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## NAEMT FACT SHEET

### OVERVIEW

- Formed in 1975 and more than 72,000 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 paramedics, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, 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 (61%), EMTs (38%), and physicians, nurses and other prehospital medical professionals (1%).
- 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, free access to NAEMT's Amazon Business PRIME account and industry group purchasing programs such as Savvik and NPPGov, EMS education scholarships, degree completion scholarships from Columbia Southern University, free EMS webinars, as well as discounts on education resources such as Recert, EMS specialty certifications through IBSC, EMS equipment from Eko, EMS merchandise from 5.11 Tactical, conference registration to EMS World Expo and EMS Today, and much more. View NAEMT [Member Benefits](#).

### ADVOCACY

- NAEMT is at the forefront of national discussions and initiatives that have significant impact on the EMS profession. Since March 2020, efforts have focused on advocating for our nation's paramedics and EMTs serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 public health emergency response and include:
  - Working to ensure that our EMS practitioners receive priority access to PPE and testing, and that our EMS agencies receive direct relief for the overwhelming costs of fighting the pandemic combined with the financial impact of unprecedented reductions in overall 9-1-1 medical calls.
  - Conducting ongoing nationwide grassroots advocacy campaigns to support EMS.,
  - Sending letters to the [President](#) and to leaders in [Congress](#), [CMS](#), [HHS](#), [DHS](#), and [DOJ](#).
  - Sharing with [national media](#) the heroic work being performed by paramedics and EMTs during this pandemic and the challenges they face in serving their patients and protecting themselves and their families.

- [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 or virtually to advocate for the passage of key EMS legislation.
- NAEMT publishes [position statements](#) and [comments](#) on critical EMS issues. Our most recent comments include the need for increased funding for rural EMS through the SIREN grant program, opposition to the [legal size and weight limits of trucks](#), the need for hospitals to ensure that the provisions of the [Ryan White Act](#) are implemented, and reimbursement for EMS provision of “[treatment-in-place](#)” care to patients.
- NAEMT published national reports to spotlight critical challenges and concerns. Most recently, NAEMT published the results of a [national survey on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on EMS agencies](#) and a [national report on violence against EMS practitioners](#).
- NAEMT develops digital resources for EMS and distributes them free of charge to EMS agencies and practitioners across the country. Recent publications include [A Guide on Developing an EMS Agency Safety Program](#), and [A Guide to Building an Effective EMS Wellness and Resiliency Program](#).
- 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](#).
- 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](#).
- NAEMT also hosts the [EMS Corporate Engagement Council](#) to provide a forum for those who supply the EMS industry with products and services and those who provide EMS care to discuss key issues impacting the industry and understand their implications.

## EDUCATION

- NAEMT provides continuing education to over 100,000 EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers in 78 countries. NAEMT works with more than 16,000 instructors through our network of 2,400 approved training centers to conduct our courses. 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.
- NAEMT courses 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
  - All Hazards Disaster Response ([AHDR](#)) – 8 hours
  - Community Paramedicine ([CP](#)) Series
  - Emergency Pediatric Care ([EPC](#)) – 16 hours
  - [EMS Safety](#) – 8 hours
  - EMS Vehicle Operator Safety ([EVOS](#)) – 8 or 16 hours
  - First On The Scene ([FOTS](#)) – 4 hours
  - Geriatric Education for EMS ([GEMS](#)) Core or Advanced – 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 ([TCCC](#)) – 16 hours
  - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care ([TECC](#)) – 16 hours
  - TECC for Law Enforcement and First Responders ([TECC-LEO](#))
- New courses in development include:
  - Critical Care Test Review – 16 hours
  - Mental Health Resilience Officer ([MHRO](#)) – 8 hours
- NAEMT partners with Jones & Bartlett Learning Public Safety Group on [Recert.com](#), an online continuing education platform with an integrated course library and CE management tools. Recert offers over 200 EMS and 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.
- NAEMT conducts free webinars for our members to help them in the field. Recent topics include:
  - Enhancing Patient Care Through Telehealth
  - Achieving Mental Health Resilience – a Roadmap for Practitioners and Agencies
  - How To Increase EMS Medicaid Reimbursements
  - Prehospital Stroke Management: What To Do and Where To Go
  - How to Increase EMS Medicaid Reimbursements
  - Understand Your Ground Ambulance Costs – how to prepare for cost collection
  - Catch the Big Grant: SIREN/SAMHSA Grant Application Training
  - Prehospital 12-lead ECG Interpretation: Essentially Speaking
  - Decoding the Abdominal Black Box: Differential Diagnosis and Management of Abdominal Complaints