



May 2015



Happy EMS Week!

Next week, it will be especially meaningful to watch EMS agencies and the communities they serve come together to celebrate the lifesaving work of EMS practitioners. EMS Week symbolizes our national recognition and gratitude for the extraordinary service you and your fellow EMS practitioners provide in responding to the healthcare needs of your communities. Follow us on [Twitter](#) ([#EMSWEEK](#)) and [Facebook](#) as we highlight next week's events. Happy EMS Week!

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

National Mental Health Awareness **Month** is dedicated to increased awareness for those suffering with mental illness. Mental health is an integral part of a person's overall health. As healthcare providers, EMS professionals must recognize and understand mental health conditions in their patients, as well as themselves and their co-workers. Use this month to become more familiar with the mental health **resources** available in your community to support all patients in need.

And, check out the [Code Green Campaign](#) for resources in support of EMS mental health.



Thank You To the Advocates of EMS On The Hill Day

Our sincere gratitude to the 247 emergency and mobile healthcare professionals, from 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, who participated in EMS On The Hill Day on April 29 in Washington, DC! Visits to 244 members of Congress solidified a strong EMS presence and message on Capitol Hill. You can view the April 28 Hill Day briefing [here](#). View photos and other Hill Day information [here](#).

Special awards were presented during the event to recognize outstanding efforts on behalf of field EMS. We appreciate the support and diligence of the following recipients:

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Field EMS Bill Advocate of the Year Awards were presented to (center, left to right) Dr. Ritu Sahni (OR), Tim Dienst (CO) and Keith Douglas (TN) by NAEMT Advocacy Committee Chair Bruce Evans (left) and NAEMT President Chuck Kearns (right). We appreciate your commitment to advocating for the EMS profession! [View the press release.](#)



The Field EMS Legislator of the Year Award was presented to (right) Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) by Chris Way, NAEMT advocacy coordinator and chief of Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services. [View the press release.](#)

EMS Champion Awards were presented to Sen. Bennet (CO); Sen. Cassidy (LA); Sen. Crapo (ID); Rep. Buschon (IN); Rep. Capps (CA); Rep. Heck (NV); and Rep Kinzinger (IL).

What now? The effects of Hill Day and our requests to Congress are beginning to unfold with nine co-sponsors added to [H.R. 1818](#), the Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act, and seven members added to the [EMS Caucus](#), a group of U.S. House members that promotes legislation to support EMS.

Help continue our momentum!

[Call or write](#) your congressional leaders; [email](#) your representatives; and stay connected via [Twitter](#) ([#EMSontheHill](#)) and [Facebook](#).

Recognize the Exemplary in EMS by June 15!

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize a colleague, EMS agency and - new this year - Military Medic for their outstanding commitment and achievement to EMS and quality patient care. The National EMS Awards of Excellence recognizes a recipient from each of the six categories \$1,000 in cash, as well as three core program registrations and \$1,200 in travel and lodging for the 2015 EMS World Expo/NAEMT Annual Meeting, September 15-19, in Las Vegas, Nev. Make your nomination(s) by June 15 [here](#)!

EMS Compass "Call for Measures" Open Until May 31

EMS Compass, an initiative to improve systems of care through meaningful performance measures, needs your feedback! Provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO). EMS Compass offers the opportunity to submit performance measures for potential inclusion in the EMS Compass Measures. Submit measures [here](#).

CAAS Ground Vehicle Comments Accepted Until July 1

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) is asking for the second round of public comment by July 1 for its Ground Vehicle Standard (GVS v.1.0). Second round comments can only focus on the revisions identified during the first round. Download the revised standard and proposed revisions [here](#).

