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## Increase in Air Medical Tragedies Prompts Joint Letter to FAA

NAEMT joined the Emergency Nurses Association and the Association of Critical Care Transport in providing a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which supports new rules to improve safety standards. In spite of increases in the incidence of air medical tragedies, such as the one recently in New Mexico, air medical professionals put their patients' well being above any potential for hazard, prompting the [joint letter](#).

## EPC Program Adopts American Academy of Pediatrics PEPP Textbook

NAEMT's Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) program has formally adopted the *American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Pediatric for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), Third Edition* textbook as the required text, beginning with the release of the third edition of EPC. The EPC Committee determined that this textbook provides the very best science available on pediatric prehospital emergency care, and should serve as the medical foundation for our program. The EPC committee has been hard at work preparing for the third edition of EPC. "EPC 3.0" will utilize the teaching philosophy and methodologies which distinguish our course, along with the medical principles found in the PEPP textbook, and some of the most recent peer reviewed literature available to the pediatric medical & trauma community. [Read the full announcement.](#)



## Safety Summit Strives To "Make It a Culture"



The Mile-High RETAC Colorado 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Summit is scheduled for October 21-24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa and Conference Center in Loveland, Colo. This conference will address EMS health issues, such as Professional Resilience: Your Best Under Pressure, and Managing Stress and Preventing Burnout. Additional topics include Quality Improvement Scenarios, the Strategy for a National EMS Culture of Safety, the Role of the Safety Officer, EMS Safety Leadership, and Situational Awareness for Today's EMS Environment. Visit the Mile-High RETAC Safety Summit [website](#) to view the agenda and register, or contact [shirleyterry@comcast.net](mailto:shirleyterry@comcast.net) for additional information.

## September is National Preparedness Month

The theme for this year's National Preparedness Month is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare." Since its inception in 2004, **National Preparedness Month** is observed each September to encourage Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities. FEMA's Ready Campaign, the correlating public education outreach campaign, disseminates information to help the general public prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Help your community prepare - head over to [Ready.gov/September](http://Ready.gov/September) for more information about National Preparedness Month, including weekly breakdowns and many other resources as we move towards September! The 2014 National Preparedness Month logo and toolkit will be coming soon!



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## Do Your Members of Congress Support EMS?

As the Congressional election season heats up, you might hear a lot about what your elected officials do or do not support. *But what is their position on emergency medical services?* Congress is on recess in August and back in their home states to engage their constituents. Government leaders take the opinions of their constituents very seriously, so find out where your elected representatives stand on EMS issues and let them know what EMS needs! Find out [here](#).



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## EMS News Briefs

- Grant opportunities announced from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). [Read more...](#)
- *How To Make Ambulances Safer* explores industry initiatives toward safer ambulances. Skip Kirkwood, representing NAEMT on the CAAS (Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services) Ground Vehicle Standards project, comments on outdated ambulance design. [Read more...](#)
- Paramedics leave nothing to chance in transporting patients with the Ebola virus. Watch this [ambulance ride](#).
- Illinois medics test [Google Glass](#).
- Paramedic program in North Carolina shrinks readmissions and ED use. [Learn more...](#)
- BUMC Publishes Study on EMS in Active Shooter Scenarios. [Read more...](#)

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## Congratulations To Members Advancing Careers With NAEMT Scholarships

We congratulate the following scholarship recipients and extend our best wishes for ongoing achievement and contributions to the EMS profession:

- **EMT-Basic to EMT-Paramedic** (up to \$5,000) - Chelan Phillips, Cabool, Mo.; and James Nardini, Lexington, Ky.
- **Paramedic to Advance EMS** (up to \$2,000) - Leslie Javine, Atascadero, Calif.
- **First Responder to EMT-Basic** (up to \$500) - Ben Hoffman, Watertown, Mass.
- **The College Network** (up to \$2,500) - Jason Gilliam, Montgomery, Texas

[Learn more about NAEMT scholarships](#). Applications are being accepted until **September 15** for the next round of EMS and degree completion scholarships. Login and apply [here](#).

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## Important Dates

- **Today is the last opportunity to submit candidacy materials for the open positions on the NAEMT Board of Directors!** Submit candidacy materials for a leadership position by 12 midnight

Central Time today. Visit the [Elections](#) page to read descriptions for the open positions.

- **Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS**, 17th Surgeon General of the United States, Distinguished Professor, University of Arizona, tops the lineup of global prehospital trauma experts at the World Trauma Symposium on November 10 in Nashville, Tenn. Put the latest research on trauma care to work for your patients!

[Register today!](#)

- **Learn, Engage, Enjoy!** This year's NAEMT Annual Meeting on November 9-11 in Nashville, Tennessee, packs information, education, and networking into one fun-filled event. In fact, the only thing better is that it's free to all members! Meet the leadership of NAEMT, participate in meetings on key EMS issues, and explore ways to get involved in association activities. View the [Annual Meeting schedule here](#).
- **And, you know what they say about all work and no play...** EMS World Expo attendees are invited to join the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association (TASA) and Vanderbilt Lifeflight on Wednesday evening, November 12, at the Tequila Cowboy, the largest Honky Tonk on the Broadway strip, as they host an evening of mechanical bull riding, patch swapping, karaoke, food and music by the up-and-coming band the Twang Bangers! Tickets are \$10, and will be issued in the form of a challenge coin, which is yours to keep. Purchase your ticket at [tennesseeambulance.com](http://tennesseeambulance.com) and pick up your tokens at the TASA Booth at EMS World Expo. Present your token at the door for entry. Proceeds to benefit TASA capital projects. For more information, download the event [flyer](#).

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## Visit Us at the NAEMT Exhibit Booth...

- **Indiana EMS Emergency Response Conference**  
August 21 - 22, Indianapolis, Ind.
- **Massachusetts EMS Conference**  
October 17 - 18, Springfield, Mass.
- **EMS World Expo**  
November 11 - 13, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Texas EMS Conference**  
November 23 - 26, Fort Worth, Texas
- **SOMA Scientific Assembly**  
December 8 - 11, Tampa, Fla.