

EMS REGION III CONFERENCE

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Conference Dates: April 27 – May 3, 2026
Ruidoso Convention Center
111 Sierra Blanca Dr.
Ruidoso, NM



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The EMS Region III Conference is an annual event that began as an EMS Trade Show in 1982 and transformed over the past 44 years into one of the premier conferences in this part of the country. This will be the 27th year the conference has been held in beautiful Ruidoso, New Mexico.

This year we are expecting a crowd of over 900 fire, EMS, police, dispatchers, nurses and physicians from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Colorado, along with speakers and exhibitors from across the country.

It is important to remember that the state has resumed its policy that only 1/2 of your required CEs can be obtained on-line (asynchronous). The remainder must be classroom (Synchronous).

Join us for Pre-conference workshops April 27 - 30 and our core conference program May 1 - 3. This year's conference is designed to offer all of the State and National Registry CE requirements by providing pre-conference CE renewal packages, combined with a reduced core conference rate, for those participants trying to complete all required CE requirements at one venue.

The conference also includes an exhibit hall packed with vendors from New York to California, displaying the newest in products and equipment. The conference will offer a combination of excellent national and local speakers providing the very best in EMS and rescue training. Training that will enhance your skills, allow you to view the "cutting edge" of emergency equipment and build better relationships with other healthcare professionals.

This conference is made possible by the efforts of the EMS Region III staff, Board of Directors, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and numerous volunteers.

Who Should Attend?

The conference offers a variety of training sessions, workshops and special events for First Responders, EMTs, firefighters, dispatchers, administrators, flight-crews, physicians, nurses, public safety officers and emergency preparedness coordinators.





CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Ruidoso Convention Center

The Ruidoso community welcomes you with open arms to the Ruidoso Convention Center, offering a picturesque setting with amazing views and a diverse range of lodging and restaurant options amid the amazing beauty of the Southern Sacramento Mountains. The Convention Center is located at 111 Sierra Blanca Drive and sits in the middle of the beautiful Links at Sierra Blanca golf course.

When the business of the day is done, the Ruidoso area offers many ways to relax and enjoy your time away from the conference. Take a walk, breathe the fresh air, golf, fish, hike, shop, or play a while at area casinos...do as much or as little as you like! We know you will enjoy your stay.

How to Register

Registration is easy. You can find the brochure and register online at www.emsregion3.org. The registration form can be found on page 34 of this brochure or call our office at 575-769-2639 and we will send you one by fax: (575)769-3485, or by mail: to EMS Region III Conference, PO Box 1895, Clovis, NM 88102-1895. Due to limited space, sessions fill on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration fees include refreshments, registration materials, all social events, entrance to the exhibit hall, door prize drawings, and certificates of completion (CEs). For further assistance, call (575) 769-2639 or email us at brandie@emsregion3.org

Early Pick-up Conference Registration Name Badge

Whether you are attending Pre-conference, core conference or both, we encourage you to pick up your registration name badge early, starting Monday, April 27th at 7:30 am. Your name badge **must be worn at all times** during conference events. You must have your name badge, which is scanned at the door, to attend sessions, workshops and social events. All **PAID** participants will also receive a conference bag with the official conference T-shirt and many more items.

Important Conference Information

To avoid interruptions, we ask that everyone be at their sessions on time. Because we are issuing CEs based on time in attendance, anyone arriving after 10 minutes of the start of the session will not be allowed in the session.

Course completion certificates and/or course cards for pre-conference will be distributed no later than May 31, 2026, if all course fees have been paid. Core-Conference CEs will also be sent out by the end of May.

Students leaving early **will not** receive certificates and/or cards. The replacement cost for CE certificates and/or cards will be \$25.00.

Guest Pass

If you are not attending the conference educational sessions, a "Guest Pass", which includes entry to all of the social events including: Thursday's Skills Competition/Social Gathering, Friday Night Cookout, and entry to the exhibit hall, is available at the registration desk. The "Guest Pass" fee will be \$25 which will cover costs of food, beverages, and refreshments. For attendee guests who are not interested in a "Guest Pass", the Thursday and Friday night events may be attended provided a ticket is purchased. These tickets can be purchased at the registration desk or at the event for:

Skills Competition/Social Gathering - \$ 5.00

Cookout tickets - \$ 10.00.

"Guest Pass" badges must be worn to both events.

Visitor Pass

If you are not attending the conference educational sessions or any social events, you may receive a "Visitor Pass" to enter the exhibit hall for a tour through our vendor area only. This pass is no charge, however, we ask that you remember this pass **does not** include access to the refreshment area, educational sessions or social events.

Skills Competition & Social Gathering



🔥 **New This Year!** Join us for a high-energy night of competition, connection, and community! Teams of four will take on hands-on EMS challenges for fun prizes, serious awards, and bragging rights. Don't have a full team? We'll help pair you up. Come reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy happy-hour-style food prepared on-site by our hard-working kitchen staff, a DJ, and a lively atmosphere. Vendors are encouraged to attend and network with EMS professionals.

Please send an email to brandie@emsregion3.org to register a team with a creative name—or come cheer on the competitors and soak in the energy!

Friday Night Cookout



Over the years we have found that there is no better way to get together with friends than a Friday Night cookout. There is something about the smell of cooking over wood and charcoal that brings summertime to any season. This year starting at 06:00 pm there will be steaks and chicken on the grill with beans and potatoes on the side, so get ready for some great food, mingling and entertainment. After the cookout, hang out and visit or dance to your favorite songs courtesy of **Lake City Production**. We will try to shut it down by 09:00 pm so that you can get some sleep, or for you night owls, you can enjoy the nightlife of Ruidoso. Your name badge will get you into the Cookout. Extra tickets are available for purchase at the registration desk.

Sunday Sunrise Worship Service

Sponsored by Roosevelt County Community Church

Join Delbert and Char Rector Sunday morning at 8:00 am at the Ruidoso Convention Center for music, interdenominational prayer and worship.

CONFERENCE ETIQUITE

Children

Due to the nature of the content presented, and in consideration for others, babies and children **are not permitted** in the training sessions, **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You can purchase a "Guest Pass" for kids older than 12 which will allow them access to the exhibit hall and all of the social events, but not the training sessions. **No children will be allowed in the Exhibitor area unless accompanied and supervised by an adult.**

Pets

No pets will be allowed into the Convention Center. If you have a service animal, you must check in at the registration desk with proper documentation.

Cell Phones

Out of consideration for our speakers and participants, we ask that cell phones and pagers be turned off or changed to a silent signal during the conference. Please step outside the room when responding to a page or call. At the request of our presenters, no recording, audio recording or photography is allowed.

Snacks and Beverages Available All Week Long

Each day, EMS Region III Staff will be serving burritos and hotdogs with mustard, diced onion, chili and/or cheese. You can also have nachos topped with cheese and jalapenos. EMS Region III's famous movie popcorn will be available, as well as fresh baked cookies, donuts, fruit, nuts and cheeses. We will also provide coffee, juices, water and sodas.

Scholarships

EMS Region III will be offering **\$150** scholarships to rural and frontier EMTs residing **anywhere in New Mexico**. The scholarships can be used to attend any pre-conference and core-conference educational offerings. These scholarships are made possible through funding provided by a NM Fund Act Statewide Special Projects grant. To apply, contact EMS Region III at 575-769-2639 or you can find a scholarship application on page 35.

Golf Tournament

In Honor of Melinda Shaw

Please join us for the return of the EMS Region III Golf Tournament, to be held as a Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of **Melinda Shaw**, on **Thursday, April 30, 2026**, at **The Links at Sierra Blanca**, sponsored by **Trans Aero MedEvac and AeroCare**. The tournament will be played as a **four-person scramble** with a **10:00 a.m. shotgun start**, with registration opening at 10:00 a.m. Participation will be filled on a first paid, first confirmed basis. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf in scramble format, cart, range balls, green fees, tournament items, and lunch. Mulligans may be purchased at golf tournament registration (two per player). Beverages will be available on the course, and prizes will be awarded for top teams and select contests. **All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Jacob/Shaw EMS Scholarship Fund.** To register, please visit our website at www.emsregion3.org, fill out Golf Registration Form and email back to brandie@emsregion3.org or fax the completed form to (575) 769-3485. For additional information, please call (575) 769-2639.

Registration closes April 27, 2026 or when all teams are full.

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Our sincere appreciation goes out to all our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, volunteers, and attendees who make this conference a great success!!

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Selecting Workshops to Complete CE Requirements

It is important to note when selecting the best method of obtaining CEs for re-licensure, that New Mexico no longer requires a traditional refresher course, but simply a minimum number of CE hours to renew your license.

Emergency Medical Dispatcher: 20 Hours

Emergency Medical Dispatch	10 Hours
Medical Emergencies	10 Hours

EMD-Instructor: 20 Hours

Emergency Medical Dispatch	10 Hours
Medical Emergencies	10 Hours
Must maintain NM EMT license	
Verification of Good Standing through EMD Training Program	

First Responder: 20 Hours

Preparatory / Operations	2 Hours
Airway, Respiration, & Ventilation	3 Hours
Cardiovascular Emergencies	2 Hours
Medical Emergencies	4 Hours
Trauma Emergencies	4 Hours
Special Considerations	5 Hours (2 hours must be Pediatric)

EMT Basic: 40 Hours

Preparatory / Operations	4 Hours
Airway, Respiration, & Ventilation	6 Hours
Cardiovascular Emergencies	6 Hours
Medical Emergencies	8 Hours
Trauma Emergencies	8 Hours
Special Considerations	8 Hours (4 hours must be Pediatric)

EMT Intermediate: 50 Hours

Preparatory / Operations	4 Hours
Airway, Respiration, & Ventilation	6 Hours
Cardiovascular Emergencies	6 Hours
Medical Emergencies	12 Hours
Trauma Emergencies	12 Hours
Special Considerations	10 Hours (5 hours must be Pediatric)

Paramedic: 60 Hours

Preparatory / Operations	6 Hours
Airway, Respiration, & Ventilation	8 Hours
Cardiovascular Emergencies	10 Hours
Medical Emergencies	14 Hours
Trauma Emergencies	10 Hours
Special Considerations	12 Hours (6 hours must be Pediatric)

The EMS Bureau's goal is to have a straightforward process of license renewal, while still requiring documentation of the maintenance and improvement of each licensee's knowledge base.

