



## EMSAC Members' Update

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

**February 2023—Our 50th year!**

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).

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### (New) MARCH'S USEFUL MUSING

"If you are stupid, the best thing to do is not try and prove it. Even better, don't write an article that proves you don't know what you are talking about."—Jim Moss, JD.

## EMSAC NEWS



## The EMSAC Blog

### Region News

Read our new monthly Region News column, **featuring Region 3**, on the **EMSAC Blog** [here](#).

### Advocacy/Public Education

Read "***The Surprise Billing Act—and why ambulance services are not yet included***," by President Scott Sholes, part of our advocacy and public education, on the **EMSAC Blog** [here](#).

## Colorado EMS Educators Association



2023 EMS Educators Symposium Registration  
May 19-21, Glenwood Springs

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



**Registration** is open for the 2023 Colorado EMS Educators Symposium in Glenwood Springs. 1-3/4 days of programs for teachers, preceded by an optional hybrid EMS I/C course and the Colorado EMS Educator's Reception at The Hotel, Colorado Friday evening. Topics include:

- What is up with the NREMT?
- Measuring Competence in a Portfolio Program
- Serious Gaming for Your Whole Brain
- Brief, Targeted Pediatric Simulation
- Building an Engaging Scenario
- Becoming an Effective Instructor
- Teaching Critical Thinking to Future Leaders
- Evaluating the Affective Domain
- Teaching How to Avoid Clinical Errors
- Teaching Students to Deliver Bad News
- Raising the Bar in EMS Education

See the full schedule [here](#).



### At the Hotel Colorado

There is a group discount available for hotel rooms — all you need to do is [click](#) and reserve. Alternatively, you may call 1-800-544-3998 and ask for the Emergency Medical Services Association or CEES. Group Code: 230519EMSA



### Call for presenters for 2023

Do you have a topic and presentation that you think would be a great fit for the **50th Anniversary 2023 Colorado State EMS Conference**? We want to hear from you!

- **PCAD Workshop:** These sessions take place on Thursday, November 5th, and run for a half day (4 hours) or a full day (8 hours), they are typically interactive and hands-on, covering a wide array of topics.
- **General Session:** This session is the opening session to the conference and is an hour and a half long, the committee is looking for someone to capture the audience with inspiration and education. Please include links to videos of you presenting or to your website if you have any, so that we may fully review you for this opening session!
- **Breakout Session:** Breakout sessions range from one hour to an hour and a half and happen concurrently with other sessions happening at the same time. If your session is very specific to a certain audience at the EMSAC conference, this would be a great spot for you to spotlight your session.

**Deadline for proposals: April 9, 2023**

**Decision Notification Date: May 24, 2023**

Full details are [here](#). For answers to questions please email [emsac@emsac.org](mailto:emsac@emsac.org).

## Legislative resources for EMSAC members

- **Keep up with our weekly State Status Report** [here](#).
- Text and status of [Congressional](#) bills, committees and members in both chambers.
- Home page of the [Colorado General Assembly](#) for bills, committees, hearing calendar, and fiscal notes.
- Information on Colorado General Assembly [Committees](#), including meeting schedules.



**EMSAC at Work**

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## Make a Difference in Colorado EMS

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

### National EMS Memorial Bike Ride: Colorado Route - Sept. 10-15.



Registration is open. Single or multi-day and e-bike riders are welcome to register as well as support volunteers. You do not have to be an EMS provider to participate. The cycling event will begin in Snowmass and conclude in Morrison to honor EMS personnel who were killed in the line of duty, who become sick or injured during EMS service, or who died and left a lasting impact on the EMS community. For registration or more information click [here](#). For

questions contact [Steve Berry](#).

### Federal Funding Opportunity for Rural EMS Training

Applications are due May 1. The purpose of this program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a focus on addressing substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders - substance use and mental disorders.

Recipients will be expected to train EMS personnel on substance use disorder and co-occurring disorders, trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations, and, as appropriate, maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency. The anticipated total available funding is \$7.4 million. For more information click [here](#).

### CDPHE Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Branch is looking for an EMS & Trauma Funding Section Manager to join its team!

This position manages the administration of the EMS and Trauma Funding Section, overseeing the provider grants program, system improvement funding, emergency



grants and education grants.

Salary : \$83,136.00 - \$126,024.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Job Number: FAA-02172-3/23

Closing: 3/23/2023 11:59 PM Mountain

Learn more and apply [here](#).

## Colorado's push to lower hospital costs has a catch: The state also needs hospitals' money



**The Colorado Sun**

Hospitals say House Bill 1215, which would limit their ability to charge facility fees, will ultimately impact funding for Medicaid. You

can read the full story [here](#).

## OTHER NEWS

### NREMT | In Memoriam: Rocco V. Morando leaves a rich legacy for EMS



ROCCO V. MORANDO

*In Memoriam*

1927-2023

Rocco V. Morando, the Founder and first Executive Director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on the morning of February 21, 2023 after a prolonged

illness. He was 95. Read more [here](#).

