



## EMSAC Members' Update

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

**September 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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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](tel:303-317-6511) or email [emsac@emsac.org](mailto:emsac@emsac.org).

### SEPTEMBER'S USEFUL MUSING

An optimist is a man who gets treed by a lion but enjoys the scenery. — Walter Winchell

### EMSAC NEWS



## The EMSAC Blog

[Read](#) about [EMSAC's Region 7 and its EMS agencies](#), in the southeast corner of the state.

[First Responder Night at the Colorado Rockies!](#) Denver Paramedic Division Deputy Chief Brent Stevenson ably represented EMS at Coors Field. See more on the [EMSAC Blog](#).

CELEBRATING

# 50 YEARS

OF THE EMSAC CONFERENCE

November 2-5, 2023 | Keystone, CO

## Register now for the 50th Anniversary EMSAC Conference!

We have an awesome line-up of CE-accredited education sessions that include traditional classes, hands-on sessions, cadaver labs, escape rooms and even a simulation RV. All sessions will be in person at the beautiful Keystone Conference Center. And we will be offering 8+ credit hours through online on-demand sessions.

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[Learn More About the Conference here.](#)



## EMS Professionals' Emergency Relief Fund

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

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### 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.



## EMS Memorials Remembering Colleagues We've Lost

At the 2023 Colorado State EMS Conference, we will remember EMS colleagues, from any service/discipline, who have passed away in the previous 12 months. Their names and photographs will be in a visual loop presented in the large ballroom during lunch hours on Friday and Saturday of the Conference.

[Register 2023 EMS Memorials here.](#)

## COLORADO EMS NEWS

### EMS at "Burning Man"



Read all about it from two Colorado EMS professionals who worked the massive event, on the [EMSAC Blog](#).

### Ground Ambulance Licensing Draft Rules



**COLORADO**  
Department of Public  
Health & Environment

Taskforce public meetings for the ground ambulance licensure rules have concluded. Staff is working on the rulemaking packet for the Board of Health and continuing to accept public comments on the rules.

To review the draft rules click [here](#). To submit a comment on the draft rules click [here](#).

### CREATE Grants for Colorado State EMS Conference presented by EMSAC

**CREATE**

*Colorado Resource for Emergency And Trauma Education*

Congratulations to these EMS agencies that received grant money from the CREATE fund to attend this year's EMSAC conference:

- Byers FPD
- Highland Rescue Team Ambulance
- Hinsdale County EMS
- Inter Canyon FPD
- Southeast Colorado Hospital Ambulance
- Southwest Teller County EMS
- Trinidad Ambulance District

More than \$25,000 was allocated to support the ongoing education of our state's EMS professionals. Remember to apply next year.

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## OTHER NEWS

### Worm Pulled From Woman's Brain in Case That 'Stunned'

When they started the open biopsy, surgeons didn't know what they were going to find, but they certainly didn't expect [this](#).

The stringlike worm was five-sixteenths of an inch long, was alive, and wiggled.

"It stunned everyone in that operating theater," says [Sanjaya Senanayake, MBBS](#), an associate professor of infectious disease at Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, and senior author of the [case report](#) told *Medscape Medical News*.

### Should Clinic BP Be Routinely Measured Lying Down?

Taking a patient's blood pressure (BP) while the patient is lying down may yield more information about their [cardiovascular risk](#) than taking the reading while the patient is sitting upright, new preliminary [research](#) suggests.

### Ambulance 'response times' miss the big picture: health outcomes



Such a stringent and arbitrary requirement would be dangerous to those most in need of urgent attention and unaffordable if not impossible to implement. A broken arm is bad, but a cardiac arrest, stroke or bleeding from a severe motor vehicle trauma takes precedence. So, emergency rooms “triage” patients to determine an order of response. And we all accept that. Even if we don’t like sitting in the ER a little longer. We get it.

Yet, in 2023, that is how we continue to measure Emergency Medical Services and ambulance responses: How quickly was the truck there? Read more [here](#).

### Industry voice: Working together to bring down rotorcraft accident rates

Accident rates involving rotorcraft fell significantly through the first nine months of US fiscal year (FY) 2023, and the US Helicopter Safety Team (USHST) is delighted. At the same time, the group reinforces the message that improvements are still necessary. Read more [here](#).

**STARS OF LIFE 2023**  
AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION  
WASHINGTON, DC NOV. 2-4

**Nominations Open!**



### Wyoming

#### Wyoming Gov. Gordon aims to continue regionalization of emergency medical service

SHERIDAN — With Sheridan County and Campbell County being the first two counties in the state to regionalize emergency medical services, Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon said the future of EMS regionalization in the state could help to secure more efficient and economic emergency services to Wyoming’s rural communities. Read more [here](#).

### National

#### You might need an ambulance, but your state might not see it as ‘essential’

When someone with a medical emergency calls 911, they expect an ambulance to show up. But sometimes, there simply isn’t one available. Most states don’t declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an “essential service,” meaning the state government isn’t required to provide or fund them. Now, though, a growing number of states are taking interest in recognizing ambulance services as essential ... Read more [here](#).

## REMINDERS



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Click to report safety incidents

## 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](#).

## 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

## 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 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.

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