

# 2021 NAEMT Committees and Working Groups

*Advancing the EMS Profession*



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## 25 NAEMT Committees, Working Groups

Comprised of:

- 16 committees
- 3 councils
- 3 coordinator networks  
(membership, education and advocacy)
- 3 active author teams
- The NAEMT Foundation
- Plus, project teams on a variety of initiatives including  
drafting position statements and comments

Over 400 members  
actively participate  
on NAEMT  
committees,  
councils, networks,  
and other working  
groups



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## Broad Categories of Work



Association governance and administration



EMS Education



Programs and Initiatives to support and advocate for the EMS profession

## Governance and Administration

- Affiliate Advisory Council
- Candidacy and Elections Committee
- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee
- Network of Membership Coordinators
- NAEMT Foundation



## Affiliate Advisory Council

- Chris Way, *Chair*; Debbie Von Seggern-Johnson, *Vice-Chair*.
- Quarterly conference calls focused on:
  - The results of the national survey of state EMS associations conducted by the AAC in 2020.
  - Listening session with representatives from the National Governors Association and National Conference of State Legislatures.
  - EMS funding sources with presentations by the Public Consulting Group and South Carolina EMS Association.
  - In person annual meeting in Atlanta will focus on current state of EMS with presentations by federal partners, national EMS association leaders, and legislative experts.

Currently, 44 affiliated organizations.

New 2021 affiliate: **Idaho Fire Chiefs Association.**

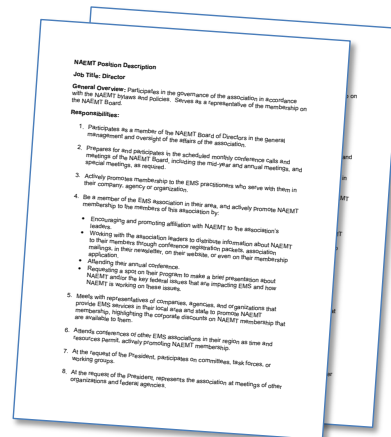
Welcomed back the **Wyoming EMS Association.**



## Candidacy and Elections Committee

### Committee Members

- Dennis Wilham, *Chair*
- Rod Barrett
- Ken Bouvier
- John Fitzsimmons
- Don Lundy
- Dennis Rowe



## Executive Committee

- Bruce Evans, President
- Susan Bailey, President-elect
- Chris Way, Treasurer
- Troy Tuke, Secretary
- Matt Zavadsky, Immediate Past President



## Finance Committee

### Committee Members

- Chris Way,  
*Chair and NAEMT Treasurer*
- Susan Bailey
- Brandon Means
- Bryan Nelson
- Jon Washko
- Matt Zavadsky



## Membership Committee

### Committee Members

- Henry Lewis, *Chair*
- Danielle Cortez Devito
- Gustavo Flores
- Brandon Foshee
- Elkin Fuentes Bellestas
- Sandra Hultz
- Melissa McNally
- Andrew Neill
- Josh Pelonio
- Les Powell
- Howard Schwartz
- William Tatum
- Eric Van Dusen



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## Membership Committee Activities

- **Launched new initiative to increase the** number of partnerships with state associations to offer combined membership. Established the first combined agency membership with South Carolina EMS Association.
- Additional personalized email from Committee Chair to all members whose membership is ending, asking them to continue their membership.
- Conducted EMS Week Raffle for NAEMT members.
- Upgraded Amazon Business benefit to include PRIME benefits
- Worked with staff to conduct tri-annual member satisfaction survey.
- Working with network of 25 Membership Coordinators to conduct membership outreach in their states. Coordinators exhibited at four state conferences.

### New benefits:

Discount on Eko stethoscopes,  
discount on EMS Wellness Support program from healthPERX,  
NPPgov group purchasing membership with exclusive NAEMT member discounts.



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## NAEMT Foundation



### Foundation Trustees

- Don Lundy, *President*
- Cory Richter, *Vice President*
- Connie Meyer, *Secretary*
- Chris Way, *Treasurer*
- Rod Barrett
- Rick Ellis
- Fergus Laughridge
- Scott Matin
- Jason Scheiderer



**Are you considering a career in EMS?**

The NAEMT Foundation works to strengthen and build the future of EMS.

The NAEMT Foundation:

- Awards scholarships
- Provides EMS career information
- Educates the public about EMS

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*Foundation*

For more information, visit the NAEMT Foundation at [www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org) in the "About NAEMT" section.



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## NAEMT Foundation Activities

- Awarded a total of eight scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing a career in EMS.
- Provided support for the virtual HOSA international leadership conference.
  - Provided six judges for the EMS competition.
  - Rick Ellis presented an EMS educational session.
- NAEMT Foundation set up as a charitable organization on AmazonSmile.
- Creating Foundation Facebook page so that members can set up donation fundraisers on their Facebook page.



