**2015 NAEMT General Membership Meeting** Celebrating 40 Years of Advancing the EMS Profession

**Script**

*[Walk-in: NAEMT 40th logo intro]*

*[Slide: Welcome]*

# Chuck Kearns:

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the 2015 NAEMT General Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation. Tonight we celebrate 40 years of advancing the EMS profession, honoring our history and paying tribute to those individuals who led our organization to become the great association it is today!   
  
Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.   
*[Slide: Pledge of Allegiance]*

*<Pause>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

**Chuck:**

Recently, we lost one of the greatest heroes in EMS, Dr. Norman McSwain. I invite President-elect Dennis Rowe to come to the podium to pay tribute to this giant of a man whose passing is such a great loss to our world.

*<Dennis comes to the stage>*

**Dennis:**

*[Slide: Dr. McSwain roll]*

**[Tribute to Dr. McSwain]**

*<Dennis steps back; Chuck comes to podium.>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

**Chuck:**

Dr. McSwain will always be remembered as an EMS hero. Please join me in a moment of silence for all the EMS heroes lost this year, and take a moment to say a prayer for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their patients.

*[Slide: Fallen heroes]*

Thank you.

*[NAEMT 40th Logo]*

**Chuck:**

NAEMT has a remarkable history that tells a story of self-determination. Our organization has always chosen its own path, relying on the commitment, resolve and perseverance of our members to achieve our goals and advance our profession.

To help tell our story, I am honored to welcome the following Past Presidents with us this evening:

*[slide: Past presidents]*

* Paul Maniscalco, NAEMT President 1990 - 1991
* Nathan Williams, NAEMT President 2000 - 2002
* Ken Bouvier, NAEMT President 2004 - 2006
* Jerry Johnston, NAEMT President 2006 - 2008
* Pat Moore, NAEMT President 2009 - 2010
* And Don Lundy, NAEMT President 2013 - 2014

*<Chuck steps back; Pat comes to podium.>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

**Pat Moore:**

Thank you, Chuck.

*[Slide: 1970s; EMS in 70s]*

NAEMT was born in the 1970’s, a turbulent time in the United States. In some ways, a continuation of the 1960’s when minorities fought for equal rights, and many Americans joined the protest against the Vietnam War. Watergate, plus high unemployment and high inflation, weighed heavily on many Americans. “Malaise” was often used to describe the mood of the country.

*[Slide: Rocco Morando]*  
In these challenging times, **on January 8, 1975**, representatives from each of the nine state EMS associations established at the time met in Chicago, Illinois to discuss the creation of a national EMS association. EMS pioneer Rocco Morando, then-founding Executive Director of the National Registry of EMTs, arranged the meeting. Despite the difficulties plaguing our country, Rocco inspired the group in Chicago to adopt his vision and become the founding members of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians - NAEMT.   
  
His perseverance earned him the title of NAEMT Founder, and his diligence in creating a national presence for a profession that was largely unknown to the public, is honored in our history and remembered in the mission of our association.

Along with Rocco, our founding members:

* Created the first association bylaws and membership requirements.
* Held their first official meeting later that year, elected Roger Fox of Oregon as NAEMT’s first President; and
* Began operating as a national association of state associations. States collected the membership dues — initially set at two-dollars to support NAEMT’s agenda.

*[Slide: Emergency!]*

We would be remiss if we did not mention the TV series “Emergency!” which ran from 1972-1979. This program shaped our national understanding of EMS and inspired a generation of young people to enter the EMS profession.   
  
*[Slide: EMT award/oath]*

In 1978, the full NAEMT Board met for the first time at the inaugural NAEMT Annual Meeting at Kent State University in Ohio. In that same year:

* The first National EMT of the Year Award was presented, and
* We adopted the original EMT Oath, written by Dr. Charles Gillespie, who also created the EMT Code of Ethics.

*[Slide: 1970s Past Presidents]*

Let’s thank the presidents from the first years of NAEMT for their leadership.

*<Pat steps back; Nathan comes to podium.>*

**Nathan Williams:**

*[Slide: 1980s]*

The 1980’s was a decade of great change and growth in the U.S. The end of the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, Chernobyl, and other global events, along with the founding of CNN with round-the-clock world news, re-shaped our view of the world at home. Personal computers, VCRs, Cell Phones and Nintendos were introduced in the market, a sign that the “information age” was beginning. And, let’s not forget some of the outlandish fashions and hairstyles that many of us wore!

*[Slide: EMS in 80s]*

In EMS, the 80’s brought a series of changes within our federal government that helped shape EMS systems and the EMS profession.

* The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 consolidated EMS funding into state block grants;
* NHTSA implemented a statewide EMS technical assessment program to evaluate EMS systems.
* Programs targeting EMS, such as the EMS for Children program – were established; and
* A federal report called for greater development of trauma care systems to help decrease the number of accidental deaths in the US.

*[Slide: PHTLS]*

Prehospital cardiac interventions were also recognized for saving lives; and lessons learned from the Vietnam War provided the basis for how trauma care should be provided in the field. In 1980, the American College of Surgeons launched its Advanced Trauma Life Support course. Shortly thereafter, at the urging of Dr. Norman McSwain, a key figure in the College’s Committee on Trauma, the NAEMT Board authorized development of a non-physician version of ATLS, called Prehospital Trauma Life Support. Dr. McSwain and Bob Nelson developed a prototype of PHTLS under the title “Improved Trauma Management” and introduced it to a packed room at the 1983 NAEMT annual meeting in Dearborn, Michigan.

