

2026 TASA Mid-Winter Leadership Conference



PRE-CONFERENCE

(upstairs conference area)

EMS Administrator Foundations 2.0

Tuesday—2/17/26 1300-1630

Wednesday—2/18/26 0800-1130

UT County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS)

Brent Dyer, Chief—Robertson Co. EMS

BJ Hudspeth, Chief—Cheatham Co. EMS

Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)

Tuesday—2/17/26 1200-1600

Wednesday—2/18/26 0730-1130

Mary Lee Lemly, MSN, RN-NIC—Vanderbilt Children's Hospital

MAIN CONFERENCE

Day #1
Wednesday
2/18/26

- 1230—1245 Introduction/Announcements/Presidential Welcome/Presentation of Colors
- 1245—1400 Keynote: "Your Royal Court" - Brad Phillips
- 1400—1415 Vendor Hall & Skills
- 1415—1515 "Mental Health in EMS: A Conversation We Can't Afford to Ignore" - Michael Dunavant, CCP
- 1515—1615 "Navigating a Prehospital K-9 Transport Program: From Concept to Critical Care" - Stacy Prater, CCP, FP-C, NRP, IC
- 1615—1620 Wrap Up & Questions
- 1830—2030 Awards Banquet
- 2100—2359 Hospitality and Social Networking

Day #2
Thursday
2/19/26

- 0630—0820 Breakfast—Upstairs Restaurant— Breakfast meal tickets available for participants at the end of the day on Wednesday
- 0820—0830 Announcements & Welcome
- 0830—0930 "The Unbreakable Medic: Thriving Through the Chaos" - Amanda Derington, MD
- 0930—0945 Vendor Hall & Skills
- 0945—1045 "Bridging the Gap: The Essential Role of Public Information Officers in Public Safety" Stephen Sutton, NRP, CCEMTP, FP-C, EMD, PNCCT, CMTE, MPIO
- 1045—1145 "Collaborative Just Culture: Managing Risk with a Systematic Approach" - Michael Arinder
- 1145—1200 General Membership Annual Meeting
- 1200—1300 Lunch (Provided upstairs)
- 1300—1415 Panel on Hot Topics in EMS—Eric Clauss
- 1415—1430 Vendor Hall & Skills
- 1430—1530 "Pit Crew Mode: Activated—Ready, Set, Deliver a Patient Smaller Than Your Glove" - Mary Lee Lemely RNC, MSN
- 1530—1630 "The Future of Leadership" - April Miller, CCEMTP, IC
- 2030—2359 Hospitality and Social Networking
- 1630—1700 Wrap Up and Announcements
- 2000—2359 Hospitality and Social Networking

Day #3
Friday
2/20/26

- 0630—0825 Breakfast—Upstairs Restaurant— Breakfast meal tickets available for participants at the end of the day on Thursday
- 0825—0830 Announcements & Welcome
- 0830—0930 Mental Health Session—Amy Stevenson
- 0930—1000 Vendor / Skills / Hotel Check Out
- 1000—1100 "State EMS Update" - Brandon Ward, Director of EMS, Tennessee Department of Health
- 1100—1145 TASA and Legislative Updates—Tim Booher, TASA President / Keith Douglas, TASA Administrative Liaison
- 1145—1215 Wrap-up—Door Prize Giveaway

Speakers and Topics Subject to Change