The New Mexico EMT license renewal process is now similar to that National Registry of EMT's National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) model for each level of licensure. By meeting the New Mexico requirements for license renewal, one should meet those of the National Registry, however please visit the NR website to assure your compliance with NR specific requirements. www.nremt.org

Six EMS CE categories are accepted by the New Mexico EMS Bureau and a seventh category, Emergency Medical Dispatch, was added to address the specific requirements of the EMD and EMD-I level of licensure:

- Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Preparatory/Operations
- Airway, Respiration & Ventilation
- Cardiovascular
- Medical
- Trauma
- Special Considerations

All pre-conference and core conference workshops have been designed with these new guidelines in mind and will hopefully make your re-licensure a little easier.

Pre-Conference Course Information (Applies to All Pre-Conference Courses)

If you see **REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK** then it requires **mandatory online pre-course work** to be completed **prior to the first day of class**. Instructions and access information will be sent via **email** following registration. If you have not received pre-course information **within two (2) weeks of registration**, please check your **spam or junk email folder**, and/OR contact the **EMS Region 3 Office** for assistance.

Email Communication & Registration Accuracy

All course-related information—including pre-course requirements, location details, and certificate notifications—will be sent **to the email address provided at registration**.

Each registered student must have **their own individual email address** on file. If a shared, manager, or agency email address is used, the registrant assumes responsibility for **ensuring all information is promptly forwarded to the student**.

EMS Region 3 is not responsible for missed communications due to shared email accounts, failure to forward information, or incorrect email entry.

Registration & Course Locations

All students must report to the **Convention Center for initial conference registration**, regardless of course location.

Certain courses will be held at **off-site**. Courses held at alternative locations will be identified in the course description. Location details will be provided during on-site registration.

Students traveling with others are responsible for ensuring appropriate transportation arrangements for off-site courses.

Certificates & Continuing Education Credit

Renewal Courses

Certificates for renewal courses are **not automatically mailed**. Certificates may be requested through the **EMS Region 3**, if needed. All continuing education hours (CEs) will be **uploaded to the New Mexico EMS Portal** upon confirmation of course completion and payment.

Certificate-Based Courses

For certificate-based courses (including **PHTLS, EPC, and TECC**), certificates will be **emailed to the student** upon confirmation of successful course completion and payment. Please allow the **EMS Region 3 through the end of May** to complete post-conference processing.

Attendance Requirements

Full attendance is required for all pre-conference courses. Students must attend **all scheduled portions**, including lectures, skills sessions, and testing. Failure to meet attendance requirements, including late arrival or early departure, may result in **ineligibility for course completion**, including denial of certificates and/or continuing education credit.

Conference Support

This conference is made possible through grant funding from the **New Mexico Department of Higher Education**, in partnership with **Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell Community and Workforce Training Department**. We appreciate the continued support of **ENMU–Roswell Administration** in advancing professional education and workforce development.

Participant Responsibility

Participants are responsible for reviewing individual course descriptions for specific requirements, schedules, and locations.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

PRE-CONFERENCE

Sunday, April 26, 2026

#	Time	Course Title	Day #
A01	08:00 am – 06:00 pm	Wilderness EMS Upgrade Medical Course (WEMS)	1 of 5

Monday, April 27, 2026

#	Time	Course Title	Day #
A01	08:00 am – 06:00 pm	Wilderness EMS Upgrade Medical Course (WEMS)	2 of 5
A02	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Intermediate Renewal CE Package	1 of 4
A03	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Paramedic Renewal CE Package	1 of 4
A04	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMD Renewal CE Package	1 of 2
A05	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	PHTLS	1 of 2
A06	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Rope Rescue: Awareness & Operations Level	1 of 4
A07	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)	1 of 2
A08	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Basic Auto Extrication Hands-On Workshop	1 of 3
A09	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Intro to ECG	1 Day
A10	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)	1 Day

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

#	Time	Course Title	Day #
A01	08:00 am – 06:00 pm	Wilderness EMS Upgrade Medical Course (WEMS)	3 of 5
A02	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Intermediate Renewal CE Package	2 of 4
A03	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Paramedic Renewal CE Package	2 of 4
A04	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMD Renewal CE Package	2 of 2
A05	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	PHTLS	2 of 2
A06	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Rope Rescue: Awareness & Operations Level	2 of 4
A07	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)	2 of 2
A08	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Basic Auto Extrication Hands-On Workshop	2 of 3
A11	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Basic Renewal CE Package	1 of 3
A12	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	First Responder Renewal CE Package	1 of 2
A13	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Moulage Course	1 Day
A14	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	NAEMT EMS Safety Course	1 Day
A15	08:00 am – 12:00 pm	NMEMSTARS Data Quality Provider Class	½ Day

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

#	Time	Course Title	Day #
A01	08:00 am – 06:00 pm	Wilderness EMS Upgrade Medical Course (WEMS)	4 of 5
A02	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Intermediate Renewal CE Package	3 of 4
A03	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Paramedic Renewal CE Package	3 of 4
A06	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Rope Rescue: Awareness & Operations Level	3 of 4
A08	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Basic Auto Extrication Hands-On Workshop	3 of 3
A11	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Basic Renewal CE Package	2 of 3
A12	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	First Responder Renewal CE Package	2 of 2
A16	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Skills Day	1 Day
A17	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Medical Director Course	1 of 2
A18	08:00 am – 12:00 pm	NMEMSTARS Data Quality Service Administrator Class	½ Day

Thursday, April 30, 2026

#	Time	Course Title	Day #
A01	08:00 am – 06:00 pm	Wilderness EMS Upgrade Medical Course (WEMS)	5 of 5
A02	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Intermediate Renewal CE Package	4 of 4
A03	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Paramedic Renewal CE Package	4 of 4
A06	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Rope Rescue: Awareness & Operations Level	4 of 4
A11	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	EMT-Basic Renewal CE Package	3 of 3
A17	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Medical Director Course	2 of 2
A19	08:00 am – 11:00 am	Stop the Bleed (Train the Trainer) Morning Session	½ Day
A20	08:00 am – 12:00 pm	Fund Act/Licensing Management Software (LMS)	½ Day
A21	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Advanced Airway Management	1 Day
A22	08:00 am – 05:00 pm	Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)	1 Day
A23	01:00 pm – 04:00 pm	Stop the Bleed (Train the Trainer) Afternoon Session	½ Day

CORE CONFERENCE

Friday, May 1, 2026

#	Title	Speaker	CE Category
08:30 am – 9:00 am			
C00	Opening Ceremonies	Dr Rhyne/Honor Guard	
09:00 am – 10:00 am			
C01	Sacred Cows Make the Best Steaks- EMS Myths and Legends	Paul Werfel	Preparatory/Operations
10:30am – 11:30am			
C02	SALT Triage in Action: Mastering Initial Response, Radio Size Ups & MCI Mngmt	Ginny Jackson	Preparatory/Operations
C03	Rapid Trauma Exam- A Hands-on Review	Jason Everett	Trauma
C04	Cannabis: What Does the Medical Literature Say About It?	Kimberly Pruet	Medical
C05	From 911 to Recovery: How "HOPES", "CARES", and "Synchrony's" Can Help Us	Kyle Thornton	Preparatory/Operations
01:00pm – 02:00pm			
C06	Perfecting Palpation: Putting the Blinders on Trauma	Bob Matoba	Trauma
C07	"I've Got the Sweet Blood"	Chad Curry	Medical
C08	Pattern Recognition for Paramedics: Clinical Red Flags You Should Never Ignore	Tracey Loscar	Medical/Trauma
C09	Hocus POCUS	James Williams	Airway/Ventilations
02:30pm – 03:30pm			
C10	From Patient Care to Courtroom	Kyle Thornton	Preparatory/Operations
C11	Patient Exams- An Instructor's Insight	Jason Everett	Medical
C12	The Ultimate Fluid Resuscitation	James Williams	Trauma
C13	All That Wheezes Is Not Asthma- How to Tell the Difference Between CHF & COPD	Kimberly Pruet	Airway/Ventilation
04:00pm – 05:00 pm			
C14	Demystifying the BLS Airway	C. Mateo Garcia	Airway/Ventilation
C15	It's NOT about the Trauma	Bob Matoba	Medical
C16	From Data to Dispatch: How EMS Can Help Prevent Maternal and Child Deaths	Ginny Jackson	Spec. Consider. - Peds
C17	"DISPATCH...Send Me All You Got!"	Chad Curry	Preparatory/Operations

Saturday, May 2, 2026

09:00 am – 10:00 am			
C18	Low Volume/High Stakes: The Frontier Provider's Guide To Decision-Making	Tracey Loscar	Medical
10:30am – 11:30am			
C19	Real Men DO Cry-Dealing with the Hard Calls That Stay With EMS Providers	Jason Everett	Medical
C20	Time Is Brain	Chad Curry	Medical
C21	Considerations For Pediatric Special Needs and Neurodiverse Patients	C. Mateo Garcia	Spec. Consider. - Peds
C22	Professionalism In EMS: Is There Any Hope?	Paul Werfel	Preparatory/Operations
01:00pm – 02:00pm			
C23	Do You Believe in Magic? Capturing Your Student's Attention	Bob Matoba	Medical
C24	Head and Facial Trauma for The Prehospital Provider	Paul Werfel	Trauma
C25	Lies They Taught Me in Paramedic School	Kimberly Pruet	Medical
C26	Cold Kills Twice: Hypothermia, Frostbite, and Post-Rescue Collapse	Ginny Jackson	Medical
02:30pm – 03:30pm			
C27	Little Lives In Motion	Chad Curry	Spec. Consider. – Peds
C28	HEENT Disorders, Does This Really Apply to EMS	Bob Matoba	Medical
C29	When Seconds Count- Death Determination by EMS	B. Schafer/K. Thornton	Trauma
C30	Make Sure You Outlast the Job	James Williams	Preparatory/Operations
04:00pm – 05:00 pm			
C31	The Monitor: Understanding Our Tools and When They May Fail Us	C. Mateo Garcia	Medical
C32	Those Cardiac Rhythm & Blues	Chad Curry	Cardiovascular
C33	Bariatric Surgery for EMS: Risks & Complications We Need to Be Aware Of	Paul Werfel	Medical
C34	Unconscious/Unresponsive Patients-Case Scenarios	Jason Everett	Cardiovascular

Sunday, May 3, 2026

09:00am – 10:00am			
C35	Can We Talk?? EMS Patient Communication in the Age of Social Media	Paul Werfel	Preparatory/Operations
10:30am – 11:30am			
C36	A Chat with the Chief	Kyle Thornton	Preparatory/Operations
11:45am – 12:45pm			
C37	Never Have I Ever: One Dare, Two Blankets, and Four Decades Later	Tracey Loscar	Preparatory/Operations

Pre-Conference Workshops

A01

Wilderness EMS Upgrade Medical Course (WEMS) \$100

Presented By: Carl Gilmore, WEMT-I-Master I/C and Siri Khalsa, NRP,WALS

*****Held off site-MEET at the Convention Center SUNDAY Morning for Directions**

5 DAYS –SUNDAY – Thurs (Class Starts: 08:00 am) NOTE: THIS CLASS STARTS ON SUNDAY 4/26/26

This **Wilderness EMS Upgrade (WEMS)** course is a comprehensive **45-hour training program** (including required pre-course online work) designed for **all levels of medical licensure—from First Responder through Paramedic and Nursing—who operate in remote, austere, or prolonged-care environments.**

WEMS is advanced wilderness and austere medicine training designed to extend the reach of EMS providers operating within New Mexico’s expanded wilderness scope—preparing them to manage patients when **transport is delayed, resources are limited, and the environment becomes part of the problem.**

This course is especially valuable for **rural EMS providers, search and rescue teams, law enforcement, and any medical professional who cannot reliably deliver patients to a hospital within two hours of injury or illness onset.** Emphasis is placed on **prolonged patient care, severe environmental exposure, clinical decision-making with limited resources, and improvised medical solutions.**

Training is **fast-paced, hands-on, and scenario-driven**, incorporating realistic simulations and practical skills application throughout the week.

