

National EMS  
**SAFETY SUMMIT**  
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March 26-29, 2019



## **National EMS Safety Summit**

**A Focus on Personal, Patient and Community Safety**

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Denver Downtown Convention Center  
1420 Stout St., Denver, Colorado 80202  
Crystal Ballroom  
March 26-29, 2019

**Pre-Conferences and Agenda**  
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Sponsored by Mile-High and Plains to Peaks RETACs

Tuesday, March 26, 2019- Pre-Conference

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| 8:00 – 8:30  | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 8:30         | <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b><br>Timothy J. Dienst, MPA, NRP<br>Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District, CEO |
| 8:35 – 10:30 | <b>Understanding Payers and the WHY it is Important to Your Ambulance Service Reimbursement</b>                |

**Asbel Montes, BS-BM**  
*Acadian Ambulance Service*  
*VP of Government Relations and Revenue Cycle*

10:30 – 10:45

**Break**

10:45 - 12:00

**Understanding Payors Continued**

**Asbel Montes, BS-BM**

12:00 – 12:30

**Lunch**

12:30 – 2:30

**EMS Financial Management: How to Start, How to Thrive**

**Maggie Adams, BBA**  
*EMS Financial Services, Inc.*

2:30 – 2:45

**Break**

2:45 – 4:15

**“You’re Willing to Pay for That?” – New Payer Perspectives on “EMS” Payments**

**Matt Zavadsky MS-HSA, NREMT**  
*MedStar Mobile Healthcare,*  
*Chief Strategic Integration Officer, NAEMT President*

4:15 – 5:15

**Advocacy, National Financial Trends and the Future of EMS**

**Asbel Montes, BS-BM**

5:15

**Closing Remarks**

**Timothy J. Dienst, MPA, NRP**

5:30 – 7:30

**Managers Special Reception**

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**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

7:30 – 8:00

**Registration and Visit Vendors**

8:00 – 8:15

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Charles Mains, MD**

*Chairman, Mile-High RETAC,  
Medical Director, Centura Health Trauma System*

**David Ross, DO**

*Assistant Professor, Specialty Medicine,  
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine*

8:15 - 9:00

**Operations Consideration to Improve and  
Ensure Crews & Patient Safety**

**A J Heightman, MPA, EMT-P**

*Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS)*

9:00 – 10:00

**One Purpose Fifty-Eight Reasons**

**Introduction: John Putt, EMT-P**

*Operational Consulting Group, LLC*

**D. Troy Tuke, RN, NREMT-P**

*Assistant Fire Chief,*

*EMS Clark County Fire Department*

10:00- 10:30

**Break and Visit Vendors**

10:30 - 12:30

**Preparedness for and Response to Urban Mass  
Casualty Incidents, Based on the Israeli  
Experience**

**Introduction: John Putt, EMT-P**

*Operational Consulting Group, LLC*

**Colonel (Res.) Professor Isaac Ashkenazi MD,  
MSc, MPA, MNS**

*Former Director of the Urban Terrorism Preparedness Project at the NPLI Harvard University; an Adjunct Professor of Disaster Management at UGA; a Professor of Disaster Medicine at Ben-Gurion University in Israel; Founder of NIRES Center at the College of Law and Business; Commander at Mobile Med One Foundation; Advisory Board of Israel homeland Security; Consultant to Harvard University, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of homeland Security, FEMA, the White House, the World Bank, Rio Olympic Games, the Brazilian Ministry of Defense, India NDMA, SAMUR – Proteccion Civil, China Ministry of Health and other National and International Agencies; Served as Surgeon General for the IDF Home Front Command*

12:30 - 1:15

**Lunch and Visit Vendors**

1:15 - 2:30

***Implementing NFPA 3000: How to Prepare Your  
Community and Agency to Better Respond to  
Active Shooter and Hostile Events***

**Ofer Lichtman**  
*Founder High Threat Innovations*

2:30 – 2:45

***Break and Visit Vendors***

2:45 – 4:00

***Novel Wounding Patterns at Hostile Mass  
Violence Events, and EMS Best Practice  
Response***

**Dr. Mike Clumpner, PhD, MBA, NRP**  
*President and CEO,  
Threat Suppression Incorporated*

4:00 – 5:15

***Anticipating the Unthinkable***

**Carly Posey**  
*Mission Director  
The “I Love U Guys” Foundation*

5:15

***Closing Remarks***

**David Ross**

5:30 – 7:30

***Manager’s Special Reception***

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

7:30 – 8:00

**Registration and Visit Vendors**

8:00 – 8:45

**Changing the EMS Culture: Managing Risk in EMS**

**Jeffrey White, MS, MTSP-C, FP-C**

*Director of Safety- HealthNet Aeromedical Services, Inc.*

8:45 – 9:30

**Training for Quality Improvement and Safety:  
The NAEMSP Quality and Safety Course**

**Michael Redlener, MD, FAEMS**

*St. Luke's and Mount Sinai West*

*Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine*

*Medical Director for EMS and Disaster Preparedness*

*Chair, National Association for EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)*

