

**2015**

# **Spring Conference**

**Leadership  
OR**

**Preparedness Day  
March 13th**

**Conference  
March 14th & 15th**



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*Back by Popular Demand!!*

*The 2015 Spring Conference will be held at the  
Pine Barn Inn Conference Center in  
Danville, PA*

# 2015 Leadership Day

*March 13th, 2015*

*8:00am - 4:00pm*

*Lunch will be provided*

**After rave reviews the last several years, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering another full day of continuing education for our EMS Leaders! This day is intended for those who are new to EMS leadership, those who are looking to improve their leadership skills and/or those who are looking to give themselves the edge when trying to break into EMS leadership.**

**Leadership Day Cost: \$35.00 per person**

Regional EMS Agencies may sponsor up to **THREE** representatives for **FREE**

# *2015 Leadership Day Schedule*

Time	Lecture	Presenter
<b>7:30 - 8:00</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>	
<b>8:00 - 8:15</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Tim Nilson</b>
<b>8:15 - 9:45</b>	<b>Leadership in Patient Care</b>	<b>Maj. Ryan Quinn</b>
<b>9:45 - 10:00</b>	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>Succession Planning through Mentoring</b>	<b>Phil Krebs</b>
<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>Trends Affecting EMS Reimbursement</b>	<b>Chuck Humphrey</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP/PREPAREDNESS LUNCHEON</b>	<b>Bureau of EMS and Regional Staff</b>
<b>1:00 - 2:30</b>	<b>Recruitment &amp; Retention</b>	<b>John Logan</b>
<b>2:30 - 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
<b>2:45 - 3:45</b>	<b>Field Training Officers</b>	<b>Fred Haas</b>
<b>3:45 - 4:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Tim Nilson</b>



# 2015 Preparedness Day

*March 13th, 2015*

*8:00am - 4:00pm*

*Lunch will be provided*

**In today's world of terrorism and natural disasters, you can't be overly prepared!! This day long preparedness series will feature lectures to assist EMS responders in effectively and efficiently managing large-scale events; whether public health, natural or man-made. This track is focused for EMS strike team personnel, hospital preparedness personnel and other with MCI patient care responsibilities.**

**Preparedness Day Cost: \$35.00 per person**

**Regional Strike Team Agencies may sponsor up to *THREE* representatives for *FREE*.**

# 2015 Preparedness Day Schedule

<i>Time</i>	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
<b>7:30 - 8:00</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>	
<b>8:00 - 8:15</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Tim Nilson</b>
<b>8:15 - 9:45</b>	<b>Long Term Care Facility Evacuations: The "SMART" Approach</b>	<b>Tom Grace</b>
<b>9:45 - 10:00</b>	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>Current and Future Trends in Public Health Preparedness</b>	<b>Katie Polachek/ Bob Kabata</b>
<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>"Better Together" A Cooperative Approach to Preparedness</b>	<b>Tom McElree</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP/PREPAREDNESS LUNCHEON</b>	<b>Bureau of EMS and Regional Staff</b>
<b>1:00 - 2:30</b>	<b>Knowledge Center/Patient Tracking</b>	<b>Jason Brown Howdy McGinnis</b>
<b>2:30 - 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
<b>2:45 - 3:45</b>	<b>Emergency Planning Basics</b>	<b>Fred Peterson</b>
<b>3:45 - 4:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Tim Nilson</b>

# 2015 General Conference

March 14th & 15th, 2015

Working Together  
To Build A Better Tomorrow

# Conference Schedule

## Saturday March 14th

Time	Topic	Presenter
7:00 - 7:50	Registration	
8:00 - 8:15	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Tim Nilson
8:15 - 10:15	Changing the Paradigm: Rescue Task Force Response to Active Shooter Incidents	Arlington County Rescue Task Force
10:15 - 10:30	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
10:30 - 12:00	<b>BREAK OUT SESSION I</b>	
	Eye Injuries & Ocular Trauma	Robert Notz
	You're Never More than Five Minutes From Hell: Will You Survive in EMS?	Kassandra Botti
	Hazmat Mechanism of Injury	Fred Haas
12:00 - 1:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00 - 2:30	<b>BREAK OUT SESSION II</b>	
	Carrying Darisbelle: A Graphic Review and Description of Child Abuse	Kay Bleacher
	Management of an Entrapped Patient in a USAR Environment	John Brindle
	Orthopedic Traumatic Injuries	GMC Orthopedic Trauma Team
2:30 - 3:00	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
3:00 - 4:30	Gang Awareness & Drug Cartels	Larry Hicks
4:30 - 5:00	Closing Remarks	Tim Nilson

