



EMS WEEK

Where **Emergency Care** Begins

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ACEP, NAEMT Announce EMS Week 2023: “Where Emergency Care Begins”

Campaign Recognizes Emergency Medical Services Professionals, May 21-27

April 20, 2023—WASHINGTON, DC—The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), in partnership with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), is pleased to announce the theme for EMS Week 2023: Where Emergency Care Begins. The national campaign, which honors the men and women who provide emergency medical services to our communities, will take place May 21 through 27. EMS Week brings the EMS community together and acknowledges the accomplishments of EMTs and paramedics, while building awareness of their important role in the communities where they live and work.

ACEP and NAEMT, along with other stakeholder organizations and corporate sponsors, work to ensure that the important contributions of EMS practitioners in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of their communities are fully celebrated and recognized by their employers, the public and policymakers.

“EMS Week is a time to celebrate the health professionals on the frontlines who save lives every day,” said Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP, President of ACEP. “Timely intervention from medical professionals, before a patient reaches the emergency department, can make all the difference in a crisis. Teams of dedicated first responders are doing everything they can for patients and their families and communities—overcoming challenges and individual risks and putting patients first to provide exceptional care to anyone who experiences a medical emergency.”

“During EMS Week, it’s so important to honor the paramedics, EMTs and others in EMS who do so much for their communities,” says NAEMT President Susan Bailey, MSEM, NRP. “‘Where Emergency Care Begins’ reminds the public of EMS’s most important mission – the ability to respond appropriately to the most urgent emergencies, and to provide critical interventions in the field that save lives and reduce long-term disability.”

“EMS practitioners demonstrate their commitment to their patients countless times every day, often in difficult circumstances – whether it’s providing care on the side of a highway, carrying a patient down multiple flights of stairs or across treacherous terrain, or being in situations where their own safety isn’t guaranteed,” Bailey says. “EMS Week is an opportunity for both EMS agency leaders and communities to show our genuine appreciation and let them know that our communities value them.”

The Resource Center for National EMS Week (www.emsweek.org) includes tools for promoting and celebrating EMS Week, insight from stakeholders and inspiring stories about EMS professionals. Six of the days of EMS Week center around a specific theme, and first responder organizations are encouraged to plan activities and events around these themes in their communities:

- Sunday, May 21: **Health, Wellness and Resilience Day**
- Monday, May 22: **EMS Education Day**
- Tuesday, May 23: **EMS Safety Day**
- Wednesday, May 24: **EMS for Children Day**
- Thursday, May 25: **Save-A-Life Day (CPR & National Stop the Bleed Day)**
- Friday, May 26: **EMS Recognition Day**

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Visit www.emsweek.org for more information about EMS Week 2023.

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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is the national medical society representing emergency medicine. Through continuing education, research, public education, and advocacy, ACEP advances emergency care on behalf of its 40,000 emergency physician members and the more than 150 million people they treat on an annual basis. For more information, visit acep.org and emergencyphysicians.org.

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and over 90,000 members strong, the **National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)** is the only national association representing the professional interests of paramedics, advanced emergency

medical technicians, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders and other professionals providing prehospital and out-of-hospital emergent, urgent or preventive medical care.

NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military. They also work in hospitals, clinics and other healthcare settings. NAEMT serves its members by advocating on issues that impact their ability to provide quality patient care, providing high quality education that improves the knowledge and skills of practitioners, and supporting EMS research and innovation. For more information, visit naemt.org