



## **Bryan Nelson** **Statement of Candidacy**

### **Region I Director**

My name is Bryan Nelson, and I am running for the Region I Board of Directors seat in the 2022 election and I would like to take a more active role steering EMS into the future.

There are many challenges facing EMS today. First and foremost is the issue of shrinking reimbursement and EMS payment reform. We must find new ways to keep EMS services sustainable in an ever-changing healthcare environment, where our success relies on evolution and adaptation. We must also embrace quality, professionalism, and remain morally grounded. Finally, we must be a persuasive advocate for our workforce. We need to focus on recruitment AND retention. We must ensure that we take care of our providers, physically and mentally. In fact, our team on the workforce committee helped create and review the Mental Health Resiliency Officer Course. Our profession must survive because our communities, and the patients we serve, depend upon us.

If elected, I will continue to actively participate on various local, regional, and national EMS advocacy and leadership committees. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the NREMT and formerly served on the FEMA/HHS ASPR COVID-19 Healthcare Resiliency Task Force - Prehospital Workgroup, NAEMT data, NAEMT workforce, and NAEMT EMS 3.0 committees. My goals will be to improve EMS reimbursement, expand recruitment and retention, and advocate for the clinical & professional advancement of prehospital medicine.

I started my career in EMS in 1989 and my passion for prehospital medicine continues to burn. I have been fortunate enough to work in many different capacities in EMS from ground ambulance, to firefighter/paramedic, to critical care flight paramedic. I currently work 24 hours a week for a busy, municipal, 911 EMS agency. Additionally, I have experience in hospital administration and systems of care, which gives me a unique perspective. I hold a BS in Biology and an MBA in Change Management. I believe that my experience and education will help me contribute to the advancement of these NAEMT initiatives and the transformation of EMS into sustainable organizations that provide the highest quality patient care to our communities.