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## EMS Education

- Education Committee
- Regional European Education Committee
- Latin American Education Committee
- Mideast Education Committee
- Education Coordinator Networks – USA and international
- Advanced Medical Life Support
- Emergency Pediatric Care
- Prehospital Trauma
- AHDR, Safety and GEMS Author Teams



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## Education Committee

### Committee Members

- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Rick Ellis, <i>Chair</i> | • Jason Scheiderer           |
| • Susan Bailey             | • Jeri Smith                 |
| • Brett Cross              | • Macara Trusty              |
| • Ken Dalessandro          | • Debbie Von Seggern-Johnson |
| • Karen Larsen             | • Patrick Wick               |
| • Jeff Lindsay             |                              |
| • Jeff Messerole           |                              |
| • Dave Page                |                              |



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## Education Committee Activities

- Monitored how our education policies were being implemented in the field as the pandemic continued.
- Reviewed pandemic policies to determine which ones were working effectively and could be adopted on a permanent basis.
- Reviewed and commented on many key EMS education documents covering EMS education standards, continued competency, and recertification requirements.
- Worked with staff to develop the program for the annual Faculty Meeting.
- Recommended a new webinar series for 2022 for NAEMT instructors to provide best practices in conducting NAEMT courses.
- Worked with U.S. education coordinators to conduct an analysis of areas of the country with little to no access to NAEMT courses, and now working with individual states to address these gaps.



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## Regional European Education Committee

- Patrick Wick (France), *Chair*
- Riana Constantinou (Cyprus), *Vice-Chair*

Albania	Germany	Poland
Austria	Greece	Portugal
Belgium	Ireland	Serbia
Bulgaria	Italy	Spain
Cyprus	Latvia	Sweden
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Switzerland
Denmark	Netherlands	Ukraine
France	Norway	United Kingdom
Georgia		



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## Latin American Education Committee

- Elkin Fuentes (Colombia), *Chair*
- Edwin Davila (Ecuador), *Vice-Chair*

Argentina	Ecuador
Bolivia	El Salvador
Brazil	Honduras
Chile	México
Colombia	Panama
Costa Rica	Peru



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## Mideast Education Committee

- Created in July

Afghanistan	Lebanon
Bahrain	Oman
Egypt	Saudi Arabia
Israel	Syria
Jordan	United Arab Emirates



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## Advanced Medical Life Support

### Committee Members

- Jeff Messerole, *Chair*
- Dr. Vince Mosesso, Medical Director
- Dr. Jeff Jarvis, Associate Medical Director
- Dr. Zack Louderback, Associate Medical Director
- Dr. Bengt Eriksson
- Michael Kaduce
- Kelly Kohler
- Ruben Farnsworth



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## AMLS Committee Activities

- Committee Members helped us to finalize the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition AMLS hybrid and refresher courses.
- AMLS Medical Director Vince Mosesso led a webinar on prehospital stroke management.
- The committee also reviewed and provided comment to draft positions and statements on several EMS medical patient issues.
- The committee is working on guidance to provide instructors who are teaching the didactic portion of the course virtually.



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## Emergency Pediatric Care Committee

### Committee Members

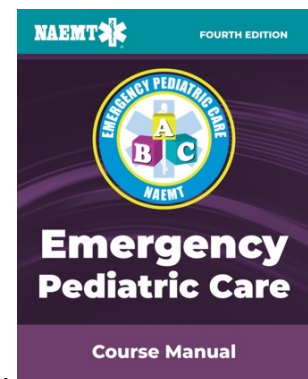
- Shannon Watson, *Chair*
- Dr. Kate Remick, Medical Director
- Dr. Mark Cicero, Associate Medical Director
- Dr. Ann Dietrich, Associate Medical Director
- Dr. Emily Nichols, Associate Medical Director
- Jonathan Willoughby
- Sabine Sagner
- Jeremy Sidlauskas
- Dr. Sylvia Owusu-Ansah, AAP Liaison



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## EPC Committee Activities

- The Committee participated in the finalization of all 4<sup>th</sup> edition course materials including:
  - Revised Instructor Toolkit with new lessons, case studies and patient simulations.
  - New Course Manual.
  - New 8-hour Refresher Course.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> edition online Instructor Update.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> edition hybrid course.
- 4<sup>th</sup> edition course materials will be ready for instructors this month.
- Big shout out to Melissa McNally for helping out with the final review of the Course Manual chapters!



