



# EMSAC Members' Update

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

**March 2022**

EMSAC group (agency) members, please forward to your staff. If you have news for the EMSAC monthly update, send it to [communications@emsac.org](mailto:communications@emsac.org).

## EMSAC NEWS

### EMS Day at the Capitol 2022, March 2022



We are again hosting EMS Day at the Capitol, on **March 29**. We have eliminated the Capitol-specific, daytime functions this year. The Legislator's Reception—the most useful, anyway— is at the [University Club](#), 1673 Sherman St, Denver CO 80203, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Please arrive at 4:00 PM** for a briefing on the issues by our Advocacy Committee.





Contact Advocacy Committee Chairperson Tim Dienst with any questions: [tdienst@uprad.org](mailto:tdienst@uprad.org).

## 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.



[Register now—here.](#)

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**Note:** Tickets purchased in the Party Zone also come with a domestic draft beer during the game.

[Click here](#) to learn more and purchase tickets.

## 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.

## COLORADO EMS NEWS

### State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council



The State of Colorado is seeking individuals interested in serving on the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council to apply for one of the following open positions:

- A board-certified neurosurgeon involved in providing trauma care at a Level I or II trauma center.
- A representative of a **government provider of pre-hospital care.**
- An administrative representative of a rural trauma center.
- **An officer or crew member of a volunteer organization who provides pre-hospital care.**
- A county emergency manager.
- A **flight nurse** of an emergency medical service air team or unit.
- A licensed physician who is a pre-hospital medical director.
- A board-certified surgeon providing trauma care at a Level III trauma center.

To apply, go to the [Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions](#) website to complete the online application and attach documents. Once submitted, an email confirmation will be received. Applications are due April 15. Questions contact Kate Siegel Shimko.

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## 2022 EMS Safety Summit



National EMS Safety Summit—sponsored by the Mile-High RETAC Foundation, **will be virtual** April 6-8, 2022 with the 7<sup>th</sup> EMS Financial Symposium on April 5. The National EMS Safety Summit is a nationally recognized conference totally focused on safety for personnel, patients and the community. EMS staff can learn about trends and techniques to increase safety within their operations, improve patient care, engage in valuable networking and idea-sharing and see the latest industry products and services. Details [here](#).

## OTHER NEWS

### Recognize excellence at your ambulance service!



The American Ambulance Association's [Stars of Life](#) program celebrates the contributions of ambulance professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to their communities or the EMS profession.

Recognize the unsung heroes at your ambulance service—nominate EMTs, Paramedics, Dispatchers, and other EMS professionals for this year's class of Stars. Stars and their guests, accompanied by executive hosts, are celebrated in a series of events in our nation's capital.

Stars of Life honors the contributions of these heroes while shining light on the critical role EMS plays in our healthcare infrastructure.

**Nominate your 2022 AAA stars by March 25.**

**Nominate a Star [here](#).**

### Perspectives on Excited Delirium and Ketamine

Psychiatric Times, Vol 39, Issue 3

Parenteral ketamine is commonly used to manage agitation that is deemed severe and obstructive to necessary medical evaluation and treatment. But what does this suggest about the relationship between medicine and society? Read more [here](#).

### Lights and Sirens Use and Abuse - What the Science Has Revealed

Countless studies have demonstrated that the time saved during the L&S mode of vehicle operation is minimal, only a small percentage of patients benefit from the time saved, yet unnecessary use of L&S is causing needless crashes and placing inherent danger on EMS personnel, patients, and the public. This [webinar](#) will debunk L&S myths and share best practices on how to change L&S vehicle operations. Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MDT.

### A.A.A. President Baird on the EMS Workforce Shortage



Shawn Baird, President of the American Ambulance Association, [discusses](#) the shortage of emergency medical workers and paramedics. He spoke with Bloomberg's David Westin.

## FAA reports a 41-per-cent increase in laser strikes in 2021

### AirMed&Rescue

The agency recorded 9,723 incidents in 2021, continuing an upward trend that has seen laser strike incidents more than triple since records began in 2010. Read more [here](#).

## [A Young Doctor Explores Near-Death Experiences](#)

"...Greyson, the American psychiatrist and expert on near-death experiences, took these characteristic features and developed a 16-item scale. Each item has 0, 1, or 2 points. Adding up the points gives us the total Near-Death Experience Scale score, which ranges from zero to 32. If that total score is 7 or higher, the experience is considered a near-death experience for research purposes."

## New First Responder Tool for Reporting Transportation Struck-By Incidents

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.

## Drones in medical service growing

### AirMed&Rescue

#### [Scotland to begin drone trials in March](#)

#### [Spright, Wingcopter announce US medical drone commercial agreement](#)

## First Responder Deals

Shop Brands That Reward You and the Groups You Belong To. [Exclusive discounts and offers](#) made for teachers, students, military, nurses, and more. Customer support when you need it.

## Coupons for Heroes: Discounts for Health-Care Workers and First Responders

Nationwide brands want to show their appreciation for the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic and to do so, they are offering a wide variety of healthcare worker and **first responder discounts**. [Here](#) is a collection of the many deals and discounts being offered.

## [EMS On The Hill Day Registration Now Open](#)



For 12 years, EMS On The Hill Day has been a platform for EMS to educate Congress on what we need to serve our patients and

communities and advocate for legislation to address these needs. EMS On The Hill Day has an impressive track record of success – 16 federal bills advocated for during Hill Days have been signed into law! **The event will be held April 5-6, 2022** in Arlington, VA. For more info, go to <https://naemt.org/events/register>.

## Free EMS and Fire Camp for Young Women June 2-5, 2022

**Camp Ember** campers will be introduced to the world of firefighting and EMS by mentors that will inspire them to embrace their full potential! Camp Ember is a 4 day, 3-night camp offered to young women ages 16-18. The camp is FREE for the young women selected and includes training, mentorship from community female firefighters, lodging, transportation between training events and food/drink. [Applications Open 2/14/22-3/28/22](#).

## COVID NEWS

### Medscape

#### FDA Considers Second COVID-19 Booster Shot

The FDA has begun reviewing data to potentially authorize a fourth dose of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for the fall. The planning is still in the [early stages for a second booster dose](#), people familiar with the process told The Wall Street Journal.

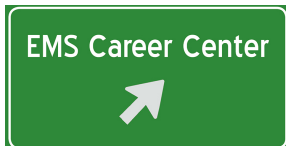
#### First Possible Case of Deer-to-Human COVID Transmission

Typically, humans spread the virus to deer, and then deer spread it to other deer. But new evidence suggests that the virus could spill over from deer into humans. The researchers identified a [COVID-19 case](#) in someone from Ontario who had recently been in contact with deer.

**Pandemic Takes Its Toll; 23% of HCWs Likely to Leave Industry: Poll**"Early in this pandemic, people were clapping for us and calling us heroes," she said. "And what happened to that? What happened to them appreciating what nurses are doing?"The [poll](#) was conducted Feb. 9-16 among 1,170 adults in the U.S. health care industry, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, therapists, home health aides, dentists, and other medical professionals.

## REMINDERS

### [EMS Career Center](#)



EMSAC's new **Career Center 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 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 is free for EMSAC members.** For-non members there is a fee, but the cost is lower than many job boards.

## 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.

## Report EMS Sentinel Events



In the continued effort to improve EMS provider and patient safety, the SEMTAC Safety Committee asks EMS providers to **report** sentinel events using EVENT (EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool). EVENT is a platform that allows an individual or 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 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.

# 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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