By 1984, the first PHTLS Committee was appointed and the first National PHTLS Faculty course was held at Dr. McSwain’s own Tulane University. Publication of the first PHTLS textbook followed in 1986.

*[Slide: Paramedic/LA awards]*

Other NAEMT milestones in the ‘80s include:

* The transition from an association of state associations to an individual membership association.
* The first Paramedic of the Year award in 1983;
* Creation of the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1984; presented to NAEMT Founder, Rocco Morando.
* And, Janet Head was elected the first female president.

*[Slide: 1980s Past Presidents]*

Let’s thank our 1980’s presidents for their great leadership.

*<Nathan steps back; Paul steps to podium.>*

**Paul Maniscalco:**

*[Slide: 1990s]*

The 1990s marked the end of both a century and millennium. Movements such as [grunge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grunge), the [rave scene](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rave_scene) and [hip hop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hip_hop) spread to young people, thanks to cable TV and the Internet. But, new kinds of violence - the bombing in Oklahoma City; the siege in Waco; the first World Trade Center bombing, the shooting in Columbine, and the first Gulf War, made our post-Cold War world still quite dangerous.

*[Slide: Act; Agenda for Future]*

Those in EMS began calling for greater training and preparedness of our nation’s EMS system to respond to acts of violence and natural disasters, such as Hurricane Andrew. The Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act was passed – spurring a plan to improve EMS and trauma care. And, in 1996, NHTSA published the visionary EMS Agenda for the Future, which called for the EMS of the future to be “community-based health management that is fully integrated with the overall health care system.”

*[Slide: Mexico, AMLS, military text]*

Big changes were happening at NAEMT as well…

* The first international PHTLS course was held in Mexico in 1990.
* In 1994, the Headquarters Office was established in Clinton, Mississippi.
* The PHTLS program was now being conducted by the U.S. Air Force P.J.’s and Navy Seals, using the military version textbook.
* The Advanced Medical Life Support course launched in 1999.
* And, the first NAEMT website launched.

*[Slide: 1990s Past Presidents]*

We greatly appreciate the leadership of our 1990s presidents

**Paul Maniscalco:**

*[Slide: 2000s]*

Y2K – the beginning of a new millennium ushered in the decade of information technology. Apple introduced the IPod in 2001, Facebook launched in 2004, Twitter in 2006, and the first IPhone became available in 2007. Technology was fundamentally changing the way people connected and communicated.

*[Slide: 9/11]*

On September 11, 2001 our nation and its people changed forever. The attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, including hundreds of first responders, ushered in a new era that created the Department of Homeland Security and launched more than a decade of war. During this time, our government initiated many programs to enhance our domestic security to prevent further attacks.   
  
*<Paul Maniscalco leave podium, and returns to line up.>  
<Don Lundy goes to podium.>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

**Don Lundy:**

Between 2000 and 2009 our industry worked collaboratively with federal partners to create a framework and system for educating the EMS workforce, and moving us toward the vision outlined in the 1996 Agenda for the Future. It culminated in the National EMS Education Standards under which we operate today.

*[Slide: IoM report; FEMSB]*

In 2006, the Institute of Medicine published a landmark report called “Emergency Medical Services at the Crossroads” outlining systemic problems plaguing EMS that impeded achievement of our vision. The IOM’s report would eventually become the catalyst for creation of the Field EMS Bill.

For NAEMT, the 2000’s was a decade of great transition... A time when our organization matured.

*[Slide: Katrina]*

In August, 2005, NAEMT held its annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana in conjunction with EMS World Expo. On August 29, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coasts, Many of our members were stranded in the city. Many chose to stay and help. Our NAEMT President that year was Ken Bouvier. He worked tirelessly to help his city recover and rebuild. Our organization united behind Ken and supported his efforts.

*[Slide: crowd]*

In 2006, the NAEMT Board of Directors proposed a new governance structure for the association that would give each active member the right to vote for the directors and officers of the organization. The Board took this proposal to the members as a referendum. Members voted overwhelmingly to support this change, which has resulted in a more diverse group of leaders representing all parts of the country and all types of EMS delivery models. We also modernized our committee structure, revamped our member benefits package, and resolved to focus our efforts on serving and representing our nation’s EMS practitioners.

*[Slide: EPC]*

Other NAEMT milestones in this decade:

* Our first strategic plan was published in 2006.
* The Emergency Pediatric Care program was launched in 2007.
* In 2008, we:
  + Launched our electronic newsletter the NAEMT Pulse
  + Partnered with EMS World Expo in the National EMS Awards of Excellence, to create one national award for EMT, Paramedic, Paid Service and Volunteer Service of the year.
  + Established NAEMT’s legislative advocacy program and our Affiliate Advisory Council.
  + Published our first annual report with full financial statements, and
* In 2009, we made the decision to hold an annual EMS on the Hill Day.

*[Slide: 2000s Past Presidents]*

We are very grateful for the leadership and dedication of our presidents from the 2000s.

*<Don steps back; Ken Bouvier steps to the podium.>*

**Ken Bouvier:**

*[Slide: 2010s]*

Our history in this decade is still being written. Global leaders refer to this decade as the “transformation decade” characterized by:

* A changing understanding of what it means to communicate as we all become more mobile and virtual;
* A major generation shift taking root as baby boomers retire, and Gen X’ers and millennials assume the mantle of leadership;
* Biology and technology merging;
* And creativity and innovation are more valued than ever before.