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## Prehospital Trauma Committee

- Dennis Rowe, *Chair*
- Dr. Warren Dorlac, PHTLS Medical Director
- Dr. Meg Morgan, PHTLS Assoc. Medical Director
- Dr. Alexander L. Eastman, Tactical Medical Director
- Dr. Andrew Pollak, PHTLS Medical Editor
- Dr. Frank Butler, Military Medical Advisor
- Dr. J.C. Pitteloud
- Joanne Piccininni
- Jim McKendry
- Anthony Harbour
- Mark Litwinko
- Brian Simonson



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## PHT Committee Activities

- Updated our TECC and TECC-LEO curricula to ensure consistency with the latest guidance from the Committee on TCCC regarding tourniquets.
- Drs. Warren Dorlac and Meg Morgan led the committee's efforts to develop a tremendous World Trauma Symposium program that will be held as a live and live stream event on October 5.
- Our team of PHT medical directors have been meeting with their counterparts at ATLS to finalize which ATLS changes will be included in the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of PHTLS.
- 10<sup>th</sup> edition PHTLS Medical Editor, Dr. Andrew Pollak recruited the very top trauma experts to serve as our chapter editors for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition. These chapter editors are now working on the textbook.



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## EMS Safety 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

- Contributing authors: Garrett Hedeem, Justin Koper, Jeff White, Michael Kaduce, Ryan Ockey, and Dr. Douglas Kupas (Medical Director)
- New lessons, case studies, activities, and test completed. Course manual nearing completion. Instructor update in development.
- Scheduled for publication: January 2022



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## Geriatric Education for EMS (GEMS) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

- Contributing authors: Kelly Kohler, Joanne Piccininni, Jeff Messerole, John Shanley, Jarrod Nall, Terri King, Mike Frith, and Dr. Sue Schemel (Medical Director)
- New lessons, case studies, patient simulations, test and course manual in medical review. Instructor update in development.
- Scheduled for publication: April 2022



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## All Hazards Disaster Response 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

- Contributing authors: Chris Hadis, Brian Simonson, Debbie Bell, Rebecca Carmody, Allison Knox, Pete Stockwell, Jason Powell, Jonathan Alford, Megan Middleton, and Jay Gould.
- New lessons, case studies, patient simulations, test and course manual in development.
- Scheduled for publication: mid-2022



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## Other Ongoing Education Projects

- Community Paramedicine curricula – Courses on Motivational Interviewing, Wellness and Nutrition and Hospice and Palliative Care have published and are available to all training centers.

Courses in production: Geriatric, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Neurology, Respiratory Disorders, Children with Special Healthcare Needs and Clinical Medicine.

Expected publication in Q4 2021 and Q1 2022.

- Critical Care Test Review – still in the pipeline, but delayed. Expected now in early to mid 2022.



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## Programs and Initiatives to Support and Advocate for the EMS Profession

- Advocacy Committee
- Network of Advocacy Coordinators
- EMS Disaster Preparedness Committee
- EMS Economics Committee
- EMS Lighthouse Leadership Committee
- EMS Workforce Committee
- Military Relations Council



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## Advocacy Committee

### Committee Members

- |                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Troy Tuke, <i>Chair</i>         | • Dennis Nolan                |
| • Susan Bailey, <i>Vice-Chair</i> | • Chris Way, <i>PAC Chair</i> |
| • Allison G.S. Knox               | • Jason White                 |
| • Brian Schaeffer                 | • Kyle Wolber                 |
| • Kevin Todd                      | • Debbie Von Seggern-Johnson  |
| • Tim Dienst                      | • Matt Zavadsky               |
| • Mark Kennedy                    |                               |
| • Steven Kroll                    |                               |



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## Advocacy Committee Activities

- Reviewed and made recommendations on 19 U.S. congressional bills that would impact EMS.
- Developed and participated in advocacy campaigns on
  - FY2022 Funding for The Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Law
  - Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 2021
  - H.R. 2354, EMS Counts Act of 2021
  - Permanent Reimbursement for EMS Treatment in Place (TIP)
  - Opposing Interim Final Rule on Surprise Billing



## Advocacy Committee Activities

- Prepared and/or reviewed the following letters:
  - To CMS Administrator on Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System
  - To CMS Administrator on the Interim Final Rule on Surprise Billing
  - To HHS Secretary to distribute remaining Provider Relief funds
  - To House and Senate Transportation Committees to oppose bills increasing truck size/ weight.
  - To HHS Secretary to ensure hospital compliance with the Ryan White Act
  - To House and Senate Appropriations Committees to fund 2022 SIREN Grant at \$20 million,
  - To House and Senate leadership regarding 2% Medicare sequestration.
- Provided oversight to the network of Advocacy Coordinators representing 47 states and territories, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This network meets monthly to receive briefings from the Hill.



