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Statement of Candidacy

Region II Director

Dear Colleagues:

This letter serves as my statement of candidacy for the National Association of EMT's Board of Directors.

I believe that the National Association of EMT's is uniquely set to influence the future of the EMS profession, and as a member of the Board of Directors, we have the ability to represent the membership in shaping what the future of this profession is going to be.

If elected, my first goal is to attempt to reach out and meet as many members as possible in the Region II area. As a Board member, being receptive and available to the membership is key. Listening to see what the biggest concerns are on a state-wide and regional level will be key to shaping the future agenda of the NAEMT. Advocacy and Education are two big components of the NAEMT and one of my goals is to continue to advocate for the profession and the great practitioners that are the backbone of healthcare around the globe.

When EMS was being thrust to the forefront of healthcare with the COVID-19 Pandemic, EMS has also experienced a shortage of personnel working in the field. These two items coupled together have created concerns on the local, state, and national level about recruiting new individuals in the profession. As an advocacy organization, these issues not only face EMS, but also the NAEMT.

NAEMT has started a process of working on best practices for recruitment of personnel into the profession through their recruitment and retention guide. Working to address some of the issues associated with recruitment and retention, finding ways to listen to the membership to increase awareness of the issues as to why people are leaving at such high numbers and difficulty with having those positions filled. Additionally, through advocacy, finding ways to keep the increased focus on EMS, while determining ways to increase funding opportunities to lead to higher pay, and better working conditions.

I have considered running for the Board for many years in the past, however, I wasn't ready through a lack of activity. Learning the concept that the members are the key component to making the right decisions was something that I always spoke, but now after having many conversations, hearing what people have to say and solutions that they have already come up with is key. Together Everyone Achieves More make TEAM a true concept, and by serving in the role of the Region II Director will allow an opportunity to build that Region II Team.