



Michael Kaduce, MPS, NRP **Statement of Candidacy**

West Coast Region Director

I am seeking your support for my candidacy as the NAEMT West Region Director and represent our region, including California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii, and delegations outside of the United States. My candidacy will focus on the quality of education provided in our NAEMT Education Courses and combating the real-world challenges faced by EMT and Paramedic professionals. As an educator and paramedic, I will advocate for the 90,000 NAEMT members worldwide, and the future of emergency medicine.

As an educator, I will work alongside the NAEMT authors, medical directors, and educators to ensure the education courses utilize the very best evidence-based, adult education practices. Our favorite courses like PHTLS and AMLS are updated regularly to ensure cutting-edge medicine and treatment practices. It is important that we continue working with the education committee to ensure the delivery of courses match best practices in learning theory and that the policies support instructors and students.

As a paramedic, I have lived the struggles of our EMS providers; time away from family, working multiple jobs, and inadequate compensation. Solutions are not simple. We must continue our advocacy efforts for adequate and appropriate reimbursement, champion public education that demonstrates EMS as an essential service, and advance a system focused on treatment that accepts patients on their level. Our profession is young and dynamic, allowing us the opportunity to work together to overcome these challenges and improve our profession.

We can't forget that each day, our members put their own lives at risk to save the lives of others. It is that spirit I will take with me each day as your NAEMT Director. I ask for your support to join the NAEMT Board of Directors and represent the professional interests of EMS providers.