## EMS Disaster Preparedness Committee

### Committee Members

- Susan Bailey, *Chair*
- Debra Bell
- David Blevins
- Jake Johnson
- Allison G.S. Knox
- Norm Rooker
- Brian Schaeffer
- Anthony Scott
- Chris Hadis
- William Tatum
- Rebecca Carmody
- Virginia Ruiz



## EMS Disaster Preparedness Committee Activities

- Receive quarterly briefing on NASEM MedPrep Forum discussions.
- Maintain liaison relationship with all NFPA technical committees.
- Maintain liaison relationships with FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee, SAFECOM Emergency Response Council, and IAEM Health Care Caucus.
- Held webinar on Global Response to COVID pandemic.
- Vetted guidelines and policies posted on [NAEMT's COVID-19 Resources](#) pages on the NAEMT web site.
- Met with Dr. Alex Eastman regarding DHS top threats and the role of EMS in preparation and response.
- Prepared letter from NAEMT President to new ASPR and FEMA appointments.

## EMS Economics Committee

### Committee Members

- Matt Zavadsky, *Chair*
- Jonathan Washko, *Vice-Chair*
- Chris Hanson
- Bryan Nelson
- Tim Dienst
- Kim Holman
- Dennis Rowe
- Matthew Streger

- Mike Thomas
- Jason White

### Technical Advisors

- James Dachos
- Dr. Doug Kupas

### Liaison Members

- Randy Strozyk (AAA)
- Jimmy Pierson (AIMHI)
- Jerry Overton (IAED)

- Chief Chris Shimer, Ret. (IAFC)
- Guy Dansie (NASEMSO)
- Dr. David Tan (NAEMSP)
- Dr. Caleb Ward (AAP)

## EMS Economics Committee Activities

- Developed and facilitated 3-part Telehealth in EMS webinar series.
- Collaborated with Public Consulting Group on 4-part webinar series covering strategies to recover more Medicaid reimbursement, EMS cost reporting and financial data collection.
- Published new EMS cost collection guide to help agencies prepare to report to CMS.
- Developed 2021 national survey on COVID-19 impact on EMS agencies and personnel. Executive summary of survey results published and distributed nationally to advance on behalf of EMS.
- Reviewing the draft CAMTS MIH standards.

## EMS Lighthouse Leadership Committee

- Macara Trusty, *Chair*
- Juan Cardona
- Chris Cebollero
- Rom Duckworth
- Dave Edgar
- Baxter Larmon
- Steve Wirth



## Lighthouse Leadership Committee

- Developed a proposal for the Board that covered all of the components for a leadership mentor program.
- The proposal calls for program implementation beginning in January, 2022.



## EMS Workforce Committee

### Committee Members

- Rob Luckritz, *Chair*
- Maria Beermann-Foat
- Garrett Hedeem
- Aaron Florin
- Julius Jackson
- Dan Miller
- Bryan Nelson
- Mike Szczygiel
- Mike Thomas
- Travis Wilson



## EMS Workforce Committee Activities

- Updated NAEMT position statement on EMS as an Essential function.
- Developed materials and resources for a new publication “Innovative Strategies for EMS Recruitment and Retention.” Materials are now with Jenifer Goodwin for summarizing and publishing.
- Recommended creation of a COVID19 vaccination resources web page.
- Reviewed and approved announcement for new Diversity Scholarship.
- Reviewed and made recommendation to Board to sunset original EMT Oath and only post the EMS Code of Ethics on our web site.
- Serving as EMS SMEs and beta testers for the new Mental Health Resilience Officer course.
- Developing recommendations on actions that can be taken in the near to mid term to address the EMS workforce shortage.

## Military Relations Council

### Committee Members

- Michael Williamson,  
*Chair*
- Dr. Frank Butler  
*Military Medical Advisor*
- Christina Brown
- Chris Dent
- Chris Garvey
- Michael Griffith
- Craig Hall
- Chris Heppel
- Jeffrey Maler

- Jeremy Miller
- Wesley Mundy
- Kyle Wolber

### Liaison Members

- Harold Montgomery  
Co-TCCC
- MSG Mike Remley  
DHA-JTS
- SFC Hunter Black  
U.S. Army
- SMSgt Valarie Lee  
U.S. Air Force

- MSgt Ashley Jackson  
U.S. Air Force
- CAPT Ben Walrath, MD  
U.S. Navy
- HMC John Ingram  
U.S. Navy
- CAPT Shane Steiner, MD  
U.S. Coast Guard
- CDR Jim Fenno, MD  
U.S. Coast Guard
- Ray Mollers, NREMT
- John Dominguez, SOMA



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## Military Relations Council Activities

- Partnered with DHA-JTS to discuss and develop possible actions to address issues of mutual concern.
- Worked with the U.S. Coast Guard to add this branch of the U.S. Armed Services for eligibility for the NAEMT Military Medic of the Year Award.
- Reviewed the North Carolina military medic equivalency policy.
- Received monthly briefings from liaisons.
- Developing new position statement to advocate for civilian EMS certifications for all U.S. military medics.



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Thank you for your tremendous  
contributions to advance our profession!