



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

EMSAC NEWS



EMSAC working to secure EMSAC COVID-19 pandemic funds

Through the Advocacy Committee and the EMS Chiefs, Managers and Directors (EMS-CMD) section, EMSAC is working with the Colorado Senate to secure funding to support EMS agencies that have incurred unforeseen expenses and losses due to the pandemic. Read more [here](#).

Joining a Committee is Easy!

New! 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!



Updates to Legislative Resources pages

We have added many new features to our Legislative Resources online. Including:

- **New!** Read our 2021 Colorado General Assembly lobbying updates [here](#).
- **New!** Information on Colorado General Assembly [Committees](#), including meeting schedules.
- **New!** [Remotely testifying](#) at the Colorado General Assembly.

These are all accessible from the main Legislative Resources [page](#).

EMSAC Advocacy Committee

Meets weekly on Zoom at 1330 on Friday and all members are welcome. **Join**

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85333772629?pwd=SXVvVmVNSmEwc1pwVDhLMVE3WmRldz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3377 2629 **Passcode:** 414268

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Inaugural Colorado EMS Educators Symposium

The Colorado EMS Educators Association, a Special Interest Group of EMSAC, announces registration is now open for the 2021 Colorado EMS Educators Symposium! Grab the full symposium brochure [here](#).



Colorado State EMS Conference Call for Presentations Open

Do you have a topic and presentation that you think would be a great fit for the 2021 Colorado State EMS Conference? We want to hear from you! We are accepting proposals through April 11, 2021, and have a decision notification date of May 14, 2021. Click [here](#) for the online proposal portal.



ReFUND CO highlights an easy way to support our mission

If you get a state income tax refund in 2020, you will have a new opportunity to donate some or all of it to support our ongoing work in Colorado EMS. The new program described by the ReFUND CO initiative puts you in charge of where your donation goes. It's as simple as 1,2,3:

1. Decide how much of your refund to donate.
2. Enter **Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado** and our registration number **20073009873** in the Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund line on your state income tax return or tax software – or just give this info to your tax preparer when you share your tax documents.
3. Smile knowing you've helped a cause that matters to you

With this new program, you can re-energize EMSAC's important work for another year. Learn more about this program at [RefundWhatMatters.org](#). As always, we're grateful for your support and hope you'll consider donating again through this new program to maintain our mission.



Order Colorado EMS insignia and rockers online

We have Colorado EMS uniform insignia, rockers and window decals available, you can order online here. 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



SEMTAC Seats Open

The State of Colorado is seeking people interested in serving on the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council (SEMTAC) in the following open positions.

- A fire chief of a service that provides prehospital care in an urban area
- An administrative representative of an urban trauma center
- A board-certified physician certified in pediatrics or a pediatric subspecialty

- A board-certified surgeon providing trauma care at a Level II trauma center
- **A registered nurse involved in rural emergency medical and trauma services care**
- **A regional council chair**
- **A representative of the general public from a rural area**
- A representative from the state sheriffs' association
- **A flight nurse of an emergency medical service air team or unit**

Individuals representing the diversity of perspectives from all parts of the state should apply. 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 **April 9, 2021**. If you have any questions please contact [Kate Siegel Shimko](#).



Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport (ET3) Model Medical Triage Line -Funding Opportunity

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport (ET3) Model. CMS will fund state and local governments, their designees, or other entities that operate or have authority over a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to establish or expand Medical Triage Lines aimed at reducing inappropriate use of emergency ambulance services and increasing efficiency in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems.

The NOFO is available at [grants.gov](#) under **Opportunity Number CMS-2F2-21-001**. More information is on the [ET3 Model's webpage](#).



Senators Propose Mobile Crisis Response Teams

Eight United States senators have proposed a [bill](#) to help states adopt mobile crisis response teams that can be dispatched when a person is experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder (SUD) crisis instead of immediately involving law enforcement. The funding is provided through an enhanced federal match rate for state Medicaid programs. A one-page summary of the bill can be found [here](#). Legislative text can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 News



7 signs those new N95s might be fake

The country's leading producer of N95 respirator masks, 3M, says that more than 10 million counterfeit versions of the personal protective equipment (PPE) have been seized since the pandemic's onset in the U.S. Even big names like the Cleveland Clinic have been duped by cleverly counterfeited N95s. More [here](#).

Most Severe COVID Tied to Four Cardiometabolic Conditions

The majority of COVID-19 hospitalizations in the United States are attributable to four preexisting cardiometabolic conditions, a new [study](#) suggests.

The authors estimate that among the 906,849 total COVID-19 hospitalizations that had occurred among US adults as of November 2020, 30% were attributable to obesity; 26% to hypertension; 21% to diabetes; and 12% to heart failure.

Five-Day Course of Oral Antiviral Appears to Stop SARS-CoV-2 in Its Tracks

A single pill of the [investigational drug](#) molnupiravir taken twice a day for 5 days eliminated SARS-CoV-2 from the nasopharynx of 49 participants. Notably, the pills do not have to be refrigerated at any point in the process, alleviating the cold-chain challenges that have plagued vaccines.



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.

EMS Field Training and Evaluation Program



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The Crested Butte Fire Protection District, Roaring Fork Fire Rescue and Aspen Ambulance will be co-hosting an open EMS-FTEP — the Field Training and Evaluation Program — was developed by the National EMS Management Association and is based on the law enforcement FTEP program. Details and registration are available [here](#).



The [5th EMS Financial Symposium](#), March 30, 2021, will be virtual as is the [12th National EMS Safety Summit](#) March 31-April 2, 2021. More information to follow.

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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