

An update for the members of the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado.

EMSAC group (agency) members, please forward to your staff.

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EMSAC Members' Update

If you have news for the EMSAC monthly update, send it to communications@emsac.org.

EMSAC NEWS



Call for presenters—2022 Colorado EMS Educators Symposium

Deadline January 3, 2022

Do you have a topic and presentation that would be a great fit for Colorado's EMS Educators?

Submit a proposal to speak at the 2nd Annual Colorado EMS Educators Symposium in 2022. Submissions will be reviewed and selected by the CEES Steering Committee to ensure a successful symposium. If you have any questions about the process, please reach out to us and we would be happy to help! For questions please email emsac@emsac.org.

Submit here!

About the Colorado EMS Educators Association

The Colorado EMS Educators Association (CEMSEA) is an organization within EMSAC. EMSAC membership is the only fee required for membership in CEMSEA and the reduced cost for attending CEES 2022!

We are pleased to announce the 2nd annual Colorado EMS Educators Symposium, in-person in May, 2022. We have also developed a hard to develop an engaging 2-Day virtual experience featuring educational sessions from top EMS Educators, networking opportunities, and a range of topics that will appeal to educators from small EMS agencies as well as centers of higher education.

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.



Colorado State EMS Conference On-Demand Sessions available until January 31, 2022

We are excited to announce an additional benefit for 2021 attendees! There are now eight on-demand sessions available for you to watch on EMSAC's Learning Center.

Keep the learning going even after you leave Keystone! These sessions are NOT live - they have been recorded for your convenience. **They will be available for you to view until January 31st!**

- Click the 'LOG IN here' button below, to get to the **EMSAC Learning Center**.
- Then click **LOG IN** in the top right corner.
- Your login information is **the same as when you log in to the EMSAC website**.
- Click Details under the On-Demand Package and choose which session you want to watch! You can then get an evaluation and get a certificate of completion emailed to you.
- Need help? [Watch this quick video](#) that walks you through the process.

Need a password reset? [Click here](#) and enter your email.





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EMS Career Center



EMS Career Center

EMSAC's new [Career Center](#) is free for anyone to view job listings and to post and edit their resumes. You 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. This feature is only an additional \$50 and can help with visibility to your job posting.

[How to 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 EMSAC members.** For-non members there is a fee, but the cost is lower than many job boards.



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 involved and make your mark on EMS in Colorado.

COLORADO EMS NEWS

CREATE

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 help in applying for a CREATE education grant (except November (2:30 pm to 3:20 pm) and January (first)). 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.



2022 EMS Safety Summit

National EMS Safety Summit—sponsored by the Mile-High RETAC Foundation, April 6-8, 2022 at the Embassy Hilton Denver Downtown. The National EMS Safety Summit is a nationally recognized conference totally focus on personnel, patients and the community. EMS staff can learn about trends and techniques to increase safety with operations, improve patient care, engage in valuable networking and idea-sharing and see the latest industry products and services. Details [here](#).

OTHER NEWS



Unmet Expectations: How New Members are Treated at a Fire/EMS Department

Volunteer fire and EMS departments that struggle to fill their rosters should take a good look at their expectations new recruits have when they join and consider whether the department is meeting those expectations. read more [here](#).



2021 National EMS Education Standards

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently released the 2021 National EMS Education Standards. The revised standards outline minimum competencies for entry-level EMS clinicians to perform their roles. The 2021 EMS Education Standards are available for review and download [here](#).

COVID NEWS



For EMS Agencies

A Community Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation

Health misinformation is causing harm to individuals and to communities, but talking to one another about it can help slow the spread by prompting us to think twice about the information we're reading and sharing. Click [HERE](#) to download the toolkit to help you get started.



Do the COVID-19 Vaccines Really Increase MI Risk?

Christopher Labos, MD, CM, MSc

I've been getting a lot of questions recently about a new study that supposedly shows that the COVID-19 vaccine risk for heart attacks. Read more [here](#).



Aggressive containment, suppression, and mitigation of covid-19: lessons learned from eight Shishi Wu and colleagues examine three distinct response strategies for covid-19 in eight countries and argue aggressive containment is the optimal approach to limiting the loss of lives and livelihoods and achievable in the vaccines and effective therapies. Read more [here](#).



Omicron May Require Fourth Vaccine Dose, Pfizer Says

The new Omicron variant could make it more likely that people will need a fourth coronavirus vaccine earlier than Pfizer officials said recently. The standard two doses may be less effective against the variant, the company announced in the day, and a booster dose increases neutralizing antibodies. Read more [here](#).

REMINDERS



Report EMS Sentinel Events

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



Order Colorado EMS insignia and rockers online

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

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 wellness. These services are confidential, free of charge, and available statewide. Information about the program can be found [here](#). **For 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 and their families have access to the help they need, the NVFC teamed up with American Addiction Centers (AAC) to create a free, confidential 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 attention to the high rates of mental health problems in first responders and reduce them, eliminate the stigma that prevents people from admitting 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 responder 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 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 support, outdoor activities and events designed for personal wellness and connection. Foundation 1023 offers referral services and financial support through 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 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 centers**: Fort Collins, Greeley, Grand Junction, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs; and in metro Denver: Westminster, Lakewood, Littleton, Aurora, Boulder and Denver. [Download](#) an information card. For your agency offices and quarters download a rack card.

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