



EMSAC Members' Update

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

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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.

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This is your association, and we want to hear from you. You can find your region representative and the officers [here](#). If you do not know who to call or have a general question, contact the staff at 303-317-6511 or email emsac@emsac.org.

THIS MONTH'S USEFUL MUSING

Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. — Carl Sagan

EMSAC NEWS



- [Reflecting on our noble profession](#) - By President Scott Sholes.
- [Meet our leadership](#) - EMSAC lobbyist Chris Howes.
- [EMS Advocacy Update](#) - By John Seward



EMSAC at Work
Advocate
Communicate
Educate

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 Educators Association



2024 EMS Educators Symposium
May 17-18, Estes Park

4th Annual!

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





First Responders Night at the Colorado Avalanche

Colorado Avalanche vs Winnipeg Jets, April 13

Join the Colorado Avalanche for First Responders Night as they take on the Winnipeg Jets on **Saturday April 13th. Gametime is 7:00 PM.** Each ticket includes a First Responders Shirt and Commemorative Coin.

A portion of each ticket will benefit EMSAC.

Seating is limited so [get your tickets today!](#)



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Important EMS Information for You



COLORADO EMS NEWS

Daily Camera [Mountainview Fire-Rescue donates ambulance to Boulder TEC program](#)



Colorado Route of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride

Early registration pricing through April 1. Ride will begin in Aspen Sept. 15 and conclude in Morrison Sept. 20. The ride honors EMS personnel who are killed in the line of duty,



become sick or injured during EMS service, or who died and left a lasting impact on the EMS community. Single and multi-day riders are welcome as well as support volunteers. Anybody can participate. More information click [here](#). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Questions contact [Steve Berry](#).

OTHER NEWS

Quality Improvement Course for Rural EMS

The **Rural EMS Quality Improvement Basics Course**, from Stratis Health, introduces rural EMS providers to the concept of quality improvement (QI). The program, which was initially designed for the staff of healthcare organizations, has been modified to meet the needs of rural EMS by dividing the QI concept into three distinct levels that build upon each other. The Rural EMS Quality Improvement Basics Course links to the relevant portions of the original healthcare program, while also providing content and examples relevant to rural EMS providers. Learn more [here](#).

EMS Model Procedural Guidelines for Special Pathogens

The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training & Education Center (NETEC) has launched a new set of model procedural guidelines designed to manage high-consequence infectious disease (HCID) patient encounters. **EMS Model Procedural Guidelines for Special Pathogens** is designed to improve the safety of EMS professionals as well as safeguard public health. EMS agencies are encouraged to use the guidelines to create SOPs for transporting and managing patients with a HCID. The guide features step-by-step instructions that can be incorporated into EMS agencies' existing policies and procedures. View the guidelines [here](#).

Grant opportunities for the fire service and EMS from FEMA, DOT and HHS

Several federal grant opportunities for fire and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies are now open. The link to each grant program below provides access to the current Notice of Funding Opportunity for that program; details on eligible grant activities and how to apply; information about upcoming application assistance webinars; and information on awardees and successful projects from past grant cycles.

[Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response](#) (SAFER). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide **\$360 million** in funding in an estimated **300 SAFER grants** for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 grant cycle. This funding will go directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained firefighters protecting communities across the nation. Applications are due by **Friday, April 12, 2024**.

[Fire Prevention and Safety](#) (FP&S). FEMA will provide **\$36 million** in funding in an estimated **100 FP&S grants** in the FY 2023 grant cycle. This funding will strengthen community fire prevention programs and support scientific research on innovations that improve firefighter safety, health and well-being. Applications are due by **Friday, April 12, 2024**.

[Safe Streets and Roads for All](#) (SS4A). The Department of Transportation (DOT) will provide **\$1.25 billion** in FY 2024 funds to support planning, infrastructural, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users. The SS4A program supports

the DOT's [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) and the Strategy's Safe System Approach. First responders have key roles to play in the safety of roadway incident response. Additionally, EMS agencies have a central role in the [Post-Crash Care](#) element of the Safe System Approach. The funds for the SS4A program are allocated to two types of grant projects. The **Planning and Demonstration** projects are funded at **\$657 million** with applications due by **Thursday, April 4, 2024**, for the first round. The final deadline for all Planning and Demonstration applications is **Thursday, August 29, 2024**. The **Implementation** projects are funded at **\$580 million**, with applications due by **Thursday, May 16, 2024**.

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Impact](#) (RCORP-Impact). The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration will provide **\$12 million per year over 4 years**, with a maximum of **\$750 thousand per award per year**. RCORP-Impact funds will improve access to integrated, coordinated treatment and recovery services for substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, in rural areas. Both public and private sector EMS agencies are eligible to apply for this funding. Applications are due by **Monday, May 6, 2024**.

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11th EMS Financial Symposium

16th Annual National EMS Safety Summit: A Safety Academy

April 2, 2024 EMS Financial Symposium
April 3-5, 2024 EMS Safety Summit: A Safety Academy



Embassy Suites by Hilton – Downtown Convention Center. 1420 Stout Street – Denver, Colorado 80202
Discounted Hotel Rates Posted on Website

- EMS Financial Symposium
- NAAC Accreditation Offered
- CEUs for EMS and Fire

EMS, Fire Emergency Managers, Police, Healthcare Providers, Physicians, Nurses, Safety Officers, and interested parties should attend. This is an event you will not want to miss!

Check for updates and register at www.nationalemssafetysummit.org. Questions? Contact Shirley Terry, sterry@nationalemssafetysummit.org or 303.919.0719

REMINDERS



Click for EMS license plates



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RESPONDERSAFETY
On The Highway We've Got Your Back

If you are involved in a roadway incident where you, a fellow responder, or any emergency equipment was struck or nearly struck by an oncoming vehicle, you can now easily report the incident to the national database, ReportStruckBy.com.

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](#).



EMS Memorials

Remembering Colleagues We've Lost

Click above to register a new Colorado EMS memorial and to read of previous Colorado EMS memorials.

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.

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 who 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.

Thank you to our generous sustaining members.





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