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## NAEMT FACT SHEET

### OVERVIEW

- Formed in 1975 and over 75,000 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 (60%), EMTs (39%), 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 NPPGov and Savvik, EMS education scholarships, degree completion scholarships from Columbia Southern University, free EMS webinars, as well as discounts on education resources such as Recert, ReelDx, Jones & Bartlett Learning Public Safety Group, EMS specialty certifications through IBSC, EMS equipment from Eko, EMS merchandise from 5.11, conference registration to EMS World Expo 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. We represent our members on the issues that impact the EMS work environment and the ability of EMS practitioners to effectively serve their patients. The COVID-19 public health emergency reinforced our nation's need for a strong and resilient EMS workforce that can respond to the emergent, urgent, and preventative healthcare needs of community residents, as well as to disasters and public health crises. To support this goal, NAEMT advocates by:
  - Educating congressional leaders and federal agencies on the role of EMS in healthcare, public health and public safety. EMS responds to 42.6 million calls for medical assistance per year. In addition to serving as a vital component of our nation's healthcare system, EMS serves a critical role in disaster response and public health crises and provides an effective resource for building strong community resilience.

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- Conducting ongoing nationwide grassroots advocacy campaigns to support EMS.
  - Sharing with [national media](#) the heroic work performed by paramedics and EMTs and the challenges they face in serving their patients and protecting themselves and their families.
  - Building a political action committee to support candidates for federal elected office who champion EMS.
- [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.
  - NAEMT publishes national reports to spotlight critical challenges and concerns, including the [national report on violence against EMS practitioners](#) and the [results of a national survey on EMS utilization of COVID-19 reimbursement waivers](#).
  - NAEMT develops digital resources for EMS and distributes them free of charge to EMS agencies and practitioners across the country. Recent publications include: [Innovative Recruitment Strategies for EMS Agencies](#), [Cost Collection Guide for EMS Agencies](#), [Guide for Developing an EMS Agency Safety Program](#), and [Guide to Building an Effective EMS Wellness and Resilience 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 130,000 EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers annually in more than 80 countries. NAEMT works with more than 17,000 instructors through our network of 2,500 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 for EMS and prehospital practitioners 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](#)) – 8 hours
  - [NAEMT Instructor Preparation](#) – 6 hours
  - Mental Health Resilience Officer Course ([MHRO](#)) – 8 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](#))
- 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 hundreds of 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 on a [variety of clinical and operational topics](#) to help them in the field.