



## **Bryan Nelson**

### **Statement of Candidacy**

#### **East Central Region Director**

My name is Bryan Nelson, and I am running for the East Central Region Board of Directors seat in the 2023 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 focus on recruitment AND retention. Finally, we must prioritize the health and wellness of the EMS workforce. We must ensure the well-being of our colleagues, both 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. Currently, I serve on the Board of Directors of the National Registry and serve on the NAEMT disaster preparedness and workforce committees. I previously served on the FEMA/HHS ASPR COVID-19 Healthcare Resiliency Task Force - Prehospital Workgroup, the NAEMT data, and EMS 3.0 committees and received an NAEMT presidential leadership award. My goals will be to improve EMS reimbursement, expand recruitment and retention, and advocate for the clinical & professional advancement of prehospital medicine.

I started 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 also have experience in hospital administration, systems of care, and quality improvement, which gives me a unique perspective. I hold a Bachelor of Science 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 patients.