

An update for the members of the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO.

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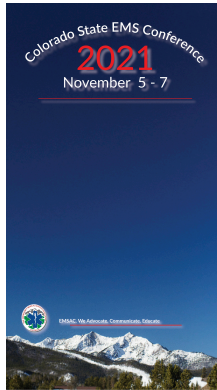
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EMSAC Members' Update

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

EMSAC NEWS



Colorado State EMS Conference On-Demand Sessions Now Available

We are excited to announce an additional benefit for 2021 attendees! There are now eight on-demand sessions available for you to watch on EMSAC's Learning Center.

Keep the learning going even after you leave Keystone! These sessions are NOT live - they have been recorded for you to watch at your convenience. **They will be available for you to view until January 31st!**

- Click the 'LOG IN here' button below, to get to the **EMSAC Learning Center**.
- Then click **LOG IN** in the top right corner.
- Your login information is **the same as when you log in to the EMSAC website**.
- Click Details under the On-Demand Package and choose which session you want to watch! You can then take a session evaluation and get a certificate of completion emailed to you.
- Need help? [Watch this quick video](#) that walks you through the process.

Need a password reset? [Click here](#) and enter your email.

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EMS ACTION ALERT!

EMSAC and NAEMT: Ask Congress to Convene Hearings on the EMS Workforce Shortage!

As you are aware, EMS is facing a crippling workforce shortage that needs immediate attention. The COVID-19 pandemic has only made the existing problem much worse. The best way to educate Congress on the short-term and long-term effects of this crisis is through hearings.

CLICK
HERE

It only takes 30 seconds to ask Congress to establish hearings on the workforce shortage. A template email is available for sending and your members of Congress will automatically be identified when you fill out the contact form. It's simple and easy through the NAEMT Online Legislative Service platform!

COMMUNITY FIRST
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**COLORADO
GIVES
DAY**

December 7, 2021

ColoradoGivesDay.org

Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, December 7, 2021

You can have an impact on Colorado EMS, through EMSAC.

Every dollar helps and just \$1.00 per day can help us deliver the highest quality continuing professional education for paramedics and EMTs; assists us in our work to constantly improve EMS in Colorado, so EMS agencies are ready to respond when anyone calls 9-1-1 for EMS.

We need your help to keep the effort moving! During Colorado Gives Day, between now and Dec. 7, 2021, we are looking to raise \$10,000. We can only do it with your help. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation so we can continue helping those who need it most.

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Please make a recurring or a one-time donation!

EMSAC Alert!
Critical Information for Colorado EMS

Attention all EMSAC Conference Attendees

The health and safety of the Colorado State EMS Conference registrants, participants, staff, and guests is a top priority. We have been notified that a conference attendee **reported a positive COVID-19 test** after attending the EMSAC Annual Conference events from Thursday through Sunday. **This attendee is fully vaccinated and was wearing a mask.**

Due to the size, scale and nature of this conference, detailed contact tracing is not practical. As stated in our conference COVID-19 notice, this communication will serve as the notification of potential exposure at the event.

As a reminder, if you attended the conference and test positive within the 14 days following the conference, please email emsac@emsac.org.

Recommendations on testing after potential exposure can be found on the CDC [website](#).

Colorado State EMS Conference #EMSAC21 Sponsors



Shortage of New Ambulances and Effect on Colorado EMS Provider Grants

At the EMS conference, EMSAC met with several ambulance dealers to discuss the shortage of new chassis from manufacturer's truck plants. COVID and supply chain problems are so severe that delivery of new ambulances will likely not be possible in time to meet Colorado's EMS Provider Grants deadlines. Our discussion included CDPH&E EMTS Branch Chief Donnie Woodyard.



We learned that the problem is "known" in Washington, DC, but no one had "rung the bell" in the offices of officials that can help. During that meeting, we rang the bell. Look for more information as we investigate Colorado grant workarounds, and as we elevate this serious nationwide problem to the highest levels in offices where a national solution can be created.



EMSAC Conference - Savvik Backpack Winners

The EMSAC Backpack winners from the Savvik Buying Group Giveaway are:

- Livermore Fire Protection District – Patti Herrington
- North Park Hospital District – Monica Love
- Fowler Rural Fire – Matt Thompson



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.



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.

COLORADO EMS NEWS



Administration of Monoclonal Antibodies (mAb)

The CDPH&E has authorized the temporary emergency expansion of Colorado's scope of practice to allow EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics to administer monoclonal antibodies (mAb) under a standing order from a physician.

Their template for standing orders to administer monoclonal antibodies is [here](#).

Providers interested in establishing an administration site, please contact CDPHE at cdphe.commentsoepr@state.co.us.

Statewide information about COVID treatments and monoclonal antibodies can be found [here](#).



CREATE—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.



2022 EMS Safety Summit

National EMS Safety Summit—sponsored by the Mile-High RETAC Foundation, April 6-8, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown. 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



SAVVIK Cost Collection Data Grant for Rural and Super-Rural EMS

The Savvik Foundation and the American Ambulance Association have launched a [grant](#) program available to Savvik member ambulance services who are classified as **rural or super-rural** and who are preparing to comply with the Cost Data Collection program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Through Savvik Member purchases under contracts, the Savvik Foundation was able to fund grant funds through the American Ambulance Association (AAA).

Through this grant, services classified as rural or super-rural will be eligible to receive a year gold-level subscription to AAA's Ambulance Cost Education program which includes access to experts on cost collection, access to AMBER software and free registration to Webinars and Regional Workshops. To apply visit www.ambulancereports.org and fill out the online grant application.

This Savvik Foundation grant is made possible by purchases made through Savvik Buying Group contracts and EMSAC.

REMINDERS



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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