*[Slide: ACA]*

Our country’s healthcare system is dramatically transforming too, and EMS along with it. The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010… the ACA… sometimes called “Obamacare,” has accelerated the pace of this transformation from a quantity based, fee for service structure, to a patient-centered, values and outcomes based structure.

*[Slide: collaboration]*

NAEMT recognized that this transformation was coming, and has been working collaboratively with other EMS organizations to prepare our industry and our workforce for what lies ahead. The need for collaboration and alignment within our profession has never been greater. Much of our effort over the last five years has been focused on bringing EMS organizations together to prepare for the future.

*[Slide: EMSHD]*

In 2010, we:

* Held our first EMS On the Hill Day, where EMS professionals from all delivery models are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
* Launched the EMS Safety Course and published a new AMLS textbook.
* Began teaching the Dept. of Defense’s Tactical Combat Casualty Care course.

*[Slide: FEMSB]*

In 2011, we:

* Revamped our agency membership program to provide benefits for both their employees and to support the operation of their agency
* Supported passage of the Field EMS Bill.
* Established the NAEMT advocacy coordinators network
* Offered members a $15 voucher toward NAEMT education courses.
* Launched an NAEMT EMS Week site open to all practitioners and the public.

*<Ken leaves podium and returns to the lineup.>  
<Jerry Johnston comes to the podium>*

**Jerry Johnston:**

*[Slide: Mentoring; Lundy]*

And in the last few years, the number of our accomplishments has soared.

In 2012, we:

* Established a leadership mentoring program to identify and mentor future leaders of our association.
* Held our first World Trauma Symposium, developed by our PHTLS Committee in partnership with EMS World.
* Collaborated with other EMS organizations to launch the EMS Voluntary Notification Tool, or “EVENT”, for EMS practitioners to anonymously report patient safety errors, near misses, line of duty death incidents, and violence against practitioners.
* Made veteran's transitioning to civilian EMS a legislative priority.

*[Slide: Ed Award]*

In 2013

* We added an EMS Educator of the Year award to the National Awards of Excellence program.
* Launched the official NAEMT Facebook Friends page and Twitter account.
* Established a new MIH-CP Committee to identify ways to help our industry prepare for this new type of patient care.
* Launched the Law Enforcement and First Response Tactical Casualty Care course with the help of Denver Health Department of EMS Education.
* Launched the new break-through course, Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership, the first course to explore the ethical decision-making and communications needed by EMS practitioners to succeed in the “new” EMS.

And, our Board voted unanimously to lead the effort to pass the Field EMS Bill.

*[Slide: Espanol]*

In 2014, we:

* Launched NAEMT Espanol Facebook page.
* Launched the Online NAEMT Instructor Course to replace the individual instructor courses for each of our education programs.
* Partnered with the American Geriatric Society and Jones and Bartlett Learning to develop the 2nd edition GEMS course.
* Published our country’s first national survey of MIH-CP programs, and produced a video to explain MIH-CP to the larger healthcare industry.
* Launched Bleeding Control for the Injured Course designed to train the public and non-tactical police officers how to save a person’s life during an active shooter or mass casualty event, and
* Partnered with ACEP to lead the promotion of National EMS Week.

*[Slide: current decade Past Presidents]*

We thank our presidents from this decade for their time and expertise.

*<Applause> <Jerry steps back in line with the other past presidents; Chuck comes to the podium.>*

**Chuck:**

*[Slide: member rotation]*

The same perseverance that established NAEMT forty years ago is present and active in our leadership today. From 1975 on, the strength of our association has been and will always be the unwavering support of our members.

NAEMT… *WE* … have come a long way. We should be proud of the advancements we’ve helped bring to the EMS profession. Our progress speaks to our commitment to the medical care our patients receive, whether in their home, at an accident or on the battlefield.

Have we made some mistakes along the way? Of course we have. We hope we have learned from our past mistakes and continue to grow from our experiences. I look forward to our future as we continue to serve our members, our profession and our patients.

Please join me in congratulating our great association on our 40th anniversary.

*<Chuck starts applause>  
<Chuck takes photo with past presidents>*

*<Past presidents exit the stage and return to their seats>*

*[slide: NAEMT 40th Logo]*

**Chuck:**

With the great achievements we have highlighted, you might wonder what we have been up to lately….let me tell you… I never imagined that the year would go by so fast. NAEMT has accomplished so much in the first three quarters of this year. Here are some of the highlights and an overview of what’s in store in the months ahead.

*<Pause>*

*[Slide: NAEMT Member collage]*

To support our members:

* We developed a new web-based resource on EMS mental health to connect members with help for themselves and colleagues.
* We continue to build our already great benefits package with the addition of:
  + Exclusive member discounts on Avis and Budget rental cars, Wyndham hotels, Office Depot/Office Max and a Prescription Drug Program for individual members. We are also working with Dell to bring you members-only prices on computers and electronics.
  + And a 15% discount on Fit Responder fitness training for agency members.
* We provide the latest and most relevant EMS news through our:
  + Website,
  + Newsletters,
  + Email communications, and
  + On Facebook and Twitter

*[Slide: Goal & Value of membership]*

On June 19, we reached 10,000 full members – a true milestone. Our strategic plan is to reach 13,000 full members by the end of 2017. I am confident that we can achieve it by:

* Demonstrating value to current and prospective members through every activity we undertake, and
* Working as a team to recruit new members. If each one of us recruits just one new member a year, we will be well on our way to achieving our goal.