*Quality and Safety Committee*

**Scott Bourn, PhD, RN, FACHE**

*VP Clinical & Quality & Impact, ESO Solutions*

9:30 – 10:00

**Vendor Presentations**

10:00 – 10:30

**Break and Visit with Vendors**

10:30 – 11:30

**Lightning and You- How Safe Are You?**

**Dave Aguilar, Broadcast Meteorologist**

**Barb Stemple, Survivor**

**Sheryl Olson, EMS Flight Nurse**

**Larry Moore, Retired ER Physician**

**Steven Clark, Meteorologist**

**Carl Swanson III, LDC Project Manager**

11:30 – 11:45

**Benefitting Our Patients by Using Mobile  
Broadband Communication: FirstNet is Here!**

**Brent Williams, Paramedic**

*Senior EMS Advisor, First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)*

11:45 – 12:30

***Lunch and Visit Vendors***

12:30 – 2:00

***Essential Provider Skills and Behavioral Health Issues Facing First Responders and How to Become Resilient While Keeping Patients Safe***

**David Wiklanski, MA, FF/EMT (I)**

*Firefighter/EMT, New Brunswick Fire Department*

**Rhonda Kelly**

*Responder Strong,*

**Daniel Crampton, PsyD, Paramedic**

*Chief Operating Officer, Status: Code 4, Inc. (SC4i)*

**Lynn Garst**

*Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,*

*Office of Emergency Preparedness*

**Bryan Fass, ATC, LAT, CSCS, EMT-P (Ret)**

*Fit Responder Founder & President*

2:00 – 2:45

***Time Outs and Ground EMS: Managing Fatigue in an Unpredictable Environment***

**Justin Koper, MS, GSP, MTSP-C, FP-C**

*HealthNet Aeromedical Services, Safety Officer*

2:45 – 3:15

***Break and Visit Vendors***

3:15 – 4:00

***Are you Hiring Your Next Injury? Physical Abilities Testing for EMS Providers***

**Bryan Fass, ATC, LAT, CSCS, EMT-P (Ret)**

4:00 – 5:00

***Violence and the Use of Force in Medicine, Is it Really an Issue?***

**Jason Brooks, BAS, EMT-P, I/C**

*DT4EMS, LLC President/CEO*

5:00 – 5:25

***EMS Provider Safety in A Crowd***

**Peter I. Dworsky, MPH, EMT-P, CEM**

*President Outcome Solutions*

*President International Association of EMS Chiefs*

- 5:25 **IAEMSC BNICE- On-line Education Program**  
**Dave Baldwin**  
*EMS Chief, Adams County Rescue*
- 5:30 **Closing Remarks** **David Ross**
- 5:30 – 7:30 **Manager's Special Reception**
- 5:45 **National EMS Safety Officer Committee Meeting**  
**Shirley J. Terry, BSN, RN**  
*Executive Director, Mile-High RETAC*  
*Director, National EMS Safety Summit*  
*Chairperson, National EMS Safety Officer Committee*



**Friday, March 29, 2019**

7:30 – 8:00

***Registration and Visit Vendors***

8:00 – 8:30

***Update on the NEMSMA Health and Safety  
Officer Credentials***

**Peter I. Dworsky**

8:30 – 9:30

***Who Ya Gonna Call? Legal Requirements for  
Safety Officers Compliance***

**Matthew R. Streger, Esq., MPA, NRP**  
*Attorney at Law, Keavney & Streger, LLC*

9:30 – 10:15

***Uncomfortable Truths About EMS Leadership***

**Michael W. Donner, BSBA**  
*Apex Paramedics, President and CEO*

10:15 – 10:30

***Break and Visit Vendors***

10:30 – 11:15

***High Performance Ambulance Safety***

**Dave McGowen, ASHM**

11:15 -12:00

***The Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances***

**Jason Kotas, NREMT, CPST**  
*The Children's Hospital Colorado  
Outreach and Education Manager*

12:00-12:45

***Lunch and Visit Vendors***

12:45 -1:15

***Fire Fighter Medical Fitness for Duty – Is it  
Relevant to the EMS Profession?***

**Thomas Hales, MD, MPH**  
*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
NIOSH, Medical Officer*

- 1:15 – 2:00      ***EMS Safety Culture, “What Do You Mean I Should Measure it?”***  
Lee Varner, MSEMS, CPPS, EMT-P  
Patient Safety Director, EMS Services  
Center for Patient Safety
- 2:00 – 3:00      ***Look How Far We’ve Come.....?***  
Matthew Streger
- 3:00 – 3:15      ***Break and Visit Vendors***
- 3:15 - 4:00      ***Safety Considerations at Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Events***  
A J Heightman
- 4:00 – 4:30      ***Angst Management: Loving The Best Job In The World***  
Thom Dick
- 4:30 - 5:00      ***Presentation of Certificate & Closing Remarks  
Door Prizes Awarded***  
David Ross
- 5:30 – 7:30      ***Manager’s Special Reception***



*Thank you for attending this year’s Safety Summit  
See you Next Year!*