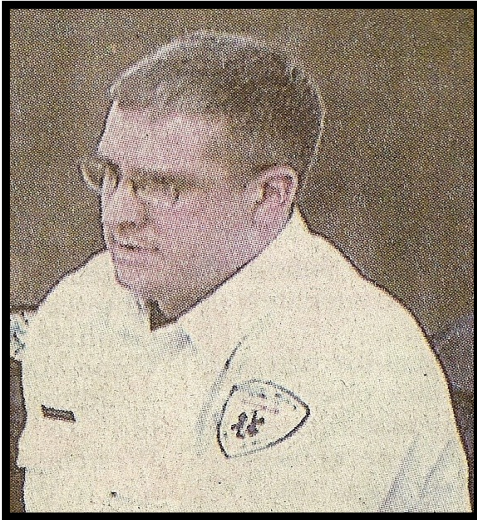


# Conference Schedule

## Sunday March 15th

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
7:00 - 7:50	Registration	
8:00 - 8:15	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Tim Nilson
8:15 - 10:15	Trauma Patient: The Other Side of the Litter	Kay Bleacher
10:15 - 10:30	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
10:30 - 12:00	<b>BREAK OUT SESSION I</b>	
	Helicopter EMS: A Look Inside of the Air Medical Transport Environment	Geisinger Life Flight Tony Blxby
	SIM LAB: Hands On Emergencies	Scott Danowsky
	Fail to Plan? Plan to Fail.	Penn State University EMS
12:00 -1:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00 - 2:30	<b>BREAK OUT SESSION II</b>	
	EMS Response to Seizures	Phil Krebs
	Things that Bite, Sting, and Suck: Poisonings and Envenomation	Clifford Neal
	EMS Ethics/Ambassadorship	Tim Nilson
2:30 - 2:45	<b>BREAK - MAIN LOBBY</b>	
2:45 - 4:15	2015 BLS Protocol Rollout	Doug Kupas
4:15 - 4:30	Closing Remarks	Tim Nilson
4:30 - 5:30	2015 ALS Protocol Rollout	Doug Kupas

# 2015 Presenter Bios



**Ryan Quinn, EMTP, US Army National Guard**

Ryan began a career as a Paramedic in 1992 further obtaining a bachelors degree in History and a Masters Degree in Education. Ryan then enlisted in the US Army as infantry and moved on to an officer in the Medical Service Corps and Mortuary Affairs Officer. Ryan also once served as Chief Deputy Coroner in Montour County. Today, Major Quinn is a US Army National Guard Administrative Officer/Medical Readiness Officer in Pittsburgh, PA.

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**Phillip Krebs Jr, R.EEG T, MHP.**



Mr. Krebs is Director of Medical Policy and Appeals at Geisinger Health Plan. He oversees the medical policy development program, medical operations, medical claims research, and the Grievance and Appeals department. He is also responsible for operational oversight of the Geisinger Technology Assessment Committee and Subcommittees

Phil is a board registered Electroencephalographic Technologist. Prior to joining GHP in 1999, Phil worked in the clinical neurophysiology department at Geisinger, and ran the Oculomotor/Vestibular Research Lab. In addition to his current duties, Mr. Krebs has been an editorial peer-reviewer for the American Society of Electrodiagnostic Technology since 1996. Mr. Krebs has published research papers on prion protein disorders, psychogenic seizure disorders and has been a collaborative co-author for Jefferson School of Population Health. He has also been a guest lecturer for Bucknell University's Bioengineering Capstone Course.

# 2015 Presenter Bios

## **Chuck Humphrey, EMT, B.S., CAC**



Chuck has been involved in EMS locally for twenty-nine years and an EMS billing specialist for eighteen. As the Business Development Manager at Enhanced Management Services, Inc. - an EMS billing contractor with clients ranging across the United States, he is responsible for overseeing the sales marketing and outside client support efforts. Chuck frequently conducts on-site client documentation training for EMS providers and also blogs on EMS billing topics, regularly.

Chuck is a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a degree in Political Science with focus on Public Administration and has obtained Certified Ambulance Coder status through the National Academy of Ambulance Coding. He resides in Berwick where he remains active as an emeritus member of the board of directors and an EMT for the Berwick Area Ambulance Association

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## **John R. Logan, JD, MBA, Paramedic**



Mr. Logan began his career in Emergency Services as a volunteer in 1978. In 1989 he entered EMS management as a Paramedic Supervisor for a fire based EMS Agency. In 1993 he was hired as Executive Director and CEO of Greater Valley EMS, and assumed the duties of Director/Chief of Community LifeTeam in the City of Harrisburg in 2009. Mr. Logan has his Juris Doctor from Widener School of Law and his Executive Master of Business Administration from the Penn State Smeal College of Business. He serves on several state and regional boards and advisory committees.

# 2015 Presenter Bios



**Fred Haas, NREMT-P**

Fred is a long time paramedic and field supervisor for Sussex County Delaware EMS. Fred is originally from the former Susquehanna EHS Council Region, and served as Council field representative for several years. Fred is no stranger to the area, having worked for the services within this region. Fred is a noted speaker and educator who has been featured at many state and national conferences.



**Thomas Grace, RN, PhD**

Tom is currently the Vice President of Emergency Preparedness of the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania. He is Team Leader and Founder of Southeastern PA Surge Medical Assistance Response Team (SEPA SMART) and Team Commander of Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) PA-4. He is a Volunteer Firefighter and Paramedic for 30+ years spending 12 years as an Emergency Flight Nurse before moving to Hospital Administration. He is also the Regional Health Preparedness VP and was an adjunct healthcare Faculty lead for the Texas A&M WMD Training from 2000-2005.