*[Slide: NAEMT Education collage]*

One of the best ways that NAEMT brings value to our members and advances the EMS profession is through quality education:

*[Slide: GEMS]*

* The new Geriatric Education for EMS or “GEMS” core course was launched in May.
  + It uses the 2nd edition of the GEMS textbook.
  + It’s a collaborative effort with the American Geriatric Society and our publisher Jones and Bartlett Learning.
  + Our GEMS Committee is working on an advanced GEMS course to provide practitioners with more in-depth knowledge on caring for older patients.

*[Slide: EPC]*

* The 3rd edition of Emergency Pediatric Care or “EPC 3.0” launched last month.
  + English speaking EPC faculty have been participating in instructor updates to get ready to teach this new edition.
  + The new Spanish version will launch this November in Mexico City.
  + The committee is working on the online component of the course.

*[Slide: AMLS]*

* Yesterday, the 2nd edition AMLS Instructor Update was held to prepare AMLS faculty to teach the 2nd edition, which will be published next month.
* The committee will now focus on completing the online component of the course, as well as a BLS classroom version.

*[Slide: EMS Safety]*

* And, the 2nd edition EMS Safety Instructor Update was also held yesterday to prepare our faculty to teach the new edition.
  + A new student manual has been included in the 2nd edition.
  + The committee is also leading a pilot EMS Safety Officer Workshop this Friday, and is working with Jones and Bartlett Learning on a new EMS Vehicle Operators course scheduled for launch in 2016.

*[Slide: TECC]*

* Yesterday and today, the PHTLS Committee conducted the first new Tactical Emergency Casualty Care or “TECC” course.
  + It’s for civilian EMS practitioners to prepare them to respond to active shooter and other mass casualty events, and meets the guidelines established by the Committee on TECC.
  + All TCCC instructors are eligible to teach it.

*[Slide: PEPL]*

* If the Principle of Ethics and Personal Leadership course is not yet offered near you, let us help you bring this outstanding course to your EMS practitioners.
* PEPL is the best course available for helping EMS make the transition to a patient-centered healthcare system that focuses on patient satisfaction as well as outcomes.
* We have almost 100 faculty who are ready to help you get started.
* 2-day PEPL course was held here as a preconference event yesterday and today.

*[Slide: World Trauma Symposium]*

* Yesterday, we held our fourth World Trauma Symposium. Thanks to the efforts of our PHTLS Committee, the Symposium is now recognized as the best event globally on prehospital trauma care.

*[Slide: globe with country flags overlayed]*

* Through our partnerships in 58 countries, NAEMT education is being provided internationally to more than 18,000 students. We are proud to be able to offer our education to EMS colleagues around the world. There are many members of our international faculty here tonight. Thank you so much for sharing this special night with us and for partnering with us to bring NAEMT education to all EMS practitioners.

*[Slide: globe with bar overlay]*

* We are on track to have over 80,000 EMS practitioners take NAEMT education courses in 2015; an increase of about 8% from last year.
* Congratulations to our education leaders and all NAEMT Faculty for a job well done!

*<Pause>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

We devoted much of our energy this year to advocating on the key issues that impact our patients and our ability to provide them with quality medical care.

*[Slide: MIH-CP collage]*

* We published a report on the state of mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedicine in our nation to help inform industry and government leaders, and how they can support and strengthen local MIH-CP initiatives.
* We just launched a new web-based MIH-CP program toolkit to help agencies get their program started, and an MIH-CP knowledge center with the latest research and studies on the subject.
* We published a new position statement on Violence Against EMS Practitioners to call attention to this serious issue and recommend actions that states and agencies can take to support their employees.
* We called the attention of our federal government to the lack of EMS integration in our nation’s overall preparedness strategy, and specifically in plans to address biological disasters, and the absence of EMS in our national health information technology strategy.

*[Slide: EMSHD collage]*

* In April, we held our 6th annual EMS On The Hill Day - the only national EMS advocacy event in which everyone in our profession is welcomed. This was by far the largest Hill Day we have ever held. 250 EMS professionals from 42 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico met with 244 congressional leaders.
* This event is so important to our profession, so please remember this date - April 20, 2016 - because that’s when we’ll go back to Capitol Hill to educate Members of Congress about EMS and what our patients need.

*[Slide: EMS Strong logo]*

* In May, in collaboration with the American College of Emergency Physicians, we led the effort to promote National EMS Week with our theme of “EMS Strong.”

*[Slide: Online Legislative Service]*

* We reviewed 28 pending bills in Congress that impact EMS and determined what level of support or opposition our association would take on these bills. Our support levels are posted in the Online Legislative Service area of our website.

*[Slide: FEMSB & Vets EMT]*

* With the support of our network of national advocacy coordinators, we advocated for passage of our legislative priorities – the Field EMS Bill and the Veteran’s EMT Support Act.
* While progress was made with both of these bills, getting legislation passed in Congress is challenging… actually, very challenging.
* We greatly appreciate the efforts of our members, particularly our advocacy coordinators, who have been working both of these bills.
* I ask all of our members to help with this effort by contacting your members of Congress to ask them to support our bills. It’s not much more work than a click of the button. Just go to our NAEMT web site home page, and in the Quick Links section on the right hand column, click “Online Legislative Service” and follow the prompts.