Certification & Credit

Successful completion results in a **nationally recognized Wilderness Medical Associates certification**, tailored to licensure level:

- **First Responders:** Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification
- **EMTs and higher:** Wilderness EMT / Wilderness EMS certification
- **Nurses:** 45 contact hours approved by the **California Board of Registered Nursing**
- **NM & CAPSE CE credits awarded**

Course Completion Certificate issued by Wilderness Medical Associates

15hrs. Medical, 15 hrs. Trauma, 8 hrs. Preparatory/Operations, 6 hr. Airway, Respiration & Ventilation

A02

EMT-Intermediate & AEMT Renewal CE Package \$75

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

4 DAYS – Mon. – Thurs. (Class Starts: 08:00 am) REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK

This workshop satisfies ALL 25 hours of your required synchronous, face-to-face continuing education and 15 additional hours. Now that we’ve handled the paperwork gods...

Earn 40 hours of New Mexico–approved CE in just four days with this dynamic, pre-conference workshop designed for EMT-Intermediate and AEMT providers. This course goes beyond box-checking and focuses on what impacts your practice—updated Scope of Practice changes, new and revised New Mexico EMS rules and regulations, and current evidence-based updates aimed at improving real-world clinical performance.

Through focused lectures, case-based discussions, hands-on skill stations, and high-impact simulations, you’ll sharpen decision-making, reinforce critical skills, and align your care with today’s standards.

Finish the remaining 10 hours at the Core Conference and walk away fully prepared for NM re-licensure and NREMT renewal—no last-minute scrambling, no CE math gymnastics.

Skills Day – Included with Registration

Participants will attend Skills Day on Wednesday, featuring a review of skills approved within the New Mexico Scope of Practice for the EMT-Intermediate level.

Pre-Class Online CE Requirement

To reduce classroom time while ensuring all CE requirements are met, participants must complete 6 hours of pre-class online CE.

CE Hour Distribution (40 Hours Total)

The CEs earned in class **and on-line** that can be applied toward NM re-licensure requirements are:

4.0 hours	Preparatory/Operations
5.0 hours	Airway, Resp. & Ventilation
5.0 hours	Cardiovascular
10.0 hours	Medical
8.0 hours	Trauma
<u>8.0 hours</u>	Special Considerations (5 hours of which is targeted Pediatric)
40 hours	

Additional CE Requirements – NM EMT-Intermediate

NM EMT-Intermediate - The EMT-I will need an additional 10 hours of targeted CEs, for a total of 50 hours, to satisfy NM re-licensure requirements. NREMT is not specific on the additional hours, but New Mexico requirements would be:

0.0 hours	Preparatory/Operations
1.0 hours	Airway, Resp. & Ventilation.
1.0 hours	Cardiovascular
2.0 hours	Medical
4.0 hours	Trauma
<u>2.0 hours</u>	Special Considerations
10 hours	

For NM-licensed EMTs, CE hours will be uploaded into the NM EMS License Portal. If you need a National Registry CE certificate, email Brandie Bray (brandie@emsregion3.org) upon completion.

Note: If you are unable to stay for the entire workshop, you will be awarded hour for hour CEs for the sessions you attend.

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III – Paper Certificates available on request.

A03

Paramedic Renewal CE Package..... \$75

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

4 DAYS – Mon. – Thurs. (Class Starts: 08:00 am) REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK

Built for Paramedics Who Refuse to Practice on Autopilot

Earn 50 hours of New Mexico–approved continuing education (including all 30 hour synchronous learning requirement) in just four days with this comprehensive, high-level Paramedic Renewal Pre-Conference Workshop. Designed to meet New Mexico re-licensure requirements and National Registry NCCP standards, this course delivers meaningful education—not just CE hours—focused on improving clinical performance in the environments where paramedics actually work.

Complete the remaining 10 hours at the discounted Core Conference and satisfy all CE requirements needed to renew both your New Mexico Paramedic license and National Registry Paramedic certification—clean, efficient, and renewal-season-proof.

This workshop goes beyond box-checking and dives into what matters: updated New Mexico Scope of Practice changes, current EMS rules and regulations, and evidence-based practice updates tied directly to real-world patient care. Instruction includes focused lectures, case-based discussion, hands-on skill stations, and simulation-based training designed to challenge experienced paramedics and strengthen team dynamics.

Finish the remaining 10 hours at the Core Conference and walk away fully prepared for NM re-licensure and NREMT renewal—no last-minute scrambling, no CE math gymnastics.

For NM-licensed EMTs, CE hours will be uploaded into the NM EMS License Portal. If you need a National Registry CE certificate, email Brandie Bray (brandie@emsregion3.org) upon completion.

Four days. Fifty hours. Updated rules. Better medicine. Stronger paramedics.

Advanced Airway Management – Included

On Thursday, paramedic renewal participants will attend the Advanced Airway Management course—included with registration—providing advanced airway concepts and techniques applicable to critical care transport and high-acuity patients.

Pre-Class Online CE Requirement

To reduce classroom time while ensuring all CE requirements are met, participants must complete 18 hours of pre-class online CE.

CE Hour Distribution (50 Hours Total)

CEs earned in class and online that apply toward NM re-licensure include:

- 6.0 hours – Preparatory / Operations
- 7.0 hours – Airway, Respiration & Ventilation
- 9.0 hours – Cardiovascular
- 11.0 hours – Medical
- 8.0 hours – Trauma
- 9.0 hours – Special Considerations
 - *(Includes 5 targeted Pediatric hours)*

Total: 50 Hours

Additional CE Requirements – NM Paramedic

NM Paramedics must complete an additional 10 hours of CE (total 60 hours) to meet re-licensure requirements, available during the core conference. While NREMT does not specify these additional hours, New Mexico requirements include:

- 0.0 hours – Preparatory / Operations
- 1.0 hour – Airway, Respiratory & Ventilation
- 1.0 hour – Cardiovascular
- 3.0 hours – Medical
- 2.0 hours – Trauma
- 3.0 hours – Special Considerations *(5 targeted Pediatric hours)*

Total: 10 Hours

For NM-licensed EMTs, CE hours will be uploaded into the NM EMS License Portal. If you need a National Registry CE certificate, email Brandie Bray (brandie@emsregion3.org) upon completion.

Note: If you are unable to stay for the entire workshop, you will be awarded hour for hour CEs for the sessions you attend.

Certificate Issued by EMS Region III - Paper Certificates available on request

A04

Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) Renewal CE Package..... \$50.00

Presented By: EMS Region III

2 DAYS – Mon. – Tues. (Class Starts: 08:00 am) REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK

Renew your New Mexico EMD license the clean, no-drama way. This pre-conference workshop is built to provide all 20 hours of EMS Bureau-approved continuing education required for EMD re-licensure, fully aligned with New Mexico re-licensing regulations.

You'll receive:

- 10 contact hours of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) CE, and
- 10 contact hours of approved medical subjects/skills

That's the full package to satisfy renewal requirements—without trying to cobble hours together at the last minute.

Pre-Class Online CE Requirement

To limit classroom time while ensuring all hour requirements are met, there is a 4-hour pre-class online CE homework requirement. Login instructions will be sent after registration. Students have until the last day of class to complete the online material. Students who do not complete the online portion will receive CE credit only for the in-class hours attended.

For NM-licensed EMTs, CE hours will be uploaded into the NM EMS License Portal. If you need a National Registry CE certificate, email Brandie Bray (brandie@emsregion3.org) upon completion.

Note: You must maintain a **current CPR card** (not included in this course).

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III

A05

Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) \$50

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac /ENMU-Roswell

2 DAYS – Mon. – Tues. (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Developed by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is a nationally recognized, evidence-based course designed for prehospital professionals responsible for the assessment and management of the injured patient. This course is open to all levels of EMS personnel, from First Responder through Paramedic.

This intensive 16-hour program emphasizes the principles of the Platinum 10 Minutes and the Golden Hour, focusing on the critical actions that must occur early in trauma care to maximize patient survival. PHTLS builds on foundational education and challenges providers to move beyond protocols by emphasizing rapid assessment, scene management, prioritized decision-making, and effective transport strategies.

Participants will focus on how to identify, stabilize, treat, and transport trauma patients using a systematic, team-based approach grounded in current best practices. Studies consistently show improved outcomes for trauma patients treated by providers trained in PHTLS principles.

This course functions as both a continuing education opportunity and a high-value refresher for experienced providers.

Course Completion Certificate issued by NAEMT

9 hrs. Trauma., 2 hrs. AVR, 2 hrs. OPS/Preparatory, 3 hrs. Special Considerations (2 peds)

A06

Rope Rescue: Awareness & Operations Level \$75.00

Presented By: EMS Region III and ENMU-Roswell

*****Held off site-MEET at the Convention Center Monday Morning for Directions**

4 DAYS – Mon. – Thurs. (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

This **40-hour Rope Rescue course** covers the **Awareness and Operations levels** of training as defined by **NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents (Chapter 6)**. The course provides foundational knowledge and hands-on skills necessary for personnel involved in rope rescue incidents.

Instruction combines **classroom education and practical skill application**, focusing on **basic rope systems, rescue scene organization, and the rigging and use of equipment** required to safely and effectively perform rope rescue operations. Emphasis is placed on **safe operations, team coordination, and proper equipment use** during technical rescue incidents.

Participants will gain experience with **rope handling, knots, mechanical advantage systems, anchor systems, and rescue rigging**, preparing them to operate effectively at rope rescue scenes within the Awareness and Operations levels.

