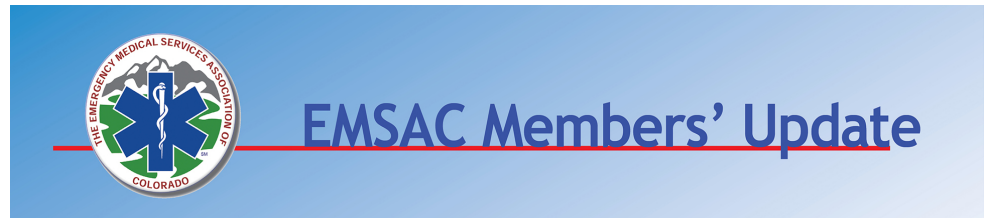


An update for the members of the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO.

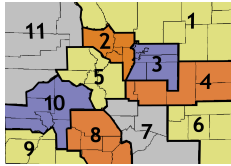
EMSAC group (agency) members, please forward to your staff.

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

EMSAC NEWS



EMSAC Election Results

EMSAC welcomes three new members to the board of directors. They begin their two-year terms now.

- Theresa Hall, Secretary, American Medical Response, theresa.hall@gmr.net
- Nick Nudell, Region 1 Director, UHealth Medical Center of the Rockies, Trauma Research, Nikiah.nudell@uchealth.org
- Chris Williams, Region 3 Director, American Medical Response, Christopher.williams@gmr.net

Thank you from all of us to outgoing directors, **Sharon Lowry, Lonnie Knudsen and Sean Ellis**. A heartfelt "huzzah!" for your years of dedicated work to improve EMS across Colorado, both on the board of directors and elsewhere.



Register now to get your CE classes!

#EMSAC21 is filling fast and we may have to close registration soon.

Plan **now** to attend the [2021 Colorado State EMS Conference](#). Combine your professional and personal goals and the finest in EMS education during a refreshing late autumn in Keystone. Pick up techniques and information to improve yourself, your patient care, your EMS agency and your state's EMS delivery system. With the region's largest exhibition of EMS products and service suppliers, this event is Colorado's EMS annual highlight. Check out the conference schedule and register [here](#).

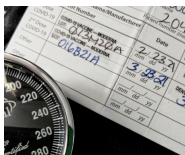


2021 Colorado State EMS Awards to be Presented at Conference

This year's awards will be presented at the conference on Saturday evening. Come help celebrate the best people in Colorado EMS.

If you plan to attend the awards program only (you are not registered for the conference) please register for it and upload your COVID vaccination card [here](#). Awards to be presented this year are:

- Robert Marlin ALS EMS Professional of the Year: **James Jackson**, Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS
- BLS EMS Professional of the Year: **Arren Gavin**, Ute Pass Regional Health Service District
- Community Paramedic of the Year: **Mark Radtke**, Ute Pass Regional Health Service District
- EMS RN of the Year: **Gina Lambert**, Gunnison Valley Hospital
- EMS Dispatcher of the Year: **Deb Cardozo**, American Medical Response
- EMS Ambulance Service of the Year: **Upper Pine River FPD EMS**
- EMS Executive of the Year: **CJ Malcolm**, Gunnison Valley Hospital EMS
- Dr. Gerald Gordon EMS Instructor of the Year: **Andrew Spangler**, Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS
- Dr. Valentin E. Wohlauer Award for Physician Excellence in EMS: **Dr. Bill Hall**, Nucla-Naturita FPD, National Park Service (Dinosaur & Colorado National Monuments, Grand Mesa, Uncompaghre National Forest)
- Paul Cary Award for Valor: **Stephanie Soll and Christian Schmidt**, Tri Lakes-Monument Fire Protection District
- Dr. Robert Campbell Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service, **Deb Haverfield**, Monte Vista Ambulance Service
- C.J. Shanaberger Award for Lifetime Achievement: **Dave Bronson**, Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS
- Francis Mildred Roth Women in EMS Award: **Wendy Miller**, Summit Fire and EMS



COVID Protocol for Colorado State EMS Conference

All attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, staff, and volunteers must submit proof of COVID vaccination in order to attend the conference. Here are a few ways you can submit your vaccination record:


- 1) Upload a copy while registering. If you have already registered, contact us with a copy and we can update your registration record. You will receive a discount code and link to register in a couple of weeks via email.
- 2) Upload a copy during the session selection process
- 3) Bring a photocopy with you to provide during on-site registration

Anyone needing an exemption due to a medical condition, disability or religious belief will need to complete the exemption form and bring the signed form along with proof of a negative COVID test (molecular, PCR or antigen) that was administered by an official testing center to the event. The test must be taken no more than 48 hours prior to arrival at the conference center. Home testing kit results will not be accepted for entry.