*[Slide: Diversity collage]*

* We also increased diversity within our organization’s leadership through committee & liaison appointments. At a time of rapid change in our industry, we want to make it known that NAEMT is an organization that welcomes a broad range of perspectives and experiences. Only by doing so will we be able capture the true breadth of ideas and energy of *all* of our EMS colleagues. You can help us in this effort by making sure that every one of your co-workers is aware of NAEMT membership, its value to their professional development, and the value that our association places on each individual within the EMS profession.

*<Pause>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

I am so very proud to be able to serve this great association as your President. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to continuing to work for you, and **with** you, toward the advancement of our EMS profession.

*<Pause> <Applause>*

*[Slide: Names of 2015 Board]*

**Chuck:**

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the support and tireless work of our volunteer leaders.

Please join me in celebrating our **NAEMT Board** of Directors. I am very honored to work with such outstanding individuals. They bring their passion and great expertise to benefit our membership and strengthen our profession. I ask that each Board member stand as I call your name. Please hold Applause until all have been introduced.

* Dennis Rowe, President-Elect
* Don Lundy, Immediate Past President
* Bruce Evans, Secretary
* Scott Matin, Treasurer
* Sean Britton, Region I Director
* Robert Luckritz, Region I Director
* Chad McIntyre, Region II Director
* Cory Richter, Region II Director
* Aimee Binning, Region III Director
* Jason Scheiderer, Region III Director
* Terry David, Region IV Director
* Troy Tuke, Region IV Director
* Ben Chlapek, At Large Director
* Matt Zavadsky, At Large Director
* Paul Hinchey, Medical Director

To each of you… thank you very much for your time and volunteer work.

<*Applause*>

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

All of NAEMT’s projects can be attributed to our **NAEMT committees and working groups**.

*[Slide: NAEMT Committees – Putting Plans into Practice]*

Our committees *put our plans into practice* and really do the heavy lifting for our association. More than 300 members participate as committee members and as regional and state coordinators. Please help me thank them, and again, hold your Applause until all have been called. Would the following please stand

*[Slide: NAEMT Committee list]*

* Advocacy Committee, chaired by Bruce Evans
* AMLS Committee, chaired by Jeff Messerole
* Candidacy and Elections Committee, chaired by Dennis Wilham [Will-um]
* Education Committee, chaired by Chris Cebollero
* EMS Data Committee, chaired by Matt Zavadsky
* EMS Preparedness Committee, chaired by Fergus Laughridge [Loff-ridge]
* EMS Safety Program Committee, chaired by Mike Szczygiel [See-gull]
* EMS Workforce Committee, chaired by Garrett Hedeen
* EPC Committee, chaired by Chad McIntyre
* Finance Committee, chaired by Dennis Rowe
* GEMS Committee, chaired by Daniel Talbert
* Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Don Lundy
* Membership Committee, chaired by Cory Richter
* Military Relations Committee, chaired by Ben Chlapek
* Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Community Paramedicine Committee, chaired by Matt Zavadsky
* PEPL Course Committee, chaired by Scott Matin, and our
* PHTLS Committee, chaired by Will Chapleau

<*Applause*>

Congratulations for a job well done.

*[Slide: Affiliate logo]*

43 EMS associations are affiliated with NAEMT, and their representatives form our **Affiliate Advisory Council.** The Council keeps the NAEMT Board apprised on EMS issues and concerns at the state and local levels.Will the Council members please stand. Please accept our thanks for your support of NAEMT, and forsharing your insights and perspectives.

*<Pause> <Applause>*

*[Slide: Board of Trustees]*

Now, please help me thank the **Board of Trustees of the NAEMT Foundation**. The NAEMT Foundation is a separate, non-profit organization that works to support a better future for EMS. Will the NAEMT Foundation Board of Trustees please stand

* **Fergus Laughridge [Loff-ridge], President**
* **John Todaro [Toe-daaro], Vice President**
* **John Fitzsimmons, Secretary**
* Scott Matin, Treasurer
* Craig Jacobus
* Jim Judge
* Jeff Lindsey
* Connie Meyer
* David Pecora

Thank you, Trustees.

*<Pause> <Applause>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

**Chuck:**

*[Slide: Corporate Partners]*

NAEMT greatly values the partnerships we have with other organizations to advance the EMS profession**.** Our Corporate Partners are among that valued group.They support our mission and help us in serving our members. On behalf of all of the members of NAEMT, please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Will our Corporate Partner representatives please stand — and remain standing when called — so we may recognize you:

*[Slide: Premier partner logos]*

**Premier Partners —** EMS World, the National Registry of EMTs, Jones and Bartlett Learning, and The College Network

*[Slide: Diamond partner logos]*

**Diamond Partner** — Praetorian Group/EMS1

*[Slide: Presidential partner logos]*

**Presidential Partner** — Markel

*[Slide: Platinum partner logos]*

**Platinum Partner** — Stryker and Mutual of Omaha

*[Slide: Gold partner logos]*

**Gold Partners —** Braun Industries,Emergency Training Associates, OnStar, and StoreSmart/Vial of Life

*[Slide: Silver partner logos]*

**Silver Partners —** Five-Eleven Tactical, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), JEMS, andNorth American Rescue

*[Slide: Bronze partner logos]*

**Bronze Partners** — American Heart Association, American Red Cross, and the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks

*[Slide: Annual partner list]*

**Annual Partners —** Digitech, EVS Ltd, GoldCross, Holland and Knight, Medical Data Carrier, Nasco, National EMS Museum, Page Wolfberg and Wirth, Physio Control and ProMed

*[Slide: Service partner list]*

And, our Service partners.