Personal Protective Equipment Requirements:

Students must provide **leather boots and leather gloves**. **Helmets and harnesses will be provided**, though students may use their own helmets, harnesses, or additional PPE if the equipment meets **NFPA and New Mexico Fire Training Academy (NMFTA) standards**.

Course Completion Certificate issued by New Mexico Fire Training Academy

40hrs. Preparatory/Operations

A07

Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) \$50

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

2 DAYS – Mon. – Tues. (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Every day, EMS and fire personnel respond to scenes where violence is real, dynamic, and evolving—from active shooter incidents and large-scale assaults to routine calls that suddenly turn dangerous. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) prepares responders to operate effectively in these high-threat environments while balancing patient care, scene safety, and provider survival.

Developed from lessons learned during over 20 years of military conflict, TECC is an evidence-based, civilian-focused adaptation of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). Using military TCCC principles as a foundation, the Committee for TECC refines and translates them into guidelines specifically designed for civilian prehospital operations, accounting for differences in scope of practice, population, mission, liability, logistics, and operational constraints.

This course emphasizes practical, hands-on application of TECC principles, minimizing lecture time in favor of skills-based training relevant to real-world civilian response. Participants will learn how to provide lifesaving care in high-threat and complex environments while integrating medical decision-making with situational awareness and personal safety.

This course is open to all levels of EMS and fire personnel, from First Responder through Paramedic.

Course Completion Certificate issued by NAEMT

8 hrs. Trauma., 4 hrs. AVR, 2 hrs. OPS/Preparatory, 2 hrs. Special Considerations (2 peds)

A08

Basic Auto Extrication Hands – On Workshop \$75

Presented By: EMS Region III/ENMU-Roswell

*****Held off site-MEET at the Convention Center Monday Morning for Directions**

3 DAYS – Monday – Wednesday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

This **intensive, hands-on auto extrication workshop** provides participants with foundational knowledge and practical skills for safely and effectively managing vehicle extrication incidents. Instruction is led by experienced extrication instructors with extensive real-world and training backgrounds.

Classroom sessions cover **scene safety, tool selection, and proper handling of hydraulic equipment**, along with considerations for **specialized extrication scenarios**, including larger and complex vehicles. The core of this course is **extensive hands-on skills practice**, where students apply concepts during **realistic, scenario-based evolutions**.

Participants will gain experience in **vehicle stabilization, basic extrication techniques, recognition of modern vehicle features and hazards, and patient care considerations during extrication operations**. Emphasis is placed on coordinated team operations, safe tool use, and effective communication throughout the rescue process.

Required Equipment:

Students must provide **protective clothing and eye protection**.

This course **meets the extrication training requirement for Firefighter II certification** through the **New Mexico Firefighter’s Training Academy**.

CE Certificate Issued by New Mexico Fire Academy

24 hrs. Preparatory/Operations

A09

Introduction to ECG \$25

Presented By: EMS Region III/ENMU-Roswell

1 DAY – Monday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

This course provides EMS providers with a clear, practical introduction to electrocardiogram (ECG) interpretation, with an emphasis on identifying common and life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias encountered in the prehospital and clinical environment.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of lead placement and obtaining a quality tracing, basic cardiac electrophysiology, recognition of ECG waveforms, and a structured approach to rhythm interpretation. Instruction is designed to build confidence in reading ECGs and understanding what the monitor is actually showing—rather than memorizing patterns.

This course is ideal for EMTs, first responders, emergency department personnel, and telemetry technicians, as well as any provider seeking a stronger foundation in ECG interpretation. It is also highly recommended for those planning to take Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

No prior ECG experience is required.

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III

8 hrs. Cardiovascular

A10

Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)..... \$25

Presented By: EMS Region III/ENMU-Roswell

1 DAY – Monday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Developed by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) in partnership with the American Geriatrics Society, Geriatric Emergency Medical Services (GEMS) is a nationally recognized, evidence-based course designed to prepare EMS providers to meet the unique needs of the growing older-adult population.

GEMS focuses on the assessment, management, and decision-making challenges associated with geriatric patients, whose presentations are often subtle, complex, and influenced by chronic disease, polypharmacy, functional decline, and social factors. This course emphasizes a patient-centered approach that improves assessment accuracy, supports safer care decisions, and enhances patient outcomes.

Participants will explore strategies for recognizing atypical presentations, conducting effective geriatric assessments, identifying high-risk situations such as falls, medication-related emergencies, altered mental status, and elder abuse, and applying practical interventions relevant to the prehospital environment. Instruction blends focused content, interactive discussion, and real-world case application to reinforce everyday relevance.

This course is open to all levels of EMS personnel, from First Responder through Paramedic.

CE Certificate Issued by NAEMT

8 hrs. Special Considerations

A11

EMT-Basic Renewal CE Package..... \$50

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

3 DAYS – Tues. – Thurs. (Class Starts: 08:00 am) REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK

Knock out 30 hours of NM-approved CE in this fast-paced, pre-conference workshop designed for EMT-Basic providers who want more than a checkbox. Fully compliant with New Mexico re-licensing regulations and National Registry NCCP requirements, this course delivers updates to the New Mexico Scope of Practice, current EMS rules and regulations, and evidence-based content that directly impacts how you care for patients in the field.

Complete the final 10 hours at the Core Conference and finish your NM EMT-Basic and NREMT-B renewal cleanly, confidently, and on time—no CE scavenger hunt required.

Expect engaging instruction, real-world case discussions, hands-on skill stations, and scenario-driven simulations that reinforce core EMT skills, sharpen clinical decision-making, and strengthen the team dynamics that make scenes run smoothly.

Skills Day – Included with Registration

Participants will attend Skills Day on Wednesday, featuring a review of skills approved within the New Mexico Scope of Practice for the EMT-Basic level.

Pre-Class Online CE Requirement

To reduce classroom time while ensuring all CE requirements are met, participants must complete 6 hours of pre-class online CE.

For NM-licensed EMTs, CE hours will be uploaded into the NM EMS License Portal. If you need a National Registry CE certificate, email Brandie Bray (brandie@emsregion3.org) upon completion.

CE Hour Distribution (30 Hours Total)

- 4 hours – Preparatory / Operations
- 5 hours – Airway, Respiration & Ventilation
- 5 hours – Cardiovascular
- 5 hours – Medical
- 4 hours – Trauma
- 7 hours – Special Considerations (*includes 5 targeted Pediatric hours*)

Total: 30 Hours

Additional CE Requirements – NM EMT-Basic

EMT-Basic providers must complete an additional 10 hours (total 40 hours) to meet re-licensure requirements. All remaining hours may be obtained through the Core Conference. While NREMT does not specify these additional hours, New Mexico requirements include:

- 0 hours – Preparatory / Operations
- 1 hour – Airway, Respiration & Ventilation
- 1 hour – Cardiovascular
- 3 hours – Medical
- 4 hours – Trauma
- 1 hour – Special Considerations

Total: 10 Hours

Note: If you are unable to stay for the entire workshop, you will be awarded hour for hour CEs for the sessions you attend.

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III - Paper Certificates available on request

A12

EMS First Responder (EMSFR)..... \$25

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

2 DAYS – Tues. – Wed. (Class Starts: 08:00 am) REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK

Knock out all 20 hours of NM-approved CE in this focused, fast-paced pre-conference workshop built specifically for EMS First Responders. Fully compliant with New Mexico re-licensing regulations and National Registry NCCP requirements, this course provides everything needed to renew your New Mexico EMSFR license—no extra classes, no CE patchwork. This workshop goes beyond check-the-box education and delivers updates to the New Mexico Scope of Practice, current EMS rules and regulations, and practical, evidence-based content that translates directly to patient care on scene. Instruction blends engaging lectures, real-world case discussions, hands-on skill stations, and scenario-based simulations designed to reinforce fundamentals and strengthen team-based response.

Skills Day – Included with Registration

Participants will attend Skills Day on Wednesday, featuring a focused review of skills approved within the New Mexico Scope of Practice for the EMSFR level.

Pre-Class Online CE Requirement

To reduce classroom time while ensuring all CE requirements are met, participants must complete 4 hours of pre-class online CE.

For NM-EMSFR, CE hours will be uploaded into the NM EMS License Portal. If you need a National Registry CE certificate, email Brandie Bray (brandie@emsregion3.org) upon completion.

This workshop satisfies all New Mexico licensure requirements for EMSFR renewal, except CPR.

Note: If you are unable to stay for the entire workshop, you will be awarded hour for hour CEs for the sessions you attend.

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III

A13

Moulage For Your Mass Casualty Training..... \$25.00

Instructors: Mary Hewitt/ Jennie Griffin

1 DAY – Tuesday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Bring your training scenarios to life with this hands-on moulage workshop designed for instructors and agencies conducting mass casualty incident (MCI) training. This interactive course covers basic anatomy, realistic wound appearance, and MCI exercise development, helping participants create injuries that look—and feel—authentic in training environments.

Participants will learn how to construct a wide variety of realistic wounds, including gunshot wounds, fractures, burns, lacerations, abrasions, avulsions, and more. Emphasis is placed on practical application, allowing you to immediately translate these skills into more immersive and effective training scenarios.

You'll keep all moulage wounds you create and learn how to store and preserve them for future use, making this course a long-term investment in your training program. For instructors, this class provides an opportunity to earn educator CE credits while enhancing the realism and educational value of skills testing and MCI exercises.

CE Certificate Issued by FX Wound Works
4 hours Preparatory/Operations, 2 hours Medical, 2 hours Trauma

A14
NAEMT EMS Safety Course\$25.00

Instructors: EMS Region III/ENMU - Roswell
1 DAY – Tuesday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Developed by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), the EMS Safety Course is designed to help EMS professionals recognize, assess, and mitigate the wide range of hazards encountered in today's prehospital environment. This course places provider safety at the forefront—because delivering patient care starts with going home safe.

Participants will explore strategies for managing scene hazards, roadway operations, violence and personal safety, fatigue, environmental risks, and operational stressors that contribute to provider injury and line-of-duty deaths. Emphasis is placed on situational awareness, risk assessment, and decision-making that supports both individual and team safety.

Instruction combines focused content, interactive discussion, and real-world scenarios to reinforce practical safety principles that can be immediately applied in the field.

This course is open to all levels of EMS personnel, from First Responder through Paramedic.