If you have any questions or need to adjust your sponsor or exhibitor registration due to these changes, please email us at conference@emsac.org.

*Please note that this protocol is subject to change based on guidelines and requirements by Summit County and the State of Colorado.

Colorado EMS Educators Association




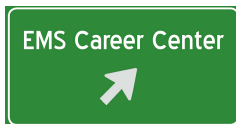
Circle the Date!

Second Annual Colorado EMS Educators Symposium

May 21-22, 2021 in Colorado Springs.
Pre-con May 19-20.

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





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.



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.

COLORADO EMS NEWS

Randy Kuykendall's Retirement

EMSAC has had a close, phenomenally productive and special relationship with Randy Kuykendall for the many, many years of his leadership at the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Section and then the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division of the CDPHE.



Randy writes, “After 46 years of public service and over 17 years with CDPHE, I will be retiring as the Director of the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division. My last day “in the office” will be 12/31/21.

It has been one of the greatest honors of my career to be part of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the many dedicated professionals who serve our great state every day. Thank you to the many colleagues, past and present, who have provided me with guidance, support and advice as we have navigated the ever-changing waters of both public health and government service. Together we have worked hard, learned much and served many.”



You can say thank you to Randy directly on our [EMSAC Facebook page](#).



Public Emergency Medical Services Supplemental Payment

The [Public EMS Supplemental Payment](#) allows eligible EMS agencies to receive an annual supplemental payment for the uncompensated costs incurred by providing ground or air emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries. Interested providers are required to complete and submit an annual [Participation Form](#). The training website is [here](#) and the cost report website is [here](#).



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 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](#).



4th EMS Financial Symposium

The Plains to Peaks RETAC is proud to present the 4th EMS Financial Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 17-18, 2021. The EMS Financial Symposium will be in a hybrid format. Onsite attendance is available and encouraged. However, the virtual option is available due to the ongoing pandemic and to allow attendance from across the state at a lower cost to the attendee. Details [here](#).

OTHER NEWS



HHS PRF Tranche 4: Important Funding Opportunity for EMS Providers

This funding opportunity will distribute \$25.5 billion in additional Phase 4 General Distribution for EMS agencies and American Rescue Plan (ARP) payments for qualified rural providers who furnish services to Medicaid/CHIP and Medicare beneficiaries. It is critical for **all** EMS providers to apply for this funding opportunity regardless of previous funding allocations. We have learned that many EMS providers did not apply for the Tranche 3 funding opportunity because they did not believe that they would be eligible to receive funds under the announced funding formula. Apply [here](#).

(Denver Business Journal) —Colorado Proposition 120:

A property tax cut proposal impacted by last-minute legislation. [Prop 120](#) will reverse all the hard advocacy done to bring stability to EMS, fire and other Special Districts.



Best Practices for Mitigating the EMS Workforce Shortage

We are all feeling the sting of the national workforce shortage, but what is the data telling us about the EMS workforce specifically? This [webinar](#), brought to you by AIMHI, American Ambulance Association, and NASEMSO, will focus on innovative changes EMS directors and state EMS officials have implemented at the agency, state, and federal levels. 28 Oct 2021, 1:00 PM by Zoom.

COVID-19 NEWS

COVID Vaccines Could Lose Their Punch within a Year, Experts Say

The majority of Two-thirds of epidemiologists from leading academic institutions say the world will need new or modified vaccines for COVID-19 within a year, new research show. Read [more](#).

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.



Colorado EMS Provider Licensing

Converting your Colorado EMS provider certification to a license is optional. If you choose not to convert your certification to a license, you will remain certified and will be able to renew your certification as you always have. Converting to a license does not change your scope of practice or the duration of your certification/license. For those wishing to be licensed, you can convert your certification by completing the license conversion form found in your OATH account or by choosing the license option in your next renewal application. There is no additional cost associated with license conversion. For more information and FAQs, please visit the EMS provider licensing page on our website or contact the CDPHE EMS Operations Section at 303-691-4932 or via email. FAQs are [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.

USEFUL RESOURCES



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