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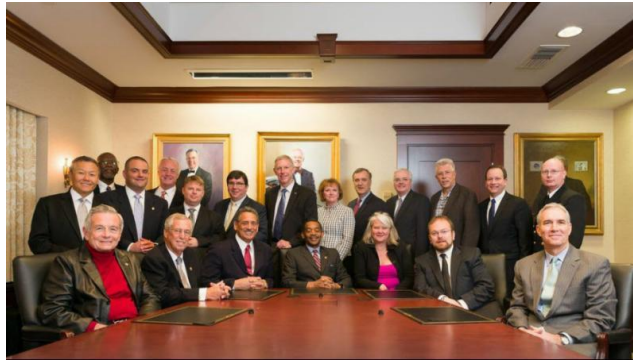
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PHTLS Medical Director Attends Hartford Consensus III

Dr. Norman McSwain (front left), medical director of the Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Committee and professor of Surgery at Tulane University, attended the third meeting of the Hartford Consensus group last month in Hartford, Conn. Participants from public safety and the medical community developed strategies to increase survivability in mass casualty shootings. This third meeting builds on documents known as the Hartford Consensus I and II, which outline the needed response to active shooters as THREAT (Threat suppression; Hemorrhage control; Rapid Extrication to safety; Assessment by medical providers; and Transport to definitive care). Learn more about the [Hartford Consensus](#).



Is Your Community Ready for an Extreme Event?

Find out with a unique role-playing game that brings your EMS team the experience of building community resilience in the face of disaster. The game is offered by the Marian Koshland Science Museum and developed to help people use science to solve problems in their communities. All you need to get started is right [here](#).

Ambulance Today Spring Issue Goes Inside The Ebola Zone

The spring issue of *Ambulance Today*, Europe's leading magazine for prehospital emergency medical and ambulatory care professionals, is available [here](#). Lessons learned from Ebola, prehospital cardiac care, and technology innovations are just a few of the topics offered in this issue.

Member News

- **Congratulations to Chad E. McIntyre** on his appointment to serve as the national air medical representative to the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC). Chad is an NAEMT board member and chairs our EPC Committee. He is also manager of Trauma & Flight Services for Florida's UF Health Jacksonville. Above all, Chad works tirelessly to represent medical services in the air and promote education excellence for all in EMS. *Way to go, Chad!* See the full list of NEMSAC appointments [here](#).
- **Scholarship Applications due June 15!** The next round of EMS scholarships offered by NAEMT are due by June 15. Scholarships are attainable for NAEMT members, have awards of up to \$5,000, and make it possible for recipients to advance their EMS education or earn their degree. Scholarships are available in the following categories: EMR to become an EMT; EMT to become a Paramedic; and Degree Completion scholarship through The College Network. Apply today, right [here](#).
- **Take Full Advantage of Your Benefits!**
 - *Individual Member benefit of the month:* Take advantage of the 25% discount from [EMSGrantsHelp](#), providing you with everything you need to identify and prepare to receive EMS grants. You'll get the most



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- JEMS article looks at patient care records, technology and collaborations. [Read more...](#)
- Hampton-Dumont High School offers its first EMT training calss at 100% student retention. [Read more...](#)
- Article explores use of EMS to increase prehospital organ donation in wake of 123,000+ person transplant wait list. [Read more...](#)

NAEMT Education Dates and Reminders

- **Registration is Open for the World Trauma Symposium on Sept 16 in Las Vegas!** Topics include military medicine, civilian terrorism, patient immobilization, trauma research, and sports concussions. Register [here](#).
- **Registration is Open for NAEMT Education events at EMS World Expo, Sept 15-17 in Las Vegas!** [Remember... NAEMT members receive \\$125 off the three-day core program at Expo!](#)
 - EMS Safety Course 2nd edition Instructor Update - Sept. 15 (morning)
 - AMLS 2nd edition Instructor Update - Sept. 15 (afternoon)
 - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) provider course - Sept. 15-16
 - Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership (PEPL) provider course - Sept. 15-16
 - World Trauma Symposium - Sept. 16

What do you love about AMLS?

This conference attendee has a few things to share on what he loves about the Advanced Medical Life Support program [here](#).



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