*<Pause> <Applause>*

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

Thank you very much for your support.

*<Pause> <Applause>*

**Chuck:**

Now, please welcome the following members of our NAEMT Board to the stage to help present the 2015 National EMS Awards of Excellence:

* Secretary Bruce Evans
* Treasurer Scott Matin
* Region II Director Chad McIntyre
* At Large Director Ben Chlapek

<*Applause*>

*[Slide: National EMS Awards of Excellence]*

*<All come on stage> <Chuck steps back; Bruce steps to podium. >*

**Bruce:**

We’re here this evening to honor outstanding individuals and agencies in our profession. This year’s recipients are very worthy of these honors.

*[Slide: NAEMT/Braun]*

Our first award is the **NAEMT/Braun Industries EMT of the Year Award**. I’d like to ask Chad Brown and Jerry Jones from Braun Industries to come to the podium and help present the award.

*<Chad Brown & Jerry Jones come to the stage>*

The recipient of the2015 NAEMT/Braun Industries EMT of the Year Award isGlen Anderson, an EMT from Bridgewater, Massachusetts!

Glen is deputy chief of the Bridgewater State University Police Department. He was nominated by his manager, Matthew Rushton, who said that there is “no stronger supporter of EMS in this region or on the campus of Bridgewater State University.” Glen is recognized for his commitment to the students, staff and faculty of the university in developing their EMS program. He worked tirelessly in coordinating separate state agencies to acquire a used ambulance, and then continued his hard work until it met all standards. Glen was instrumental in creating the university’s first Public Access Defibrillation Program, which resulted in the training and installation of AED’s on all main campus buildings and several satellite campuses. He also initiated CPR and First Responder training in his community, and received an award in 2011 for saving the life of a community member. Glen has trained more than 1,000 people in CPR and first aid – some being sponsored by the program to become an EMT. He also introduced Naloxone into the campus program to help university law enforcement officers combat the rise of Heroin overdoses. Glen was influential in policy development as it relates to mental health issues, and is a strong supporter of programs addressing these issues, serving as an active member of the University's CARE team. Glen, please come to the podium.

*[Slide: EMT of the Year]*

Please join me in congratulating our **2015 EMT of the Year, Glen Anderson!**

*<Applause> <Glen comes to podium, receives award, makes a brief statement of thanks, and takes picture. Glen and Braun reps return to seats.>*

*<Bruce steps back; Scott comes to podium.>*

**Scott:**

*[Slide: NAEMT/Nasco]*

Now, let’s welcome Kelly Jacobson from Nasco to help present our **2015 NAEMT/Nasco Paramedic of the Year Award**. Kelly, can you please come to the podium.

*<Applause>*

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2015 NAEMT/Nasco Paramedic of the Year… Brandy Rice from Arkansas City, Kansas!

Brandy has worked for 10 years as a full-time firefighter/paramedic for the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department. She is also a part-time ER Tech for South Central Kansas Medical Center. Brandy teaches several EMS and community CPR classes, and implemented a Vial of Life program. She is also involved in many other organizations that benefit the safety and health of members in her community. And, she planned and coordinated the activities for EMS Week this past May with local businesses. Brandy was nominated by the department’s EMS Director Jeri Smith, who said, “Brandy is a true ‘caretaker’ of the people of Arkansas City, Kansas; she goes above and beyond the call of duty. She often stays after an EMS call to help people with special needs. When a wheel chair bound woman returned home after an emergency hospital run with Brandy, she found her dishes clean, her grass mowed, new cordless phones installed, and a longer string attached to the ceiling fan she had been unable to reach before.” Brandy is a role model for ensuring that the needs of patients and their family are met, and has earned the respect of her colleagues. Brandy, please come to the podium.

*<Brandy comes to the podium.>*

*[Slide: Paramedic of the Year]*

Please join me in honoring our 2015 Paramedic of the Year… Brandy Rice.

*<Applause> <Brandy comes to podium, receives award, makes a brief statement of thanks, and takes picture. Kelly and Brandy return to seats.>*

*<Scott steps back; Chad comes to podium.>*

**Chad:**

*[Slide: NAEMT/JBL]*

Our next award recognizes excellence in education. Please welcome Christine Emerton from Jones and Bartlett to help present the **2015 NAEMT/Jones and Bartlett Learning Educator of the Year Award**.

*<Christine comes on stage.>*

We are happy to present this year’s Educator of the Year award to Matthew WolkenbreitofColrain, Massachusetts

Matthewis chief instructor and executive director of Community911 Training, Inc., director of training and education at Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc., and president of the Franklin County EMS Committee. He is also a paramedic. Matthew is a dedicated EMS instructor, and teaches a variety of lifesaving and trauma care programs, as well as National Core Competency EMS Programs. Within his community, he teaches programs, such as CPR, Chokesaver training for the food service industry, and other programs to educate and mentor EMS practitioners. Matthew initiated several educational opportunities for volunteer agencies. Gary Ponce, CEO and director of Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association said, “Little did I know that he would not only change what had been happening locally, but would take us on a journey of redefining the who, what, where, when and why’s of EMS training and much more as Massachusetts dived into the NREMT certification and NCCR training as one of the pilot states.” Matthew is credited with providing clear information, guidance and structured planning to help volunteer agencies serve their communities effectively.

*[Slide: Educator of the Year]*

Please welcome our **2015 Educator of the year**, **Matthew Wolkenbreit** to the stage.

