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Jon R. Krohmer, MD, Receives NAEMT's Most Prestigious 2025 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award

Ridgeland, Miss. — Jon R. Krohmer, MD, FACEP, FAEMS, will be recognized today with the 2025 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award for his exceptional contributions and solid leadership in the field of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The award is NAEMT's most prestigious, generously sponsored by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ([National Registry](#)). The presentation will be made during NAEMT's General Membership Meeting and 50th Anniversary celebration in Indianapolis, Indiana, held in conjunction with [EMS World Expo](#).

Dr. Krohmer, a board-certified emergency and EMS physician, retired in 2022 after a distinguished 45-year career in EMS and public policy. He has served as the director of the Office of EMS at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the EMS Medical Director for the Caroline County (MD) Department of Emergency Services, the NHTSA Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Program Development, president of the National Association of EMS Physicians, and as a senior leader with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Throughout his career, Dr. Krohmer has been instrumental in advancing EMS through initiatives such as EMS Agenda 2050, the National EMS Information System, revisions to the National EMS Education Standards, and the National EMS Scope of Practice Model. His leadership has been pivotal in strengthening the EMS community.

Chief Christopher Way, BS, President of NAEMT, said: "Dr. Krohmer's enduring dedication to patient care, the EMS community, and the organizations that support them both exemplifies a lifetime of meaningful service and achievement. He has been a true ambassador, helping to carry forward the best of our EMS history while shaping the future of our profession. Through innovation, collaboration, and steadfast leadership, Dr. Krohmer has been a pillar of strength and progress. On behalf of everyone at NAEMT, thank you, Dr. Krohmer, for generously sharing your extraordinary talents and lifelong commitment with us."

"The Rocco V. Morando Award is reserved for those who have truly shaped the future of EMS, and Jon Krohmer embodies that standard," said Mike McEvoy, Chair of the National Registry Board of Directors. "Jon has dedicated his life to advancing EMS and supporting the people who make it happen every day. His vision, steady leadership, and compassion have elevated the profession and inspired generations of clinicians, leaders, and policymakers. Honoring him with this award is not only a recognition of his lifetime of service, but also a celebration of the enduring impact he has had on the health and safety of communities across our nation."

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Dr. Krohmer chairs the Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition and is Associate Medical Editor for NAEMT's Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) course. He previously served as an attending physician and Director of EMS, Emergency Medicine Residency, and the Department of Emergency Medicine at Spectrum Health Butterworth in Grand Rapids, MI. He was also EMS Medical Director for Kent County and the West Michigan Metropolitan Medical Response System. He earned his pharmacy degree from Ferris State, his medical degree from the University of Michigan, and completed his emergency medicine residency and EMS fellowship at Wright State University. Dr. Krohmer is also an Adjunct Professor of Emergency Medicine at Michigan State University and remains active in EMS-related initiatives.

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 110,000 members strong, [NAEMT](#) is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, 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.

About the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

The [National Registry](#), established in 1970 as a non-profit organization, is the Nation's Emergency Medical Services Certification organization. The National Registry is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accreditation body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence. The National Registry maintains NCCA accreditation for each of the four certification programs: Emergency Medical Responder (NREMR), Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (NRAEMT), and Paramedic (NRP). Credentialing protects the public, assures consumers that professionals have met standards of practice, advances the EMS profession, and establishes standards of professional knowledge, skills, and practice.

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