CE Certificate Issued by NAEMT
8 hrs. Special Considerations

A15
NMEMSTARS Data Quality/LMS – EMS Service Provider ClassFree

Presented By: Jesse Mowrer, EMS Region III
1/2 DAY – Tuesday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

This session will address the importance of quality in inputting patient care documentation. Quality reports reflect quality patient care. Your report becomes a permanent documentation of the care you provided and becomes a part of the hospital record for continuum of care. Accurate reporting also facilitates better capability of running meaningful reports for Quality Improvement activities. You will receive information regarding problem areas that need to be addressed for better patient care and tips on how to complete the report faster. Jesse will also review the new Licensing Management System Public Portal to answer questions on initial and renewal applications.

Note: If this is the only session that you are signing up for at the conference, you do not need to register on-line but will need to complete the registration form on page 34.

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III
4 hours Preparatory/Operations

A16
Skills Day (Full Day – 8 hours CE)\$25
Skills Day (Half Day – 4 hours CE)\$25

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell
1 DAY – Wednesday (Class Starts: 08:00 am to 5:30 pm)

Whether you're attending a Renewal Workshop (included at no additional cost) or joining us specifically to sharpen your skills, Skills Day is a hands-on, scenario-driven experience designed to refresh core competencies and build confidence across all levels of EMS practice.

This is not a lecture day. The majority of the session is spent rotating through interactive skill and scenario stations, each led by experienced EMS instructors and selected industry partners. Participants will practice, refine, and troubleshoot essential skills in a low-stress, high-yield learning environment.

Skills and stations are tailored to licensure level and may include:

- Basic adjunctive airway management
- Bleeding control, including proper tourniquet use and hemostatic dressings
- Patient assessment, triage, and scene safety
- Wound management

- Mechanical positive pressure ventilation
- CPAP and BiPAP application and management
- Use of multi-lumen, supraglottic, and laryngeal airways
(Combi-Tube, King Airway, LMA, including gastric suctioning)
- Semi-automatic defibrillator application and use
- IV fluid therapy
- Intraosseous access

A finalized list of skill stations will be posted by early April.

The afternoon session mirrors the morning stations, with additional emphasis on the EMT-Intermediate Scope of Practice. Participants attending both sessions will receive CE credit for both, provided the entire session is completed. Partial credit will not be issued

Certificate Issued by EMS Region III

*FULL DAY - 2.0 AVR, 1.5 Cardiovascular, 1.5 Medical, 1.5 Trauma, 1.5 Special Considerations (1.0 Peds)
HALF DAY - 1.0 AVR, 0.5 Cardiovascular, 1.0 Medical, 0.5 Trauma, 1.0 Special Considerations (1.0 Peds)*

A17 Medical Director Course.....Free

Sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health
Presented By: Mateo Garcia, MD – State Medical Director, Ian Medoro, MD, Whitney Barrett, MD and Kimberly Pruett, MD

2 DAYS – Wednesday, April 29th. – Thursday April 30th (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Medical direction means guidance or supervision provided by a physician to a provider or Emergency Medical Services system and which includes authority over and responsibility for Emergency Medical Dispatch, direct patient care and transport of patients, arrangements for medical control and all other aspects of patient care delivered by a provider.

Medical control is required for certain skills and medications used at all levels of EMS as outlined in the New Mexico scopes of practice. Those EMS personnel who function without medical direction shall only perform those skills, techniques and procedures that do not require medical director’s approval. Any person who is issued a temporary or graduate license shall only administer the medications or perform the skills, techniques, medications and procedures for the approved level, as established by the medical direction committee and found in the applicable scope of practice.

It is mandatory¹ that all Medical Directors complete a nationally recognized EMS Medical Director's course; or a Bureau-recognized orientation course; or a local orientation provided by a regional or State EMS Medical Director. This course satisfies the requirements for Medical Direction for the State of New Mexico.

Service directors are also welcome to register for this course.

Topics included in this course are:

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| Overview of Prehospital Systems | Medical Director Update |
| Elements & Structure of EMS Systems | Quality Programs |
| Licensure/Discipline | Legal Issues |
| Testing | Contracts/Reimbursement |
| The New Mexico Data Collection System (NMEMSTARS) | Incident Command |
| Introduction to Medical Oversight | MCI/Disaster Plans |
| Medical Direction regulations | Special Situations |
| Models of Medical Direction | Training |
| QA/QI programs | Special Skills Application |
| Protocol Development | |

¹PART 3 MEDICAL DIRECTION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - 7 NMAC 27.3.1

Note: If this is the only session that you are signing up for at the conference, you do not need to register on-line but will need to complete the registration form on page 34.

CMEs Issued
15 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™.

A18

NMEMSTARS Data Quality/LMS – EMS Service Administrator ClassFree

Presented By: Jesse Mowrer, EMS Region III

1/2 DAY – Wednesday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

Currently, less than 48% of Service administrators, including both rural and urban, are logging into NMEMSTARS. In this session we stress the importance of monitoring data input to ensure accurate reporting and how it drives quality improvement efforts at the agency level. We will train EMS Administrators in how to utilize NMEMSTARS to generate service reports, review data input and gather data for QI activities. We will also cover the Quality Improvement internal memo system for communicating patient care and documentation concerns to the crew and Medical Director. Our goal is to increase the number of Administrators utilizing the NMEMSTARS system as an additional tool to assure optimal provider and EMS service performance. Jesse will also review the new Licensing Management System Portal and how administrators can update service, personnel and vehicle information.

Note: If this is the only session that you are signing up for at the conference, you do not need to register on-line but will need to complete the registration form on page 34.

CE Certificate Issued by EMS Region III

4 hours Preparatory/Operations

A19

Stop the Bleed (Train the Trainer) Morning Session\$25.00

Presented By: Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

3 HOURS – Thursday (Class starts: 08:00 am)

Severe, uncontrolled bleeding is the leading cause of preventable death from trauma. The Stop the Bleed® Train the Trainer course prepares participants to both respond to life-threatening bleeding emergencies and teach these lifesaving skills within their communities.

This course equips civilian bystanders and medical professionals to recognize hemorrhage and take immediate action before first responders arrive. Participants learn the ABCs of bleeding control, including tourniquet application, wound packing, and direct pressure, using nationally recognized Stop the Bleed® principles.

Based on the Stop the Bleed® Campaign (formerly *Bleeding Control for the Injured – B-Con*), this non-tactical program is appropriate for EMS providers, law enforcement, firefighters, security personnel, educators, and community trainers. Instruction combines focused presentation and hands-on skills practice. Upon completion, EMS providers are authorized to teach this course as immediate-responder bleeding control training.

Course Completion Certificate issued by EMS Region III

2.0 Trauma, 1.0 Prep/Ops

A20

Fund Act Workshop/Licensing Management SoftwareFree

Presented By: NM EMS Bureau Staff

1/2 DAY - Thursday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

The New Mexico EMS system consists of 345 EMS and Fire Services and over 8,000 licensed medical technicians. They respond to approximately 380,000 requests for service [encounters (runs)] each year. EMS services may apply for a state appropriation from the EMS Fund Act, which provides \$3.2 million per year to help underwrite the EMS services in the State. Receipt of these funds is dependent on a number of parameters, including the number of EMS runs a service makes each year, level of responders' training, geographical area covered and population served.

This year the application process has been changed to an online format through the Licensing Portal. In this session, we will cover the new application process and answer Fund Act and other Bureau questions. If you are responsible for the funding for your service, you don't want to miss out on this session. The remainder of the session will be spent on training/issues and questions/answers on the NMEMSTARS Elite data reporting system and the Licensing Management Portal.

Note: If this is the only session that you are signing up for at the conference, you do not need to register on-line but will need to complete the registration form on page 34.

CEs Issued by the EMS Bureau

A21

Advanced Airway Management\$25

Presented By: EMS Region III/Trans Aero MedEvac/ENMU-Roswell

1 DAY – Thursday (Class Starts: 08:00 am)

This hands-on Advanced Airway Management course is designed for experienced, licensed paramedics seeking to refine and elevate their airway management skills in high-acuity, prehospital environments. Offered in conjunction with the P02 Paramedic Renewal Course, this session combines expert instruction with realistic, scenario-driven training to improve confidence and proficiency in advanced airway interventions.

Led by flight paramedics and advanced practice providers, participants will engage in intensive hands-on skill stations and high-fidelity simulation exercises. Emphasis is placed on both technical execution and clinical decision-making, preparing providers to manage routine airways as well as the most challenging “can’t intubate, can’t oxygenate” scenarios.

Course content focuses on advanced airway assessment, device selection, troubleshooting, and team-based airway management in high-stress situations. Participants will practice endotracheal intubation, supraglottic airway placement, surgical airway techniques, and strategies for managing difficult airways across diverse patient populations.

By the end of this 8-hour session, participants will leave with sharpened skills, improved airway judgment, and increased confidence in managing compromised airways in both routine and emergent settings.

Key Topics Include:

- Advanced airway assessment and decision-making
- Endotracheal intubation techniques
- Supraglottic airway devices (*King LT, i-gel*)
- Needle and surgical cricothyrotomy
- Difficult airway management: strategies and tools
- Airway considerations in trauma, pediatrics, and special populations
- High-fidelity simulation and hands-on practice

This course is intended for licensed paramedics.

Course Completion Card Issued by Trans Aero MedEvac

6 hours AVR, 1 hour Medical, 1 hour Trauma

A22

Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC).....\$25.00

Presented By: EMS Region III/ENMU-Roswell

1 DAY – Thursday (Class starts: 08:00 am) REQUIRED ONLINE PRE-COURSE WORK

Developed by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) is a comprehensive, evidence-based course designed to improve the assessment and management of critically ill and injured pediatric patients across the continuum of emergency care.

This 16-hour provider course is offered in a hybrid format, consisting of 8 hours of required online coursework completed prior to the conference, followed by 8 hours of in-person classroom instruction. The hybrid design allows participants to master foundational concepts online while maximizing classroom time for case-based discussion, application, and skills-focused learning.

EPC emphasizes a systematic, team-based approach to pediatric emergencies, focusing on early recognition of life-threatening conditions, effective communication, and age-appropriate interventions. Participants will address high-risk pediatric presentations including respiratory distress, shock, trauma, altered mental status, and medical emergencies, with emphasis on improving provider confidence and patient outcomes.

This course is designed for EMTs, paramedics, nurses, physician assistants, and physicians involved in emergency care of pediatric patients.

Successful completion of the required pre-course online content is mandatory for participation in the in-person session.

Course Completion Certificate issued by NAEMT

16 hours Special Consideration (Peds)

A23

Stop the Bleed (Train the Trainer) Afternoon Session.....\$25.00

Presented By: EMS Region III/ENMU-Roswell

3 HOURS – Thursday (Class starts: 01:00 pm)

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This course equips civilian bystanders and medical professionals to recognize hemorrhage and take immediate action before first responders arrive. Participants learn the ABCs of bleeding control, including tourniquet application, wound packing, and direct pressure, using nationally recognized Stop the Bleed® principles.