*<Applause> <Matthew comes to podium, receives award, takes picture and makes a brief statement of thanks. Matthew and Christine return to seat.>*

*<Chad steps back; Ben comes to the podium.>*

**Ben:**

*[Slide: NAEMT/NAR]*

I couldn’t be happier to announce our next award — especially, since it’s the first time it has ever been given, and we are grateful to our Military Relations Committee for making it possible. Please welcome to the stage, Anthony Horton and Shannon Seidel of North American Rescue as we present the **first NAEMT/North American Rescue Military Medic of the Year Award**!

*<Applause> <Anthony and Shannon come to stage.>*

And now, it is a distinct honor to present the 2015 Military Medic of the Year Award to **John Crowley,** a U.S. Navy Fleet Marine Force Corpsman fromHilliard, Ohio.

John, more commonly referred to as “Jack,”served as Hospitalman – medic – in the Fleet Marine Force. He was specially trained for duty to work with infantry Marines deployed to combat zones. Jack’s medical preparation and dedication was crucial to the wellbeing of the platoon. He saved the lives of many Marines and foreign military allies while being injured himself, and in spite of regular combat attacks. First Lieutenant Deven Revel said, “He ignored his own wounds to apply tourniquets to two Marines who had both lost legs, and treat his squad leader and interpreter who had suffered substantial wounds. His calmness under pressure and quick thinking were astonishing given his condition.” In 2012, Jack was awarded the esteemed Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action during his deployment to Operation “Enduring Freedom,” in one of the most volatile areas of Afghanistan. He cross-trained his squad mates to provide medical assistance, in case he was not able to provide it. He applied Marine-taught Tactical Combat Casualty Care to foreign military allies and partnering military teams. Jack also helped local villagers to assess minor medical conditions and instructed Afghan National Army soldiers in basic trauma care. Jack is said to represent both a disciplined Sailor and a medic that the U.S. Marine Corps relies on in combat crises.

**Please welcome our first Military Medic of the Year… John Crowley!**

Jack, please join me at the podium.

*<Applause> <Jack comes to podium, receives award, makes a brief statement of thanks, and takes picture. Jack and NAR reps return to seat.>*

*[Slide: Service of the Year awards]*

**Ben:**

It is now my pleasure to turn the podium over to Scott Cravens from EMS World to present the national EMS Service of the Year Awards.

*<Applause> <Scott comes to podium.>*

**Scott:**

*[Slide: Ferno]*

Our first service award is the Dick Ferneau Paid EMS Service of the Year, sponsored by Ferno. I invite Jerry Socha of Ferno to join me on stage to make this presentation.

*<Jerry comes to podium.>*

It is a pleasure to recognize the recipient of the **2015 Dick Ferneau Paid EMS Service of the Year**… **Richmond Ambulance Authority** of Richmond, Virginia.

The Richmond Ambulance Authorityis a Public Utility Model System that provides 9-1-1 services to the City of Richmond, and non-emergency patient transport and critical care services within the Commonwealth of Virginia. RAA responds to over 60,000 calls for service annually with 42,000 patients transported to hospital. It is a 501c3, not-for-profit agency and has a staff of 240 full- and part-time EMTs and paramedics, as well as a communication center operated by 16 full-time system status controllers. Additionally, RAA employs its own maintenance, logistics, billing, IT and reimbursement functions. RAA has run a number of very successful public health and injury prevention programs such as the successful "Rider Alert" motorcycle safety program that has placed more than 1 million identity cards inside riders’ helmets around the world. RAA is also part of the USAF Pararescueman training "pipeline" and delivers clinical placement training to trainee PJs. It also provides fellowship placements for Central and South American-based trauma surgeons as part of the Pan American Trauma Society.

Please welcome this year’s Dick Ferneau Paid EMS Service of the Year… Richmond Ambulance Authority! Please, all come up on the stage to receive your award.

*<Motion to RAA> <Applause> <RAA comes to podium, receives award, Director makes a brief statement of thanks, and takes picture. RAA and Ferno return to seat>*

*[Slide: ZOLL]*

Our next service award is the ZOLL Volunteer EMS Service of the Year. To help present this award, I invite Michael Parascandola of ZOLL to join me on stage. Michael, please come up…

*<Michael comes to podium.>*

And now, we are pleased to recognize the recipient of the **2015 ZOLL Volunteer EMS Service of the Year**… **Calvert Advanced Life Support** of Prince Frederick, Maryland!

Calvert Advanced Life Supportis the sole advanced life support asset providing 100% volunteer emergency medical services to the citizens of Calvert County, Md. Calvert is one of nine departments providing fire, rescue and EMS to the community through the tiered response in partnership with seven departments providing basic life support and transport units. The department responds to 5,000 calls for service a year and consists of approximately 72 advanced-level EMS providers and 60 basic life support members. Training is key to Calvert's operations with an on-site training space and simulation laboratory available to members 24/7. The agency also has a Paramedic Early Intervention Program (PEIP) that places ALS gear on every BLS unit in the county, thus enabling paramedics to respond from any fire station on the ambulance and instantly upgrade the transport unit to the level of ALS. Calvert ALS participates in countywide and mandated online safety training courses and has a designated infection control officer.

*[Slide: Volunteer Service Award]*

Please welcome our Volunteer Service of the Year… Calvert Advanced Life Support!

All, please join us on stage.

