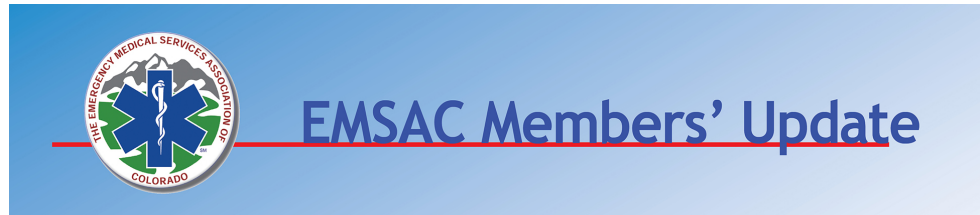


An update for the profession from the **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO** EMSAC group (agency) members, please forward to your staff. September 2021.



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

EMSAC NEWS



Election Closes September 21 – Large Ballot of Candidates!

Let your voice be heard – VOTE TODAY! Here is your chance to cast your ballot for the 2021 EMSAC elections.

Members will vote for Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Director if applicable to you (you may only vote for the Regional Director in the region where you currently live). Learn more about the candidates [here](#).

Voting will end at 11:59 p.m. on September 21, 2021. **If you have not received your electronic ballot contact us right away at emsac@emsac.org.**



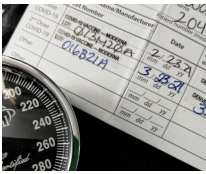
New! On-Demand Conference Session Package this Year

In addition to our line-up of in-person sessions at the conference in Keystone, we are offering eight hours of on-demand education through our learning center. This material will be pre-recorded and available right after the live conference. These eight [sessions](#) will be included in this package:

- Toxic EKGs. Presented By: Russ Brown
- Left Behind: Caring for the Living when a Patient Dies. Presented By: Nancy Magee

- That's going to leave a mark: Trauma Case Studies. Presented By: Jason Martin
- Current Trends in Cardiac Resuscitation For The BLS Provider. Presented By: Josh Poles
- CVA: Stroke Care. Presented By: Dr. Shannon Sovndal
- Shocking! Shock for BLS and ALS Providers. Presented By: Josh Poles
- When the Pump Goes Bad: Heart Failure. Presented By: Chris Mulberry

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COVID Protocol for Colorado State EMS Conference

“BSI, scene safe.” We now **require all attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, staff, and volunteers to 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. 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.

EMS Career Center



New EMS Career Center

We are pleased to bring to all our members a new benefit; a [Career Center](#). EMSAC's career resources can help you perform at your best and help you find and get the position you want, no matter your career stage. Find your perfect position and keep track of the positions you're pursuing using our Career Center.

It's free for anyone to view job listings and to post and edit their resumes. Job posters have the ability to browse the resumes in the system to see if there is a good match within the EMSAC membership database. **Posting a job is free for EMSAC members.** For-non members there is a fee, but the cost is

lower than many job boards. The EMSAC [Career Center](#) is a national job board, linked to EMS jobs posted in other states.

[How to post a job](#) (for Job Posters)

[Upload a resume](#) (for Job Seekers)



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[Rugged Depot](#) is the exclusive vendor on the SAVVIK contract for rugged mobility products - the laptops and tablets that are a staple in all emergency vehicles. These powerful devices are built to not only withstand the toughest environments that come their way but are also built for a long, dependable 5 year+ life cycle.

The team at [Rugged Depot](#) understands that timing and budget are crucial, so we take pride in providing the best service in the industry to help you meet your needs. With global hardware shortages causing lengthy lead times, it is important to start NOW when optimizing or implementing your rugged mobility strategy.

And that's where we come in! [SAVVIK](#) members receive exclusive discounts on Rugged products, exclusive access to inventory that is in stock ready to ship, personalized services, and free industry/budget analysis.



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.

OTHER NEWS



Colorado Receives Grant through Rural Expansion Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program has announced four supplemental grant recipients through its State Partnership Rural Expansion Program:

- **Colorado EMSC**
- Kentucky EMSC
- Tennessee EMSC
- Wisconsin EMSC

The funded programs respond to gaps in the readiness to care for children in prehospital EMS and emergency departments in rural, remote, and/or tribal areas. The programs focus on the following objectives:

- Increase the number of hospitals in rural, remote, and/or tribal communities that are recognized by a state, regional, or territorial pediatric medical recognition program; or
- Increase the number of pediatric emergency care coordinators in rural, remote, and/or tribal EMS agencies.



Data-driven First Responder Suicide Prevention

A collaboration between federal agencies, researchers and national organizations is seeking ways to collect better data and support data-driven approaches to improving first responder mental health. [Read more.](#)



Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council

The State of Colorado is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council to apply for the following open positions on the council.

- **An emergency medical service provider certified or licensed at any level who is actively involved in the provision of emergency medical services**
- A clinical psychiatrist licensed in good standing in Colorado, recommended by a statewide association of psychiatrists
- An anesthesiologist licensed in good standing in Colorado, recommended by a statewide association of anesthesiologists

- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado actively serving as an emergency medical service medical director and practicing in rural or frontier counties
- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado actively serving as emergency medical service medical director and practicing in urban counties
- A physician licensed in good standing in Colorado actively serving as emergency medical service medical director in any area of the state

To apply, go to the [Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions website](#) where you can complete your online application and attach all other pertinent documents. You will receive an email confirming the submission of your application. Applications are due by September 10, 2021. If you have any questions please contact [Kate Siegel Shimko](#).

Rock and Snow Medicine Symposium



The 1st Annual Rock & Snow Medicine [Symposium](#) will be hosted by the Wilderness & Environmental Section of the University Of Colorado School Of Medicine and is scheduled for November 4, 2021. This event will include high-caliber speakers presenting innovative and relevant medical topics geared towards an audience of ski patrollers, search & rescue specialists, agency personnel, and other prehospital responders.

COVID-19 News



Rules Pertaining to EMTs and EMT-IVs and vaccination administration

As there is a continued need for supplementary medical practitioners to administer COVID-19 vaccines as part of the public health response to COVID-19 the CDPHE has updated authorization for EMTs and EMT-IVs to administer vaccinations

EMS directors may continue to issue standing orders to enable EMTs and EMTs with IV authorization to administer intramuscular vaccinations for COVID-19 as part of the public health response to COVID-19 until December 31, 2021.

Read more [here](#).

Quick Take: Mandatory Vaccination Executive Orders

Moore EMS Consulting's Scott Moore, Esq. guides EMS providers on the impact of the recent [executive orders on mandatory COVID-19 vaccines](#). Recorded September 10, 2021. Presented by the American Ambulance Association.



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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Contact [communications at emsac dot org](mailto:communications@emsac.org)



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