



# SC EMS Association

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Dear Election Committee Members,

It is with great pleasure that I write you regarding Chief Christopher "Chris" Way. I met Chris several years ago here in South Carolina, he was a speaker at our annual EMS conference and I was a newly elected President of our state association. Though I had never heard of Chris prior to our meeting, he immediately befriended not only myself but numerous South Carolina providers in relationships that continue to grow even today. When I learned that Chris was pursuing running for President Elect of the NAEMT, I was compelled to tell you about my experience and why I believe that he is the ideal candidate for this critical role.

The South Carolina EMS Association (SCEMSA) was a very small and ambitious state association when Chris and I met. We had numerous local issues and very limited engagement with the NAEMT. I'm sure that it no surprise to anyone that Chris immediately engaged and began bridging the gaps in our understanding of what NAEMT had to offer our state. Over the course of the next two days, a foundation was built that led us to our innovative working relationship with the NAEMT and Chris remains a trusted advisor in our growth. The phrase "Advancing the EMS Profession" can take many meaning but to me Chris Way embodies the mission and vision of the NAEMT..... The path of the SCEMSA is forever changed for the better because Chris Way found an opportunity to create a new state level partnership and went above and beyond to help our organization. To me, advancing EMS means providing guidance, leadership, and support to those who seek to improve their respective EMS agencies, associations, or individual understanding. It means resource coordination and grassroots strengthening. In short, Chris went out of his way to empower the SCEMSA to recognize our potential. Among his many talents, I believe that Chris' greatest strength is the ability to empower others and instill a sense of optimism.

It is with this amazing ability that I can confidently state that I believe that Chris Way is exactly what NAEMT needs as their next leader. I believe that he will continue his proven record of advancing EMS by way of stakeholder engagement and inclusion. The South Carolina story is but one example of what I am confident are many. To that end, please accept the Letter of Recommendation for Chief Christopher Way for the position of President-Elect of the National Association of EMTs.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly if I can be further assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Lewis".

Henry Lewis  
Executive Director