### Resource Opportunity for First Responders

Volunteers of America offers a free support resource created for the unique challenges faced by first responders. View an [article](#) about the program, check out the [flyer](#), or visit [Path4EMS](#) for more information.

### Wilderness, Austere & Remote Medicine Board Certification for Paramedics by the International Board of Specialty Certifications (IBSC).

March 8, 2023 – The International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) [announces](#) the new Certified Wilderness Paramedic for the paramedic/clinician working in an austere, wilderness, and/or remote setting. This specialty certification is linked to a National Association of EMS Physicians Wilderness EMS Committee project that outlined the disparity between the skills needed to manage patients in wilderness EMS environments versus the various scope of practice traditionally approved by state EMS regulators. The Certified Wilderness Paramedic (WP-C) Examination may be found [here](#).

### Damar Hamlin's Cardiac Arrest: Key Lessons



*Robert D. Glatter, MD; Paul E. Pepe, MD, MPH; Michael "Mick" S. Molloy, MB, BCH, BAO, MSc, MCH.*

We have a serious event to discuss today. We're going to be talking about what happened to Damar Hamlin, the Buffalo Bills safety who went down suffering a

cardiac arrest in front of millions and millions of people. Although we don't know the exact cause of the events that transpired, the goal of our discussion is to guide our audience through a systematic approach to the evaluation and management of an athlete suffering blunt force chest and neck trauma, and then suffering a cardiac arrest. Read the article [here](#).

### **Q&A: Virtual reality program prepares EMTs, physicians for mass casualty disasters**

A new [virtual reality program](#) provides first responders, law enforcement and physicians with training and experience in mass casualty disasters, occurrences that have grown significantly over the last several years.

### **Doctors Are Disappearing From Emergency Rooms as Hospitals Look to Cut Costs**

Tennova had outsourced its emergency rooms to American Physician Partners, a medical staffing company owned by private equity investors. APP employs fewer doctors in its ERs as one of its cost-saving initiatives to increase earnings, according to a confidential company document obtained by KHN and NPR. This staffing strategy has permeated hospitals, and particularly emergency rooms, that seek to reduce their top expense: physician labor. Read [more](#).

### **Social media and the Gen Z junior firefighter (or EMT!) – Getting inside the teenage brain to engage new recruits**

In one manner or another, your fire department engages teenagers. But what do you know about teens, other than having been one yourself, once upon a time? Do you lament that they seem more interested in their phones than engaged in “real life?” ... Gen Z teens show strong interest in the well-being of others. Some departments found recruitment through school districts to be the best way to assist students in demonstrating their altruistic nature. Read more [here](#).

### **More EMS closures**

#### **Virginia**

[Surry Volunteer Rescue Squad ceasing operations due to ‘extreme’ staff shortage](#)

#### **New Jersey**

[After 68 years, Pennington First Aid Squad will make its last ride](#)

#### **Michigan**

[STAT EMS winding down ambulance service in Mid-Michigan](#)

#### **Maine**

**States strive to reverse shortage of paramedics, EMTs**

Maine is not alone: A federal study projected a nationwide need for 40,000 more full-time emergency medical personnel from 2016 to 2030. Details [here](#).

#### **Arkansas**

## Paramedic shortage a growing concern in medical industry

“LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The pandemic brought on a lot of new challenges, many of which are still present today.” Read more [here](#).

## Vermont

### Vermont's Emergency Medical Services System Is Struggling to Survive. Can It Be Saved?

“We're speeding toward a financial cliff, Ballard thought to herself, and it's going to be on my watch.” Essex Rescue needs at least two ambulances and about 16 full-time EMTs and paramedics to cover the 30,000 residents it serves across Essex, Essex Junction, Underhill, Jericho and Westford. But a shortage of volunteers was leaving big gaps in the schedule, forcing the agency to bring on more paid workers — something it couldn't afford. See the details [here](#).

## EMS on the Hill Day 2023 (DC)



Register for National 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](#).



**FirstNet™** [Offers](#) for individual first responders and those that support them

## TRAINING



**9<sup>th</sup> EMS Financial Symposium** April 4, 2023  
**15<sup>th</sup> Annual National EMS Safety Summit** April 5-7,  
 2023 Embassy Suites, Downtown Denver, For details go to [Mile-High RETAC](#)

## REMINDERS

### 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](#).

The 2021 Marshall Fire prompted us to create a special program and fund to assist EMS professionals. **If at any time you need emergency financial assistance** due to circumstances out of your control (e.g., fire, illness, crash, etc.), apply for aid from your EMSAC colleagues [here](#).



# EMS Professionals' Emergency Relief Fund

A special program and fund to assist EMS professionals affected by a disaster.

## 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)



Important EMS Information for You

# 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)



Important EMS Information for You



## EMS Memorials

### Remembering Colleagues We've Lost

### Has an EMS colleague passed away recently?

Help us remember our peers with recognition at the annual Colorado State EMS Conference. Register their name and information, [here](#). Their names and photographs are in a visual loop presented in the large ballroom during lunch hours on Friday and Saturday of the Conference. Read about our departed colleagues from 2022, [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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