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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 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 and podcasts, as well as discounts on education resources such as Recert, ReelDx, 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 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, and
 - 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.
 - Send letters to the [President](#) and to leaders in [Congress](#), [CMS](#), [HHS](#), [DHS](#), and [DOJ](#).
[View NAEMT 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 or virtually to advocate for the passage of key EMS legislation.
 - NAEMT publishes [position statements](#) and [comments](#) on critical EMS issues. Our most recent position statements focus on the [role of EMS in DHS fusion centers](#) and the [need for an EMS-specific Emergency Support Function within FEMA](#). Comments include a letter to Congressional leaders seeking [support for EMS workforce development](#), a letter to Senate leaders seeking [increased funding for rural EMS through the SIREN grant program](#), and a request for congressional funding of the [EMS for Children program](#).
 - NAEMT publishes national reports to spotlight critical challenges and concerns. Most recently, NAEMT published the [2023 National Survey: EMS Economic and Operational Models Executive Summary](#) and the [2022 National Report on EMS Engagement and Satisfaction in EMS](#).
 - NAEMT develops digital resources for EMS and distributes them free of charge to EMS agencies and practitioners across the country. Recent publications include [Creating a Culture of Workforce Engagement in EMS](#), [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 148,000 EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers in 87 countries. NAEMT works with more than 17,700 instructors through our network of 2,600 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;
 - Prehospital Trauma Life Support ([PHTLS](#)) – 16 hours
 - PHTLS for [First Responders](#) – 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](#))
 - All Hazards Disaster Response ([AHDR](#)) – 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
 - Emergency Pediatric Care ([EPC](#)) – 16 hours
 - Geriatric Education for EMS ([GEMS](#)) Core or Advanced – 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 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
 - And courses to train bystanders on what to do until help arrives on the scene.
 - First On The Scene ([FOTS](#)) – 4 hours

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- 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.