



# EMSAC Members' Update

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

**December 2022**

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).



## EMSAC NEWS

### Air Force Academy Collegiate Basketball and Ice Hockey



Join us on base at the Clune Arena for Air Force Athletics! Tickets purchased through the link below include group rate pricing as well as a \$3 donation to the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado.

Multiple Game dates are included in this offer, spot EMSAC in the stands for:

- AF vs. Niagara Ice Hockey, January 21, 2023
- AF vs. CSU Basketball, February 2, 2023





# EMS Day at the Capitol February 7, 2023

[Important EMS Information for You](#)

Save the date. Click for [details](#).

## 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)



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**EMSAC at Work**

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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 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)



Children's Hospital Colorado



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# Colorado EMS Educators Association



2023 Colorado EMS Educators Symposium

**Call for Presenters**

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



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# THANK YOU! FOR 25 YEARS



The year 2022 was the 25th Anniversary of Savvik Buying Group - and it's been our most rewarding year yet!

Our goal has always been to provide agencies like yours with the supplies, equipment, and services you need while giving back to the industry in every way we can.

We are so thankful for the support of our members and our Association partners, like EMSAC. However you celebrate, we hope you have a very happy holiday!

[WWW.SAVVIK.COM](http://WWW.SAVVIK.COM)

Click the graphic above.

The SAVVIK Co-op supports EMSAC with revenue sharing.

## SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

### Centura Health WEBINAR WEEK 2023 January 30th- February 3rd



20 hours of CE credit online; FREE, AT NO COST. Each session will be registered and tracked independently in Ethos online learning system. Credit and a certificate of attendance will be issued for each person registered.

Create an account & Pre-register: Search for Webinar Week and register for sessions

### Regional EMS Refresher 2023 - Centura Health/UCHealth/Children's Hospital Colorado


- Monday | February 13th **Each day:**
- Wednesday | February 15th 0900-1600
- Friday | February 17th Topics & Speakers TBD
- Monday | February 20th
- Friday | February 22nd

Create a free account in the NEW Ethos/CE Connect



## COVID NEWS

**From BQ to XBB: What you need to know about the newest, 'extremely contagious' COVID-19 variants.**

 Just in time for the holidays, coronavirus cases – and hospitalizations – are [on the rise](#). To blame are the BQ.1, BQ.1.1, and, to a lesser extent for now, XBB variants. All are descendants of the original BA.1 omicron variant that caused a massive spike in cases starting about a year ago.

These new variants are extremely contagious, “barking at the heels of measles, and that is quite a remarkable level of transmission,” as [Ross Kedl](#), Ph.D., a CU School of Medicine immunologist and vaccine specialist, put it. Read more [here](#).

## OTHER NEWS



### Inaugural Vanguard Awards

Women in Emergency Services is proud to announce they are collaborating with the American Ambulance Association to present the [2023 Vanguard Awards](#)! The Vanguard Awards recognize woman leaders with at least 35 years of service in EMS. Nominations are open for the inaugural American Ambulance Association Vanguard Awards and are **due by February 28, 2023**. The Vandards honor those who blazed the trail for fellow women EMS professionals.

### White House Launches National Non-fatal Opioid Overdose Dashboard

Resource aids communities in tracking overdoses



As part of its commitment to reversing the tide in fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), in partnership with State EMS Offices and NHTSA, has launched a real-time [dashboard](#) illustrating EMS responses to non-fatal opioid overdoses.

The HIPAA-compliant dashboard uses state-submitted, de-identified data from the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) to allow local agencies to track EMS

activations for non-fatal overdoses at the state and county levels.

In a press release, the ONDCP states, “At a time when a non-fatal overdose is a leading predictor for a future fatal overdose, widespread access to this data will help first responders on the frontlines of the overdose epidemic target life-saving interventions such as the overdose-reversal medication naloxone.”

## New National Report on Workforce Engagement



To determine the extent to which EMS practitioners feel satisfied or engaged in their jobs – and their reasons for staying in or leaving the profession – NAEMT conducted a survey of EMS practitioners across the United States.

The survey, developed by subject matter experts serving on NAEMT’s EMS Workforce Committee, was distributed electronically in May 2022. We received 1,284 completed surveys from paramedics, advanced EMTs, EMTs, and emergency medical responders (EMRs) in all 50 states, and representing all EMS delivery models. Download the report: <https://www.naemt.org/naemt-2022-national-report-ems-engagement>.

## EMS on the Hill Day 2023

Register for EMS On The Hill Day, March 29-30, 2023. Held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA. The group rate is \$249 + tax per room per night. The special room rate is available until March 6, 2023, or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Register [here](#).

## Kherson, Russia Fires On Red Cross: A Young Volunteer And A 39-Year-Old Paramedic Killed

[By Cristiano Antonino](#) - EmergencyLIVE

Dec 18, 2022

The Russian army is shelling Kherson at an unsustainable pace and indiscriminately: aid workers are being targeted, and in the past few hours two members of the Ukrainian Red Cross have been killed. Read more [here](#).

## ‘Suck It Up’ Culture Is Killing First Responders

By Timothy Curry, NRP, MCCC -  
12.6.2022

It was mid-fall and leaves were all the fantastic colors that you see in Appalachia every year and it was just starting to get dark at an early hour. I remember the call coming in as nothing spectacular. Car wreck on the interstate. One vehicle off the road. It’s the kind of call you usually don’t think much about. Read more [here](#).

## REMINDERS

### [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.

## 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](#).

## 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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