Based on the Stop the Bleed® Campaign (formerly *Bleeding Control for the Injured – B-Con*), this non-tactical program is appropriate for EMS providers, law enforcement, firefighters, security personnel, educators, and community trainers. Instruction combines focused presentation and hands-on skills practice. Upon completion, EMS providers are authorized to teach this course as immediate-responder bleeding control training.

Course Completion Certificate issued by EMS Region III

2.0 Trauma, 1.0 Prep/Ops

Core Conference Session

Friday, May 1st

C01

Sacred Cows Make the Best Steaks - EMS Myths and Legends

Presented by Paul Werfel

Are there EMS myths and legends? Of course..... We as instructors should try to adhere to the mantra of “evidence-based medicine”. But many of our instructors do not. They substitute experience for fact and twice-told tales for fact. Please join noted speaker and author Paul Werfel in this fun and insightful look into these myths and the evidence that does not support them. We will destroy some sacred cows along the way.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C02

SALT Triage in Action: Mastering Initial Response, Radio Size-ups, and MCI Management

Presented by Ginny Jackson

In a mass casualty incident, clarity, speed, and coordination are critical to saving lives. This session provides an in-depth review of the SALT (Sort, Assess, Lifesaving Interventions, Treatment/Transport) triage system, equipping EMS providers with the skills to rapidly assess patients and prioritize care in high-stakes situations. Participants will also explore strategies for delivering concise, effective radio size-ups, ensuring clear communication that enhances resource allocation and incident coordination. Whether responding to a multi-patient crash or a large-scale disaster, this session will help you refine your approach to organizing chaos and optimizing patient outcomes. Come see if SALT really does make things better.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C03

Rapid Trauma Exam – A Hands On Review

Presented by Jason Everett

The Rapid Trauma Exam (RTE) is the gold standard initial trauma exam that seeks to identify patient life threats and prepares the patient for efficient packaging and transport. This class will enhance your RTE skills by demonstrating efficiencies so that you can examine and package your patient to a backboard in under four minutes.

CE Category – Trauma

C04

Cannabis: What Does the Medical Literature Say About It?

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Pruett

As cannabis use becomes more widely accepted and commercially available, what does the medical literature have to say about it's benefits and harms? We will look at the biology of cannabis and it's effects on every system of the body, according to current studies.

CE Category – Medical

C05

From 911 to Recovery: How “HOPES”, “CARES”, and “SYNCRONYS” Can Help Us Be Better

Presented by Kyle Thornton

This presentation introduces three statewide initiatives designed to strengthen New Mexico's EMS system, increasing our positive impact on our patients. Kyle will introduce “HOPES”, a proposed statewide EMS-initiated buprenorphine (Suboxone) and harm-reduction support program developed in partnership with the NM DOH Helpline; the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES), the out-of-hospital cardiac arrest outcomes registry operated by Emory University; and SYNCRONYS, New Mexico's statewide Health Information Exchange.

The session will outline the purpose, implementation considerations, and operational models for each initiative, highlighting how EMS-initiated care, outcome measurement, and EMS/Hospital data sharing can collectively improve patient outcomes.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C06

Perfecting Palpation: Putting the Blinders on Trauma Assessment

Presented by Bob Matoba

Performing a thorough physical assessment on patients is a critical skill for any EMS provider. This session will focus on the various techniques associated with performing a thorough physical assessment. Participants will perform and become comfortable with the elements of this physical assessment.

CE Category – Trauma

C07

“I’ve Got The Sweet Blood”

Presented by Chad Curry

If you thought diabetes was limited to just type 1 and type 2, you’re in for an update. This education reviews both type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus in the prehospital setting and current care guidelines. It then explores other important types of diabetes mellitus that are struggling to gain widespread recognition, such as the ever-growing diagnosis of latent autoimmune diabetes of adults (LADA). Finally, we’ll examine early care strategies for two of the most common hyperglycemic conditions: Diabetic ketoacidosis and hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state (HHS).

CE Category – Medical

C08

Pattern Recognition For Paramedics: Clinical Red Flags You Should Never Ignore

Presented by Tracey Loscar

"They didn't look that sick." And then they died.

Critically ill patients often hide in plain sight. In rural and low-volume systems, where you may go weeks without a sick call, the ability to recognize subtle red flags becomes one of the most important clinical skills you have. This session dives into physiology, compensatory mechanisms, and classic misreads that precede decompensation long before the chart looks concerning.

We’ll examine presentation patterns that consistently predict bad outcomes. Attendees will learn how to interpret compensatory physiology, spot discordant assessment findings, and use pattern-based clinical reasoning to identify high-risk patients early, especially when diagnostics and backup aren’t coming.

This is practical, boots-on-the-ground clinical intelligence for catching the sickest patients before their physiology loses the fight.

CE Category – Medical

C09

Hocus POCUS

Presented by James Williams

If you have been around long enough, you can remember the implementation of end tidal CO2 monitoring in our practices and how it has become an invaluable diagnostic tool. The next wave of the future is the use of Point of Care Ultrasound, as it aims to become an indispensable tool that can improve patient care, success rates for procedures, and confirming diagnoses. Join James as he provides the basics of ultrasound, a review of anatomy using this tool, and live demonstrations of how easy and quick some of the exams can be performed and their relevance to us as prehospital providers.

CE Category – Airway/Ventilations

C10

From Patient Care to Courtroom

Presented by Kyle Thornton

This interactive, case-based session examines recent real-world incidents where EMS clinicians—and the systems around them (dispatch, supervision, and regulators)—faced termination, lawsuits, licensure action, and even criminal prosecution. We’ll walk through what happened, what was alleged vs proven, what charges were filed, and what outcomes occurred (or where cases stand today), then translate each case into practical safeguards for NM volunteer and career EMS personnel.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operation

C11

Patient Exams - An Instructor's Insight

Presented by Jason Everett

Often times, EMS instruction does not break down different types of exams so that they can be practiced as a focused exam in medical scenarios. Learn how to teach an anaphylactic exam, neuro exam, respiratory exam, abdominal exam, and cardiac exam based on chief complaint and patient presentation. Step-by-step student handouts provided.

CE Category Medical

C12

The Ultimate Fluid Resuscitation

Presented by James Williams

Considered an oldie but a goodie, administration of blood saves lives. Changes over the years in our scope of practice have enabled our services to actually initiate blood products in the field. It has been proven that the administration of blood products by EMS to patients suffering from hemorrhagic shock improves outcomes. Given this, we should be aggressively pursuing implementing this into our everyday practice. Join James as he reviews the rationale and use of blood products in the field, the types of blood products, its storage, criteria for use, and documentation.

CE Category –Trauma

C13

All That Wheezes Is Not Asthma - How To Tell CHF From COPD

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Pruett

Sometimes it is difficult to tell whether a patient with shortness of breath needs treatment for COPD or for CHF. We will discuss the pathophysiology behind each disease process and how to distinguish their presentations from each other to guide effective and safe treatment.

CE Category – Airway

C14

Demystifying the BLS Airway

Presented by Dr. C. Mateo Garica

This presentation highlights the power of positioning even in BLS airway management, key factors to consider for airway and respiratory management with adjuncts and appropriate oxygen supplementation, as well as discuss the balance between hyper and hypoxia and certain conditions we should be thoughtful with.

CE Category – Airway/Ventilations

C15

It's NOT About The Trauma

Presented by Bob Matoba

Non-traumatic musculoskeletal disorders encompass many potential conditions. This session will address the more common conditions that can be identified in the prehospital setting. More importantly, participants will be introduced to a method that helps differentiate and clinically approach non-traumatic musculoskeletal problems.

CE Category – Medical

C16

From Data to Dispatch: How EMS Can Help Prevent Maternal and Child Deaths

Presented by Ginny Jackson

Alaska and New Mexico face unique maternal and child health challenges shaped by geography, access barriers, and social determinants, but the opportunities for prevention are universal. This session unpacks key findings from Alaska's Maternal and Child Death Review Panel alongside insights from New Mexico's Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), illuminating the most common causes of maternal and pediatric fatalities in frontier and rural systems. More than just first responders, EMS providers are critical partners in prevention. This talk explores how data-driven insights from review panels can inform better reporting, enhanced education, and more strategic community engagement long before an emergency call is made. Attendees will learn how to interpret review findings, identify system gaps, and develop proactive strategies that save lives for vulnerable populations in rural and underserved regions. Join us to reframe the EMS role: not only as lifesavers on scene, but as early intervention agents who help prevent the calls you dread.

CE Category – Special Considerations -Pediatric

C17

“DISPATCH... Send Me All You Got!”

Presented by Chad Curry

Is a two-vehicle collision an MCI? Do you just load up the most seriously injured and head to the hospital? Or do you stay and play? This course will examine the needs and management of both small and large mass casualty incidents using the scalable NIMS structure. It'll examine the basic command structure for EMS, victim triage, and how to optimize the resources you have on hand. While it's not a comprehensive incident command course, this education should help you turn a chaotic scene into a more organized flow of patients to area hospitals and support centers.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

Saturday, May 2nd

C18

Low Volume/High Stakes: The Frontier Provider's Guide To Decision-Making

Presented by Tracey Loscar

You run two calls a day. A week? One is a fall. The other is a dialysis transfer. Your last cardiac arrest was six months ago. Your last pediatric intubation was never. When the critical call comes, you won't have muscle memory to fall back on. You'll have protocols, whatever equipment and training your time and budget allowed, and the sinking feeling that you're making decisions with incomplete information and no backup.

Welcome to low volume EMS.

Rural, remote, frontier, volunteer, and small-town providers face a paradox: the same clinical stakes as high-volume urban systems, but without the repetition that builds and maintains competence or confidence. You cannot practice what you never see. You can't refine skills through volume when volume doesn't exist. And when the big call comes, there's no cavalry. It is just you, your partner, and whatever you can improvise in the back of a truck on a dirt road an hour from definitive care.

This session isn't about wishing you had more resources. It's about making better decisions with what you actually have.

We'll examine clinical decision-making in resource deserts: how to think like a detective when labs and imaging aren't coming, when to trust your gut versus when to override it, when protocols don't fit your reality and you have to improvise, and how to build clinical reasoning without high call volume.

CE Category – Medical

C19

Real Men DO Cry – Dealing with the Hard Calls That Stay With EMS Providers

Presented by Jason Everett

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Jason will share a case-study of the call that broke him and ultimately resulted in his retirement. He will talk about the challenges of treating child fatalities in a small community and the importance of maintaining mental/emotional health through peer support, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, spiritual centeredness, and with talk therapy.

