



EMSAC Members' Update

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

July 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.

EMSAC NEWS

2022 EMS Awards Nomination Portal Is Open

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

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 and with two people from EMSAC on the field.

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

2022 Conference Sponsorships and Exhibits

Plan to exhibit at the EMSAC 2022 Annual Colorado State EMS Conference November 10-13, 2022 in Keystone, Colorado. Exhibits will be open Friday and Saturday to allow registrants to see, hear, examine, question and evaluate the latest developments in equipment, supplies and services for the EMS profession. Click [here](#) to secure your sponsorship or reserve your exhibit hall booth.

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.



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Free Cost Data Collection Software

The SAVVIK Co-op supports EMSAC with revenue sharing.

COLORADO EMS NEWS

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 regards 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



Ambulance Industry
Employee Turnover
Survey



EMS Agency Survey



The American Ambulance Association is partnering with Newton 360, an ambulance industry partner and Human Resource support firm, to conduct the third annual industry turnover [study](#).



988 is Live

On July 16, 2022, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline—formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline—transitioned from its previous ten-digit phone number to the 988 dialing code. **People in crisis can call or text 988, or use the webchat available at**

988lifeline.org.

988 Toolkit to Promote the New Number

SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has a **great toolkit for you to promote 988**. Find it [here](#).

Stakeholder Input on National Registry Resolutions



National Registry of
Emergency Medical Technicians®
THE NATION'S EMS CERTIFICATION™

You can review the resolutions and provide feedback directly to the National Registry of EMTs by clicking [here](#). The Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Branch asks you to share feedback to submit on behalf of Colorado's EMS system by clicking [here](#). We do not anticipate any changes in Colorado's current educational or certification requirements as a result of these resolutions.

Sleep and Teamwork in EMS Study (SaFTiE)



The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has funded investigators at the University of Pittsburgh Department of Emergency Medicine to study sleep and teamwork in EMS. We will first enroll EMS agencies and then enroll up to 15 front-line EMS clinicians. Agencies are eligible if they: provide 911 response and transport (ground and air); employ at least 20 paid personnel; allow crew members to use personal mobile phones on duty. Details [here](#).

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.

New First Responder Tool for Reporting Transportation Struck-By Incidents



RESPONDERSAFETY
On The Highway We've Got Your Back

The Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI) has just launched a new nationwide platform that collects detailed information directly from first responders about incidents on the roadway where responders or their equipment were struck by a vehicle while operating at a scene. Read more [here](#).



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EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center

EMS for Children Scholars and Fellows

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Innovation and Improvement Center launched the EMSC Fellows and Scholars program in 2021 to grow future leaders within the EMSC space. The two opportunities target engagement of clinicians and health system trainees, as well as those new to the EMSC space. Details are [here](#).

EMS Gives Life | Help EMT Dave Raymond Find His Wife Kelly a Kidney

Save a Life with Kidney Donation



Dave Raymond is asking you to help him save the life of his wife, Kelly! Kelly needs a kidney transplant to live. Both Dave and their son, Christopher, are firefighter EMTs. They are committed to saving people's lives every day. The hardest thing in the world is not being able to save Kelly on their own. Now Dave is turning to the community and his fire service/EMS family to ask for help. Details are [here](#).



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REMINDERS

EMS Job Board

EMS Career Center



EMSAC's new [Job Board](#) is free for anyone to view job listings and to 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 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
Colorado Resource for Emergency And Trauma 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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