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NAEMT FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

- Formed in 1975 and more than 67,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians ([NAEMT](#)) is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners.
- NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military. NAEMT members are trained as paramedics (53%), EMTs (38%), and physicians, nurses and other prehospital medical professionals (9%).
- A 15-member elected [Board of Directors](#) leads the association. Board members volunteer their time and effort to further the mission of the association. The Board also includes an appointed medical director who is an experienced EMS physician. The Board relies on volunteer committees comprised of members to assist in carrying out the work of the association.
- NAEMT offers its members thousands of dollars in member benefits, including insurance coverage, education scholarships and publication subscriptions, as well as discounts on education resources, EMS merchandise, and conference registration.

EDUCATION

- NAEMT trains more than 113,000 students in 71 countries each year through its network of more than 2,400 training centers and 13,000 faculty members.
- NAEMT is the global standard in continuing education for EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers and provides evidence-based, referenced and field-tested courses that emphasize critical thinking skills to obtain the best outcomes for patients.
- All courses conducted through NAEMT are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Prehospital Continuing Education ([CAPCE](#)) and recognized by the National Registry of EMTs ([NREMT](#)).

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- NAEMT courses include:
 - Advanced Medical Life Support ([AMLS](#)) – 16 hours
 - AMLS Basics (specifically designed for EMTs) – 8 hours
 - All Hazards Disaster Response ([AHDR](#)) – 8 hours
 - Emergency Pediatric Care ([EPC](#)) – 16 hours
 - [EMS Safety](#) – 8 hours
 - EMS Vehicle Operator Safety ([EVOS](#)) – 8 or 16 hours
 - Geriatric Education for EMS ([GEMS](#)) – 8 hours
 - Advanced GEMS – 8 hours
 - [NAEMT Instructor Preparation Course](#) – 6 hours
 - Prehospital Trauma Life Support ([PHTLS](#)) – 16 hours
 - PHTLS for First Responders – 8 hours
 - Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership ([PEPL](#)) – 16 hours
 - Psychological Trauma in the EMS Patient ([PTEP](#)) – 8 hours
 - Tactical Combat Casualty Care / medical personnel ([TCCC-MP](#)) – 16 hours
 - Tactical Combat Casualty Care / all combatants ([TCCC-AC](#)) – 8 hours
 - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care ([TECC](#)) – 16 hours
- New courses in development include:
 - TECC for Law Enforcement and First Responders – 8 hours
 - Critical Care Test Preparation – 16 hours
 - MIH-CP Practitioner – 56 hours classroom and 80 hours clinical rotation
- NAEMT partners with the Public Safety Group of Jones & Bartlett Learning on [Recert.com](#), an online continuing education platform with an integrated course library and CE management tools. Recert currently offers over 200 EMS courses including 250 Fire and Rescue courses.
- NAEMT hosts an annual [World Trauma Symposium](#) to provide prehospital practitioners, military medics, physicians, nurses and educators an exceptional program of global trauma experts presenting the latest trends and research in prehospital trauma care.

ADVOCACY

- NAEMT is at the forefront of national discussions and initiatives that have significant impact on the EMS profession. NAEMT provides a national voice for EMS on issues impacting the ability of EMS practitioners to effectively serve their patients and communities, including:
 - Supporting and strengthening the EMS workforce
 - EMS payment reform
 - Mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedicine
 - Disaster preparedness
 - Military medic transition programs
 - Ensuring the safety of EMS patients and practitioners

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- Working in collaboration with other national organizations, NAEMT successfully advocated for the following federal bills:
 - Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Act – passed Jan. 2019
 - The Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Act – passed Dec. 2018
 - 5-year Extension of Medicare Ambulance Add-on Payments – passed Feb. 2018
 - Length of Service Award Programs Cap Adjustment Priority Act – passed Dec. 2017
 - Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act – passed Nov. 2017
 - Veterans EMS Support Act – passed July 2016
- [EMS On The Hill Day](#), hosted by NAEMT each year, is the national advocacy event for all EMS professionals to meet with their congressional leaders on Capitol Hill and advocate for the passage of key EMS legislation. EMS On The Hill is scheduled for April 10, 2019.
- NAEMT publishes [position statements](#) on critical EMS issues. Our most recent statements address [EMS in U.S healthcare policy](#), [The Value of EMS Stroke Education](#), [An EMS Culture of Personal Resilience and Wellbeing](#), [a National Vision for EMS Data](#), [Ambulance Strike Teams](#), and [Discrimination in EMS](#).
- NAEMT published national reports to spotlight critical challenges and concerns. Most recently, NAEMT published [EMS Preparedness and Mass Casualty Events](#), [the 2nd National MIH-CP Report](#) highlighting the progress made over the last three years, and a report on [Patient Safety Organizations](#).
- NAEMT develops digital resources for EMS and distributes them free of charge to EMS agencies and practitioners across the country. Most recently [A Guide on Developing an EMS Agency Safety Program](#), [A Guide to Building an Effective EMS Wellness and Resiliency Program](#) and [Explaining the Value of EMS 3.0 to Payers](#) were produced and disseminated.
- NAEMT promotes the value of EMS to our communities through [national awards](#) that recognize outstanding contributions to the EMS profession, and the promotion of national [EMS Week](#).
- The [EMS 3.0 Workshops](#), hosted by NAEMT offer strategies from EMS, healthcare and governmental leaders to help agencies thrive in an outcomes-based healthcare economy. The next two workshops, scheduled for April 9, 2019, will present strategies for explaining the value of EMS and building relationships with payers, and an overview of the clinical knowledge and skills needed to provide community paramedic care.
- NAEMT seeks partnerships with companies that provide products and services to the EMS industry to collaborate on issues of mutual interest. These partnerships are structured through NAEMT's [Corporate Partner Program](#).