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## NAEMT FACT SHEET

### OVERVIEW

- Formed in 1975 and over 90,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians ([NAEMT](#)) is the only national association representing the professional interests of paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders and other professionals providing prehospital and out-of-hospital emergent, urgent or preventive medical care.
- NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military. They also work in hospitals, clinics and other healthcare settings.
- NAEMT serves its members by advocating on issues that impact their ability to provide quality patient care, providing high-quality education that improves the knowledge and skills of practitioners, and supporting EMS research and innovation.
- 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. The association is supported by a team of professional [staff](#).
- NAEMT offers its members exclusive and budget-friendly [Member Benefits](#).

### ADVOCACY

- NAEMT is at the forefront of national discussions and initiatives that have significant impact on the EMS profession. We advocate on behalf of the EMS profession on issues such as workforce recruitment and retention, EMS practitioner and patient safety, reimbursement, increased funding for EMS in rural and medical underserved areas, integration with the healthcare continuum, and community paramedicine. NAEMT:
  - Advocates to members of Congress and their staff for legislation that supports quality EMS patient care and protects EMS practitioners through:
    - Nationwide grassroots advocacy campaigns
    - A professional lobbying team
    - Contributions to candidates for federal office who champion EMS through NAEMT's EMS PAC

- Connects NAEMT leaders with members of the national and regional media to provide insight into the important role of EMS and challenges that impact their delivery of quality patient care.
- Educates representatives of federal agencies with jurisdiction over EMS on the challenges that agencies and practitioners face in providing quality patient care.
- Makes resources available to state and local EMS organizations to help them advocate to their state and local elected officials.
- Sends letters and comments to the U.S. President and the leaders in Congress and federal agencies.

[View Letters/Comments](#) | [View NAEMT Positions](#) | [View Key Legislative Issues](#)

- [EMS On The Hill Day](#), hosted by NAEMT each year, is the largest national advocacy event for all EMS professionals to meet with their congressional leaders on Capitol Hill 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.
- NAEMT develops digital resources for EMS and distributes them free of charge to EMS agencies and practitioners across the country.
- 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 170,000 EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers in 90 countries. NAEMT works with more than 18,000 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](#)).
- NAEMT course curricula are developed by collaborative teams of clinicians, EMS educators and medical directors. Our teams review current publications relevant to our course content, and incorporate the latest research, newest techniques and innovative teaching approaches to provide our students with the best possible learning experience. New programs and major revisions of current programs are field tested to ensure their relevancy and appropriateness. All course content is reviewed and updated at least once every four years to keep up with advances in the field and feedback from participants.

- NAEMT offers courses in:
  - [Prehospital trauma](#) for civilian, tactical and military environments, and disaster response:
    - All Hazards Disaster Response (AHDR) – 8 hours
    - Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) – 16 hours
    - PHTLS for First Responders (PHTLS-FR) – 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) – 8 hours
  - [Prehospital medical](#) courses on advanced life support, pediatric and geriatric EMS care, psychological trauma, and community paramedicine:
    - Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) – 16 hours
    - Community Paramedicine (CP) Series – 3.5-6 hours
    - Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) – 16 hours
    - Geriatric Education for EMS (GEMS) – 8 hours
    - Psychological Trauma in the EMS Patient (PTEP) – 8 hours
  - [EMS operational](#) courses on safety, emergency vehicle operator safety, mental health resilience, ethics, and EMS instruction:
    - EMS Safety – 8 hours
    - EMS Safety Officer (ESO) – 5 hours
    - EMS Vehicle Operator Safety (EVOS) – 8 or 16 hours
    - Mental Health Resilience Officer Course (MHRO) – 8 hours
    - Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership (PEPL) – 16 hours
    - NAEMT Instructor Preparation Course – 6 hours
  - [Bystander](#) education to train bystanders on what to do until help arrives on the scene:
    - First On The Scene (FOTS) – 4 hours
- NAEMT partners with Jones & Bartlett Learning Public Safety Group on [Recert.com](https://www.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.