CE Category –Medical

C20

Time Is Brain

Presented by Chad Curry

Cerebral vascular accidents (CVA or strokes) are one of the greatest disablers and killers in our communities. Brain injury increases with every minute of an untreated stroke. Treatment-wise, there's not much EMS can do to slow the progression of brain injury. But immediate recognition, assessment, activation, and "patient prep" during prehospital care has a huge impact on patient outcome. This education examines common stroke mimics and how they can complicate our patient assessment and care.

CE Category - Medical

C21

Considerations For Pediatric Special Needs and Neurodiverse Patients

Presented by Dr. C. Mateo Garcia

This presentation covers key findings and helpful tips and resources for the times we care for our neurodiverse patient and pediatric patients. How to adapt ourselves and our systems to accommodate the needs of our patients.

CE Category –Special Considerations- Pediatric

C22

Professionalism in EMS: Is There Any Hope?

Presented by Paul Werfel

EMS has long been protected from the same level of scrutiny police officers face. People are generally glad when we show up. After all, we're the "good guys." Yet social media the fact that there are thousands of "amateur photojournalists" roaming our scenes with phones and drones have begun to put us in the crosshairs. In decades past we could hide in plain sight, dealing with patient care complaints behind closed-door meetings with management. Every action, right or wrong, now has thousands of potential witnesses. Our encounters with patients and families are memorialized for all time. We have reached a point where it is no longer good enough to have sound skills and strong medical knowledge. Professionalism is now a job requirement in EMS

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C23

Do You Believe In Magic? Capturing Your Student's Attention

Presented by Bob Matoba

Who doesn't LOVE a perplexing magic trick? A well performed magic trick is a universal language that has been scientifically proven to enhance student learning. This session will illustrate how magic can be used as an educational icebreaker, or a way to capture your student's attention. Participants will be actively engaged throughout this session while they learn magic tricks they can use during their next class period.

CE Category – Medical

C24

Head and Facial Trauma for the Prehospital Provider

Presented by Paul Werfel

The prehospital practitioner's handling of the patient with head and facial trauma can be one of the most difficult scenarios to successfully manage. With airway issues to deal with, C-spine injuries, and profuse bleeding all factoring into the equation, it's easy to see how daunting a task this can be. In this discussion we will discuss the methods of assessing and managing these injuries that affect nearly 2 million people in the U.S. and result in approximately 50% to 55% of all prehospital deaths.

This graphic, interactive session we will explore the assessment, pathophysiology, signs, symptoms and treatment of:

Cerebral concussions	Cerebral contusions
Basilar skull fractures	Intercranial bleeds
Penetrating head trauma	Maxillofacial injuries

CE Category – Trauma

C25

Lies They Taught Me In Paramedic School

Presented by Dr Kimberly Pruett

Patient's don't read the textbook. After almost 10 years of practicing and teaching emergency medicine, here is a list of things I have learned from clinical experience that is different from what I learned in school.

CE Category – Medical

C26

Cold Kills Twice: Hypothermia, Frostbite, and Post-Rescue Collapse

Presented by Ginny Jackson

Cold doesn't just injure. It sets traps. In rural and mountain environments, patients may survive the exposure, burial, or entrapment - only to deteriorate or arrest after extrication. Hypothermia destabilizes the heart. Frostbite hides progressive tissue destruction. Avalanche victims often die from what happens next: reperfusion, crush injury, rhabdomyolysis, and electrolyte collapse. Using response scenarios brought from home in Alaska, this session examines the pathophysiology and field management of cold injuries, with emphasis on the second phase of danger, the post-rescue collapse. The discussion extends beyond obvious wilderness calls to the cold patients crews miss: hypothermia from medical illness,

incidental exposure, and abuse or neglect. Designed for rural EMS, SAR, and austere responders, this talk focuses on recognition, packaging, rewarming decisions, and transport priorities when cold, compression, and hypoxia intersect.

CE Category – Medical

C27

Little Lives In Motion

Presented by Chad Curry

Transport is a fundamental core of all EMS agencies, but what we do or don't do during transport can directly influence our pediatric patient's outcome. This presentation explores the unique anatomy and physiology of the pediatric patient and how it's affected by our prehospital care and transport decisions. We'll also dive into some of the more common ways to secure the pediatric patient in the ambulance and how transport itself can alter our patient's response to management. This education also explores regulatory issues with ambulance transport, both on a federal and state level.

CE Category – Special Considerations -Pediatric

C28

HEENT Disorders, Does This Really Apply to EMS?

Presented by Bob Matoba

Head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat (HEENT) disorders encompass many potential conditions. This session will address the more common HEENT conditions that can be identified in the prehospital setting. More importantly, participants will be introduced to a method that helps differentiate and clinically approach these medical problems.

CE Category – Medical

C29

When Seconds Count - Death Determination by EMS

Presented by Brendan Schafer and Kyle Thornton

This presentation provides EMS providers with a practical, evidence-based approach to determining death in the prehospital setting. Through case examples and discussion, providers will strengthen their confidence in making timely, appropriate determinations while ensuring compassionate care for patients, families, and bystanders.

CE Category – Trauma

C30

Make Sure You Outlast the Job

Presented by James Williams

Someone once said we cannot live forever shadowed by what our lives used to be. Regardless of how long we are on the job, we will all carry what we see and do with us for the rest of our lives. It is more than obvious that the mental toll our job has on us. Although the rates of PTSD and suicides seem to be increasing, they have always been there. We have just done a poor job as individuals of recognizing it and dealing with it appropriately. This is the shadow we will have to live with forever. Join James as he provides insight on mental health from a personal point of view as well discussing PTSD, including recognition, how to manage it appropriately, and new treatments that are available.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C31

The Monitor: Understanding Our Tools and When They May Fail Us

Presented by Dr. C. Mateo Garcia

This presentation will focus on understanding how our monitors acquire and give us vital sign data, pulling back the curtain of common misunderstandings. The ultimate goal is to inform our providers working in the technological ages about limitations and key scenarios when our machines and monitors fail to provide reliable information. This knowledge is imperative to better understand when confounding data may be occurring and recognition and early adaptation that can result in improved care when our tech gets it wrong.

CE Category – Medical

C32

Those Cardiac Rhythm & Blues

Presented by Chad Curry

With the help of modern medicine, people are living longer. But they also face a buildup of worsening chronic medical conditions that affect every organ in their body. The heart is no exception. This course explores the failing heart, specifically those patients presenting with heart failure, experiencing a sudden onset of SCAPE (Sympathetic Crashing Acute Pulmonary Edema), or even a conduction block. This education explains the pathophysiology behind these conditions and current treatment pathways for both prehospital and emergency center care. By the conclusion, this course should strengthen your confidence in caring for these critically ill patients.

CE Category – Cardiovascular

C33

Bariatric Surgery for EMS: The Risks & Complications We Need To Be Aware Of

Presented by Paul Werfel

Weight loss surgery is being performed in record numbers in this country. While we all hear reports of stunning successes, the research is pretty clear that not everyone lives happily ever after. Please join long time presenter and author Paul Werfel in this new and insightful look into the burgeoning area of concern for EMS providers.

CE Category – Medical

C34

Unconscious / Unresponsive Patients – 14 Scenarios to test your EMTs on their differential diagnostic skills

Presented by Jason Everett

Learn 14 different scenarios that you can use to test your EMTs on their ability to rapidly determine the cause of an unconscious / unresponsive patient with minimal information. Differences in BP, HR, RR, BGL, skin signs, and body posture can give you the information needed to inform the EMT's Nature of Illness, and determine the best treatment priorities.

CE Category – Cardiology

Sunday, May 3rd

C35

Can We Talk?? EMS Patient Communication in The Age of Social Media

Presented by Paul Werfel

Email, texts, Facebook and other social media have seemed to replace conversation and speaking as the preferred method of communication for many of us. We text our relatives and friends, obtain college credits on-line and take credentialing exams on computer. But what happens when we actually have to obtain a history and discover that actual human to human communications is an essential skill and our patients do not answer in ideas that are limited to 140 characters! Please join long time presenter and author Paul Werfel in this new and insightful look into the burgeoning area of concern for EMS providers.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C36

“A Chat with The Chief”

Presented by Kyle Thornton

Join Kyle Thornton, Chief of the EMS Bureau for this session that gives the Chief an opportunity to spend some time with you, answer questions and let you know what is going on with the EMS Bureau. He looks forward to this every year, and hopes you do as well!

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

C37

Never Have I Ever: One Dare, Two Blankets, and Four Decades Later

Presented by Tracey Loscar

This talks about my personal history in EMS, from entering at the age of 17 on a volunteer first aid squad in suburban NJ, to working in one of the most violent cities in the US, and eventually my move to Alaska. It's a cross-sectional look at EMS from the inside looking out.

CE Category – Preparatory/Operations

Conference Speakers

Craig Rhyne, MD

Lubbock, Texas

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Craig Rhyne.

A native of Lubbock, Dr. Rhyne recently retired as the Regional Chief Medical Officer for Covenant Health. Trained as a General and Trauma Surgeon, he has been in the Lubbock community both as a Resident Physician, a Faculty Surgeon at Texas Tech, and has been on the medical staff at Covenant since 1991. He did a research fellowship at Cornell University Medical College in New York City immediately prior to returning to Lubbock in 1988. He has been involved in Trauma System development in both Texas and New Mexico, and has served terms on both state's Governors Trauma Councils. He has served as a Medical Director for EMS services in Texas and New Mexico, and has been the Medical Director for MedTrans AeroCare, a critical care flight transport program.



He has been the Regional Medical Director for EMS Region III for nearly 31 years. When away from Covenant, he lives with his wife of 39 years and has two sons, both engineers and studying law.

Paul Werfel, MS, NRP

Mt. Sinai, New York



For 31 years, Paul served as Director of the Stony Brook University EMT and Paramedic Program, while also holding appointments as Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and

Clinical Assistant Professor of Health Science. He is a recipient of the 1998 Faculty Achievement Award and has contributed significantly to the field through editorial and advisory work. He has served on review boards for Prehospital and Disaster Medicine and Prehospital Immediate Care, was an expert writer for the National Standard EMT-Intermediate/Paramedic Curriculum revision project, and is a founding board member of the National EMS Educators Association. He serves as the Chair of the Paramedic Accreditation Advisory Committee of Borough of Manhattan Community College. Paul continues to serve on several influential committees, including the New York State EMS Committee, the Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, and the Suffolk Rapid Sequence Induction Subcommittee. Since 1997, he has presented at more than 250 EMS international conferences and seminars..

