado State EMS Awards

You can now make nominations throughout the year for any of our Colorado EMS Awards. It's so much easier to do it when you think about it—now!—and do not wait to the last minute!

Awards are presented annually at EMSAC's Colorado State EMS Conference in the autumn.

[www.emsac.org/awards](http://www.emsac.org/awards)



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## Important EMS Information for You

Now is time to submit nominations for 2023 Colorado State EMS Awards



**EMSAC at Work**

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### Make a Difference in Colorado EMS

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.



# FIRST RESPONDERS TICKET PACKAGE

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## EMS Memorials Remembering Colleagues We've Lost

At the 2023 Colorado State EMS Conference we will remember EMS colleagues, from any service/discipline, that have passed away in the previous 12 months. Their names and photographs will be in a visual loop presented in the large ballroom during lunch hours on Friday and Saturday of the Conference.



Register 2023 EMS Memorials [here](#).

## COLORADO EMS NEWS

### Colorado ambulance services are on the verge of collapse, government report finds

*KUNC | By Lucas Brady Woods  
Published August 14, 2023*

A [draft report](#) sent to Gov. Jared Polis last week from the state's EMS Sustainability Task Force found that many of the state's emergency medical services are unsustainable, with some at risk of disappearing altogether. The 20-member task force was launched last year to address the problems over a five-year period and is made up of state lawmakers and EMS professionals. Many first responders, however, including some serving on the task force, say more urgent action has to be taken. Read more [here](#).

### Some Colorado hospitals are still struggling financially

More than three years after the start of the COVID pandemic upended the hospital business nationwide and more than six months after the budgets at hospitals across Colorado [really hit the skids](#), the financial outlook still has yet to stabilize, according to first-quarter financial statements filed with federal regulators. Read more [here](#).

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## OTHER NEWS

### Ambulance Deserts: Addressing Geographic Disparities in the Provision of Ambulance Services

Declining numbers of rural hospitals and ambulance services imply that remaining ambulance services are being tasked to play a greater role in delivering more sophisticated emergency services in expanded service areas, yet emergency medical services have not been systematically integrated within the healthcare delivery system. Research has shown that this lack of systems planning has led to gaps in the provision of ambulance services, exacerbated across larger geographic coverage areas. These gaps—referred to as "ambulance deserts"—are steadily increasing. Read more [here](#).

### An analysis of suicides among first responders — Findings from the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2015-2017

Introduction: First responders, including law enforcement officers (LEOs), firefighters, emergency medical services (EMS) clinicians, and public safety telecommunicators, face unique occupational stressors and may be at elevated risk for suicide. This [study](#) characterized suicides among first responders and identifies potential opportunities for additional data collection.

### Three ways to improve your EMS agency's pediatric response

National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project is the leading initiative to improve prehospital care for acutely ill and injured children across the United States. The PPRP offers EMS agencies [support and resources](#) through the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center and is set to launch a national assessment tool through the EMSC Data Center in 2024.

### The No Surprises Act left out ground ambulances. [Here's](#) what's happening now.

"Insurance companies very often "have been under-reimbursing for critical life-saving services for quite a period of time" at rates that do not cover costs of having trained staff ready to respond to an emergency. So they turn to patients to foot the bill. This take-it-or-leave-it practice has continued even as major health insurance companies reported record profits, according to Wayne Jurecki, who serves on the board of directors for the American Ambulance Association.

### AskRail gives first responders rapid access to railcar hazmat information

The Feb. 3 East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment served as a reminder that first responders across the United States need rapid and easy access to information about hazardous materials on trains passing through their jurisdictions with AskRail, a free application for first responders. Details are [here](#).



## TRAINING

### Immediate Vacancies in National Fire Academy EMS Classes

The United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) has immediate openings in several upcoming classes being offered on their campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. NFA resident classes are offered free of charge, with travel stipends provided to those eligible. The cost to attendees is your time and purchasing a meal ticket on campus. For more information, to view the list of course vacancies, and to apply, click [here](#).

### IPSA hosts virtual Public Safety Summit, Dec. 12-13, 2023

The International Public Safety Association (IPSA) is hosting a [Public Safety Summit](#) on Dec. 12-13, 2023.

This low-cost, online-only event will bring together all types and levels of public safety officials - law enforcement, fire, EMS, telecommunications, emergency management and allied emergency responders from around the United States and internationally. Attendees will walk away with several educational resources, tips, and strategies that they can apply in their agency.

IPSA anticipates between 8 and 12 presenters will speak during this 2-day summit, covering a variety of public safety topics. Presenters will be selected in August 2023, and case studies from first responders who had a role in a recent (2022-2023) critical incident will be prioritized. IPSA encourages 911 personnel, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, tactical paramedics, emergency management personnel, public safety civilian personnel, healthcare professionals and allied emergency responders to attend this two-day multidiscipline, collaborative event.

## RESEARCH

Braxton Morrison is a PhD candidate at Walden University, currently working on collecting data for his dissertation. Mr. Morrison is analyzing whether mental health stigma and years of service can predict attendance at critical incident stress debriefings in a nationwide study of five emergency services subgroups: law enforcement, EMS, fire, 911 telecommunicators, and death investigators. He has asked for our support, "I would be humbled if any of you would be willing to share this with your connections and organizations." The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN5B66Q>

## REMINDERS



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### National EMS Memorial Bike Ride: Colorado Route - Sept. 10-15.

Registration is open. Single or multi-day and e-bike riders are welcome to register as well as support volunteers. You do not have to be an EMS provider to participate. The cycling event will begin in Snowmass and conclude in Morrison to honor EMS personnel who were 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. For registration or more information click [here](#). For questions contact [Steve Berry](#).

## Public Safety Officers' Benefit - PSOB



Every emergency service agency should be familiar with the Public Safety Officers' Benefit from the U.S. Department of Justice. The PSOB offers survivor benefits and educational benefits to families of emergency service professionals killed in the line of duty. The PSOB also offers disability benefits to those disabled in their E.S. work. Read more [here](#).

## EMSAC's EMS Job Board

Find the position you want, no matter your career stage. Find your perfect job and track positions you're pursuing using our Career Center. Recruiters can browse resumes in the system to see if there is a good match within the database.

**Employers**, our Job Board is a national job board, linked to other states. Find the perfect candidates for your vacancies.

[www.emsac.org/job-board](http://www.emsac.org/job-board)



**Important EMS Information for You**

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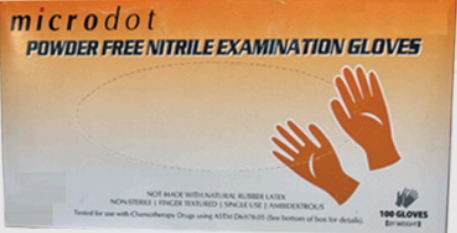
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## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

### [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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