*<Motions to Calvert ALS> <Applause> <Calvert ALS comes to stage, receives award, and takes picture. ZOLL and NAR reps return to seat>*

*<Scott returns to seat; Chuck returns to the podium.>*

**Chuck:**

Thank you Scott and congratulations to all of our winners. Let’s give all of our 2015 award recipients a big round of Applause.

*<Pause for Applause>*

**Chuck:**

*[Slide: Presidential Leadership Award]*

Each year, the NAEMT President may recognize one or more individuals who have gone above and beyond in supporting our organization through the NAEMT Presidential Leadership Award. This year, I would like to bestow this award on some very worthy individuals. Would Jeff Messerole, Mike Szczygiel and Dr. Gustavo Flores please join me on the stage.

*<Pause> <Applause>*

My first award is presented with sincere gratitude to Jeff Messerole, chair of our AMLS Committee.

*[Slide: Messerole]*

Jeff’s background as a clinical instructor, American Heart Association Training Center coordinator, EMS paramedic and Army medic… certainly enhance our level of knowledge at NAEMT. Jeff’s leadership was instrumental in the second edition of the AMLS course.

Jeff… for your dedicated service to NAEMT, your commitment to EMS practitioners around the world, and the stellar reputation of the AMLS program… thank you! Please accept this award as a token of our appreciation.

*<Applause> <Stay on stage for photo> <Jeff steps back>*

*[Slide: Szczygiel]*

Mike Szczygiel is very deserving of this award for his dedicated service as chair of the EMS Safety Committee, and his leadership in developing the 2nd edition of the EMS Safety course. Mike has rounded experience… as a paramedic, clinician, educator, administrator and litigation consultant… that has been critical to the expansion of our EMS Safety program.

Mike… it is with profound appreciation that we honor your commitment to NAEMT and the safety of EMS practitioners. Please accept this award with our sincere thanks…

*<Applause> <Stay on stage for photo> <Mike steps back>*

*[Slide: Flores]*

And finally…Dr. Gustavo Flores. Gustavo has helped bridge NAEMT with our Spanish-speaking EMS community. He is NAEMT’s advocacy coordinator for Puerto Rico, administrator our NAEMT Español Facebook page – and has most recently helped us develop the Spanish language section of our website. Gustavo is a physician, flight medic, and an NAEMT instructor.

On behalf of NAEMT and Spanish-language EMS communities around the world… thank you, Gustavo. Please accept this award and my personal gratitude for all that you do.

*<Applause> <Stay on stage for photo> <Jeff, Mike and Gustavo return to seats.>*

**Chuck:***[Slide: Rocco V. Morando award]*

The Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award is NAEMT’s most prestigious award. It is granted to those few individuals who, through their actions, leadership and spirit, have demonstrated a lifetime commitment and dedication to the advancement of EMS. NREMT is the generous sponsor of this award. I now ask Severo “Tré” Rodriguez, Executive Director of NREMT to join me at the podium.

*< Tré joins Chuck at the podium>*

**Chuck:**

Our 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient has spent the majority of his professional career as a pediatric emergency physician with a special focus on emergency medical services.

After receiving his medical training, he continued as academic faculty in the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and practiced Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin for 12 years. He then joined the University of Alabama Birmingham, School of Medicine in 1996. He is currently Professor of Pediatrics, Division Director and C. Phillip McWane Endowed Chair in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, and Vice-Chair of Clinical Services in the Department of Pediatrics.

Our recipient is board certified in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine. His primary academic interest has been the out-of-hospital care of ill and injured children. In addition to published manuscripts, he has served on and chaired numerous national EMS committees and has contributed to the nationally standardized pediatric curricula used to educate EMS practitioners.

He served:

* From 1989 to 1998 as an AAP-appointed member and then Chair of the Joint Review Committee (now the Committee on Accreditation) which is the national accrediting organization for EMS (paramedic) training programs;
* And from 1998 to the present on the Board of the National Registry of EMT’s, most currently as Past Chair.

This year’s recipient has held many other leadership positions at the University, including

* President of the Medical Staff of the Children’s Health System,
* Chair of the Medical Executive Committee,
* Chair of the Committee on Accreditation Credentialing
* Member of the Accreditation Quality Improvement Council,
* And, the School of Medicine’s Risk Management Liability Trust Fund Committee.

As Vice Chair of Clinical Services, this year’s award recipient leads strategic planning for the Department of Pediatrics. As Division Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, he successfully lobbied for and negotiated a contract with the Committee on Accreditation that provided the financial support to build a division of 20 faculty and 9 fellows. In 2010 he became the first recipient of the C. Phillip McWane Endowed Chair in Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

*[Slide: collage of photos transitioning into award photo]*

This award is named for the very first recipient 31 years ago and founding NAEMT member, Rocco V. Morando. It is my distinct pleasure to introduce the recipient of the **2015 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Pete Glaeser!**

*[Slide: Dr. Peter Glaeser name and photo]*

*<Applause>*

<*Dr. Glaeser comes to podium to accept the award and photo*>

**Chuck:**

Dr. Glaeser, thank you very much for your leadership, vision, and tireless efforts to grow and strengthen EMS in our nation.

*[Slide: NAEMT 40th logo]*

This concludes our General Membership Meeting and 40th Anniversary Celebration of Advancing the EMS Profession. Thank you for sharing in this momentous occasion of our association. Now, I invite all of you to join me in room N245 for the NAEMT Member Reception, generously sponsored by NREMT and EMS World, where we will continue to celebrate 40 years of advancing OUR EMS profession. Thank you.