Tracey Loscar, BA, NRP

Palmer, Alaska



Tracey Loscar, BA, NRP, is the Deputy Director of EMS for the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough, which spans over 25,000 square miles in Southcentral Alaska. Before heading for the mountains, she spent over 25 years working in Newark, New Jersey, as a ground paramedic, educator, and flight medic.

She has over 75 published works, including the columns "When Johnny Met Rosie" and "The Midlife Medic." She is an inaugural recipient of the 2023 American Ambulance Association's "EMS Vanguard Award" in recognition of her contributions to prehospital healthcare. She is an author, national speaker, chair of the State of Alaska EMS Advisory Committee and EMS World Editorial Advisory Board member.

Ginny Jackson, NRP

Palmer, Alaska



With over two decades in prehospital emergency medicine, Ginny Jackson has spent her career working where medicine meets distance, weather, and limited resources. As Chief of EMS Operations for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, she leads emergency response

across one of Alaska's largest and most logistically complex regions, supporting providers who operate days from definitive care in some of the most unforgiving terrain in the country. Ginny began her career as a paramedic and later served nearly a decade as a flight medic with LifeGuard and LifeMed Alaska, delivering critical care in remote villages, wilderness environments, and extended transport missions. Alongside her operational leadership, she has served for more than ten years on the Alaska Maternal and Child Death Review Panel, helping translate fatality data into prevention strategies that address the realities of frontier healthcare. Her professional focus centers on rural system development, high-risk population outcomes, and the integration of EMS into public health prevention where the road ends.

Bob Matoba, M.ED, EMT-P

Ocala, Florida

Bob Matoba, M.Ed., EMT-P, has made it his mission to educate clinicians, rather than technicians. Bob's career has spanned many aspects of the EMS profession, first as an EMT for a private ambulance company, all the way to the EMS Chief for a metropolitan fire department. He strives to provide education that has relevance while improving the clinical practice of his participants. Bob has had the privilege to speak at many EMS conferences throughout the nation, and has been a monthly columnist for EMS1.com, as well as a featured and contributing author for EMS World Magazine and JEMS.



Kyle Thornton, BA, EMT-P

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Kyle Thornton is the Emergency Medical Systems Bureau Chief for the State of New Mexico Department of Health. This position oversees the state's Emergency Medical Services & Trauma programs. He has been the EMS Bureau Chief since June of 2007. Kyle has been involved in EMS for nearly 39 years, obtaining his basic EMT license in 1984, and then his paramedic license in 1987.



He has obtained patient care experience with several services over the years, including Albuquerque Ambulance Service, Lifeguard Air Medical Service, Taos County EMS, Town of Bernalillo EMS, and the Sandoval County Fire Department, where he was the Deputy Chief and EMS Chief from November 2004 until he went to the EMS Bureau.

He became involved in Community Education teaching CPR and First Aid in 1984, and has been active in EMS Education since 1990. Kyle spent nine years at the UNM School of Medicine's EMS Academy as the ILS Program Coordinator and then the BLS/ILS Program Director.

Jason Everett, EMT Fire Chief

Datil, New Mexico



Jason Everett is currently the Fire Chief at the Very Large Array (VLA) and Emergency Services Manager for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). He also serves as the Chair of the Socorro County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and is a Senior EMT

Instructor for the UNM EMS Academy. He retired from a 20-year career at Vashon Island Fire and Rescue (VIFR) located on an island outside of Seattle and was a fire and EMT instructor for his department as well as for King County Medic One. He is a parent and grandparent and spends his off-time gardening, composing and producing music, and advocating for improvements to New Mexico's emergency response capabilities.

conferences, where he presents engaging, relevant, and current content across a

wide spectrum of emergency medicine topics..

Kimberly Pruett, MD

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Dr. Kimberly Pruett is an assistant professor in the department of emergency medicine at the University of New Mexico and serves as the medical director of Albuquerque Fire Rescue. She finished her residency in emergency medicine at Vanderbilt Medical Center and completed an EMS Fellowship at the University of New Mexico. Prior to her career

as a physician, she served in the United States Air Force as an active duty intelligence officer for six years after graduating from the US Air Force Academy

James Williams, NREMT-P, I/C, AAS

Lovington, New Mexico

James R. Williams has been a New Mexico resident for over 40 years. He has been actively involved in fire and EMS for over 30 years. He has served in the capacity as Fire Chief for the Lovington Fire Department, and recently retired as City Manager for the City of Lovington, New Mexico. Although his municipal government service has ended, he continues to serve the public in the capacity as a Flight Paramedic for Med-Trans, serving with Aerocare IX in Hobbs, New Mexico.



James also currently serves as the Lea County, New Mexico Representative of the Eastern New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Corporation (EMS Region I & III) Board of Directors as President. James also serves as a member of the New Mexico Statewide EMS Advisory Committee and has served on the New Mexico Municipal Fire Chiefs Board of Directors.

James has been speaking at various conferences in New Mexico and across the United States for over a decade. He is well known for his passion and dedication for EMS and strives to see it progress. His presentations are enjoyable due to his sense of humor, pleasant personality, and the ability to make individuals "think outside the box" so they can deal with common and future problems they, as providers, may face.

C. Mateo Garcia, MD

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mateo Garcia is an Emergency Medicine and EMS Physician from New Mexico. He found a passion for medicine and EMS through a very circuitous path. He began his career working as a firefighter/EMT where he first became part of the EMS Family. He also worked as a UNMH as an ER Technician, spent time as an Entrepreneur and worked many other jobs prior to medical school. He did all of his medical training at the University of New Mexico, including Medical School, Emergency Medicine residency and an EMS Medical Direction fellowship. He currently serves as Medical director for Multiple EMS and First Responder agencies and has a strong passion for EMS education, Rural and Tribal EMS systems, EMS Leadership and policy, as well as operational Medicine. He is supported by an Amazing family including a wife and Son who continuously inspire him in every facet of my life, and amazing colleagues at the university of New Mexico EMS Consortium.



Chad Curry, NREMT-P

Lubbock, Texas



James "Chad" Curry is a Licensed Paramedic with the state of Texas, a certified Texas EMS Instructor, and a certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C). He is the Training Chief for University Medical Center's Emergency Medical Service (UMC EMS) in Lubbock, Texas and has been employed with UMC EMS for over 25 years. His experience

includes over a decade of employment with AeroCare as a flight paramedic and continues to work with them today.

As the Clinical Coordinator for UMC EMS' licensed continuing education program, Chad oversees and teaches both in-house education and community outreach programs to EMS providers. He is a co-author to several research posters presented across the state and nation, generating interest and helping other EMS agencies advance their treatment protocols based on UMC EMS' experiences. Chad also directs the UMC EMS Outreach CE program that offers free, approved online continuing education to EMS providers in Texas and NREMT recertification candidates throughout the United States.

Closer to home, he and his team of educators teach the American College of Surgeons' "Stop the Bleed" campaign and American Heart Association CPR courses to schools, organizations, and communities across Lubbock and the South Plains. In the past, Chad was a member of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) and currently works with the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force. In addition, he has conveyed the concerns of many prehospital providers nationwide by testifying to the United States Sentencing Commission in Washington D.C. about the difficulties faced by synthetic cannabinoid use by the public. He continues to speak to students, parents and the general public about the dangers of substance abuse that may be lurking within their own homes.



2026 EMS REGION III ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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PLEASE CHECK OFF THE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:				
Workshops starting Sunday, April 26, 2026				
A01	Wilderness Upgrade Med. Course			\$100
Workshops starting Monday, April 27, 2026				
A02	EMT-Intermediate Renewal CE Package			\$75
A03	EMT-Paramedic Renewal CE Package			\$75
A04	EMD Renewal Package			\$50
A05	PHTLS			\$50
A06	Rope Rescue: Awareness and Operations			\$75
A07	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care			\$50
A08	Basic Auto Extrication			\$75
A09	Intro to ECG			\$25
A10	GEMS			\$25
Workshops starting Tuesday, April 28, 2026				
A11	EMT-Basic Renewal CE Package			\$50
A12	First Responder Renewal CE Package			\$25
A13	Moulage Course			\$25
A14	NAEMT EMS Safety Course			\$25
A15	NMEMSTARS Data Quality - Provider Class			Free
Workshops starting Wednesday, April 29, 2026				
A16	Skills Day - ½ day	\$25	Full day	\$50
A17	Medical Director Course			Free
A18	NMEMSTARS Data Quality - Administrator			Free
Workshops starting Thursday, April 30, 2026				
A19	Stop the Bleed (Train the Trainer) Morning			\$25
A20	Fund Act/NMEMSTARS/LMS			Free
A21	Advanced Airway Management			\$25
A22	Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)			\$25
A23	Stop the Bleed (Train the Trainer) Afternoon			\$25

WHICH CORE CONFERENCE SESSION WILL YOU BE ATTENDING: (ONE PER SESSION)				
Friday, May 1, 2026 Sessions				
Friday, Morning General Session	1			
Friday, Morning Breakout Sessions	2	3	4	5
Friday, Afternoon Breakout Sessions	6	7	8	9
Friday, Afternoon Breakout Sessions	10	11	12	13
Friday, Afternoon Breakout Sessions	14	15	16	17
Saturday, May 2, 2026 Sessions				
Saturday, Morning General Session	18			
Saturday, Morning Breakout Sessions	19	20	21	22
Saturday, Afternoon Breakout Sessions	23	24	25	26
Saturday, Afternoon Breakout Sessions	27	28	29	30
Saturday, Afternoon Breakout Sessions	31	32	33	34
Sunday, May 3, 2026 Sessions				
Sunday, Morning General Session				35
Sunday, Morning General Session				36
Sunday, Closing General Session				37
Registration Fees (Choose One)				
Core Conference Registration				\$325
Daily Rate				\$125
Guest Pass**				\$25
Scholarship Approved	\$100	\$200		

Pre-Conference Fees: _____
 Conference Fees: _____
 Guest Pass: _____
 Other: _____

Name of Guest Attending (If Applicable): _____
TOTAL AMOUNT:

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New Mexico EMS Fund Act Special Projects

Continuing Education Scholarship Application for FY 26 (01 July 2025 – 30 June 2026)

**Instructions: Every question must be answered. If a section does not apply, put N/A in the blank. Only one (1) scholarship per person!
Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted!**

Please email, mail or fax the completed application to the following:

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
EMS REGION I & III
PO BOX 1895
CLOVIS, NM 88102-1895
PHONE: (575) 769-2639 FAX: (575) 769-3485

Please follow all instructions, answer all questions, and complete all forms. If you have any questions, or need assistance in the application process, please contact Brandie Bray at brandie@emsregion3.org

Applicant/Contact: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY)

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Do you reside in New Mexico?

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