



Timothy Dienst Statement of Candidacy

Region IV Director

This letter serves as my official Statement of Candidacy for Region IV Director of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). As an EMS professional, I have served as an EMT and paramedic for private and public entities and in both volunteer and career capacities.

As an EMS leader, I serve as the chief executive officer of a rural EMS agency and as an active member of many local, regional, state, and national committees and task forces. And as an EMS advocate, I have taken a leadership role in drafting, advancing, and passing multiple pieces of key EMS legislation through the Colorado state legislature. For the NAEMT, I currently serve as the Colorado Advocacy Coordinator, member of the Advocacy and Economics Committees, and NAEMT representative to the IAFC and USFA update to the Medical Directors Handbook and EMS Needs Assessment. Through these experiences, I believe I have acquired the requisite expertise, vision, and drive to serve as a productive member of the Board of Directors for NAEMT.

I am seeking this position because I believe it's an exciting time to be engaged in EMS! It's exciting to navigate EMS through the countless challenges facing our industry and, simultaneously, seek opportunities and implement solutions to resolve these challenges. Workforce challenges, supply chain shortages, rising costs, and funding shortfalls are primary EMS challenges. In addition, understanding that being flexible and providing professional and individual growth opportunities for our current and future staff is key to our success. Finally, maintaining and strengthening our relationships with like-minded allied professional associations is vital to our ongoing advocacy strategies and successes.

As a member of the Board, I will work collaboratively and cooperatively to expand established NAEMT programs and leverage the influence of the NAEMT and its partners to develop meaningful and long-term sustainable solutions to the following goals:

- Finding and implementing meaningful funding solutions to enhance EMS agency financial sustainability;
- Exploring and growing educational opportunities for EMS providers to raise their scope of practice, compensation, and benefits;
- Searching for solutions to EMS provider shortages;
- Seeking resolutions to supply chain issues;
- Promoting and expanding NAEMT programs and member benefits;
- Establishing communications with Region IV members; and,
- Raising member awareness of the importance of advocacy efforts at local, state, and national levels.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding my Statement of Candidacy.