



## **William David Tatum**

### **Statement of Candidacy**

#### **Region II Director**

Greetings from South Carolina. I am William Tatum and I am seeking the position of Region II Director on the NAEMT Board. EMS has been part of my life since 1994 when I joined my local rescue squad in Walhalla South Carolina. I went to work for Oconee Memorial Hospital in April of 1996 in their 911 Communications Department until I transitioned into EMS in 2000 after completing my Paramedic training. Presently, I serve as one of the EMS Supervisors for what is now Prisma Health as well as manage our Communications Department for our Ambulance Service.

Here in South Carolina, I am President-elect of the South Carolina EMS Association, President of the South Carolina EMS Educators Association and chair the Public Information, Education and Relations Team for EMS in the state.

I am presently serving as the South Carolina Membership Coordinator for NAEMT and I am seeking the Director's position within Region II to further my involvement with this wonderful organization which I feel has helped me grow not only as a clinician, but a person as well. Many times, we overlook the other components of EMS that do not involve patient care. Areas of education, continuing education, personal growth, professional growth, self-reflection and sustainability as an industry are all things that we and the NAEMT can nurture. I have attended EMS On The Hill Day for the past two years. You can see that our presence there has been felt and having legislative support is vital for EMS to prosper. By belief in this organization led me to become an NAEMT EMS PAC Founder.

EMS is at a pivotal point as a profession and all of us are in the driver's seat. Evolving programs such as Community Paramedicine/MIH, payment for service rendered models, workforce sustainability models, recognition as a profession and many more regional and national initiatives are in need of our attention. ET3 is on the forefront along with EMS educational requirements and it is without question OUR duty to position ourselves in the Public Safety Profession as doers and thinkers.

Let the NAEMT be the vehicle in which our profession grows stronger and plants its roots deeper within the medical community. Working with other organizations to provide a clear and concise message to clear any confusion of what EMS is. No matter if you are paid or volunteer, public or private, one thing remains clear; we are here to make a positive difference in someone's time of need. Together, we can take EMS where it needs to be.

I have a passion for EMS. My career choice provides for my family and gives me joy to help those in need, only folks like you will understand. I feel I have a lot to offer as the Region II Director on the Board for the NAEMT. I would appreciate your vote during the upcoming election cycle.