

It has been another wonderful year at NAEMSP®, but before we get into that it is appropriate for us to pause and reflect upon the tragedies that we have experienced, both personally and vicariously as an EMS family. EMS providers' have disproportionality committed suicide when compared with the general population while active shooter events have occurred with alarming frequency. NAEMSP® remains committed to supporting our providers in these difficult response situations with compassion and evidenced-based guidance.

We have completed formation of the **NAEMSP® PAC**, including distributing our first contributions and engaging with our nationally elected representatives. We intentionally provide distributions in a bipartisan manner, focusing on those representatives who are committed to understanding our issues and helping us advance the mission of NAEMSP®. In January, we will enter a new election cycle and it will be time to give again!

The **NAEMSP® Website** has undergone a complete overhaul, with a new look and much improved navigation. We were able to complete this work without a membership dues increase and with many hours of donated assistance from members of the communications committee and others. We trust you are as pleased with the website as we are! One of the greatest features is the ability to auto-renew your membership to NAEMSP®, such that you won't have to remember to do this year-over-year. We know that members will enjoy this convenience.

We collaborated extensively with our partners at the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) as well as the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT) to complete a multi-year effort regarding **Spinal Motion Restriction**. After 36 revisions, we published a combined position document in Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC) that has been downloaded over 18,000 times!

I would like to thank all the members of the board of directors, the committee chairs, the members who have individually contributed to our organization, and the NAEMSP® staff for your assistance over the past year. Special recognition is warranted for those who contributed in the first year of our PAC and for those who have traveled to DC to assist with our advocacy efforts.

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