# 2015 Presenter Bios

## **Robert Kabata**

Robert Kabata has been the Public Health Preparedness Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Southcentral District Office since July 2012. He has attended several CDC trainings for SNS, including their Mass Antibiotic Dispensing Train-the-Trainer course. He has conducted numerous trainings and presentations related to all areas of the Strategic National Stockpile throughout Pennsylvania. Additionally, he served as the Logistics Manager for the PA Department of Health during the response to the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee in 2011.

Previously, Robert was a US Navy Corpsman for 11 years, specializing in public health. During his service, he planned and managed over 150 field vaccination clinics in multiple countries. He also was the lead public health official during preventive medical responses to outbreaks of E-coli, Hepatitis A and tuberculosis in local communities surrounding his duty stations. Robert earned his Masters of Homeland Security and Bachelor of Science degrees from Pennsylvania State University.

## **Catherine Polachek,**

Ms. Polachek has been employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for the past 14 years. She currently serves as the Public Health Preparedness Coordinator for the North Central District. Her primary responsibility is to plan for the Mass Distribution of Medical Countermeasures (MDMC) in the event of an all-hazards event that would require the mass prophylaxis of citizens and visitors in the North Central District. During her service with the Pennsylvania Department of Health she has developed and implemented educational programs on a variety of public health topics, she has assisted with planning and managing Mass Vaccination Clinics for Vaccine Preventable Diseases, and served as the Emergency Support Function #8- Health and Medical representative during various County Emergency Management-Emergency Operation Center Activations. Ms. Polachek has a BS in Health Education from East Stroudsburg University.

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## **Thomas J. McElree**

### **Director, EMSI Regional Council**



Thomas is the Executive Director and General Counsel for the Emergency Medical Service Institute (EMSI), which serves as the regional council for Southwestern Pennsylvania. A licensed attorney with 20 years experience, Mr. McElree also holds a Master of Business Administration and is a practicing Paramedic with more than 30 years experience. Since January 2014, he has served as the Department of Health's Liaison to the Regional EMS Councils in regard to statewide preparedness activities.

# 2015 Presenter Bios

**Jason Brown**



Jason Brown is an Emergency Preparedness Regional Manager for the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania assigned to the South Central and South Central Mountains Regions of Pennsylvania. Jason serves as one of the system administrators for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Knowledge Center Healthcare Incident Management System.

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**Frederick Peterson**



Fred Peterson has a decades long career in EMS, Public Health, and Hospital Administration. He is a former Executive Director of EMSI and Administrator of Life Flight in Pittsburgh. He has a masters degree in Public Health (MPH) from Yale University. Mr. Peterson currently serves at the Southwest Regional Manager for the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania.

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**Larry Hicks, USP Allenwood**



Mr. Hicks is an SIS Technician for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at USP Allenwood. Mr. Hicks has an extensive knowledge of gang related signs, markings, and related activities that he has gained over many years of employment with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and through extensive training and education.

# 2015 Presenter Bios

## Arlington County Fire Department

### High Threat Unit

**E. Reed Smith, MD, FACEP** - Dr. Smith is a co-founder and the co-chairman of the Committee for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, Operational Medical Director for the Arlington County, Virginia Fire Department, Attending Physician at Virginia Hospital Center and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University. Reed has also served as the Medical Director & co-Team Leader of the National Medical Response Team—National Capital Region, Program & Medical Director of the GW University Emergency Health Services Program., and has served as Medical Director for several large scale events including the 2011 U.S. Open. Dr. Smith is recognized nationally for his work in developing the Rescue Task Force Concept and frequently presents at domestic & international conferences, publishes, and delivers training to many groups including special operations forces. Reed is a former EMS provider, FEMA USAR (VATF-1) member and US Navy NEC8404 Combat Corpsman.

**Nathaniel Hiner, Firefighter/Paramedic** - Nathaniel is a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Arlington (VA) County Fire Department, a technician member of the ACFD Technical Rescue Team, as well as the Public Information Officer and Intel Officer for the ACFD High Threat Unit. The ACFD High Threat Unit is a selected group of operational experts within the department who provide information and training to all members of the ACFD as well as other jurisdiction on operational medical response for any high threat event. Additionally, Nate is a member of the federal InterAgency Board on the Health and Medical Responder Safety subgroup, a participant in the IAB's First Responder of the Future project, and is a contributing member to the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center. Recently appointed to the Washington Council of Governments Fire and Rescue Intel Committee, Nate now assists in analyzing and providing pertinent intelligence to the Washington region Fire and Rescue Community.



# 2015 Presenter Bios



**Robert G. Notz, MD**

Dr. Notz is an ophthalmologist and eye surgeon at Geisinger Medical Center Ophthalmology. His clinical interests include Corneal transplantation, ocular infectious diseases, small-incision cataract surgery, ocular herpes simplex, ocular trauma, and anterior segment surgery. In his spare time, he likes to hunt and fish.... A lot.

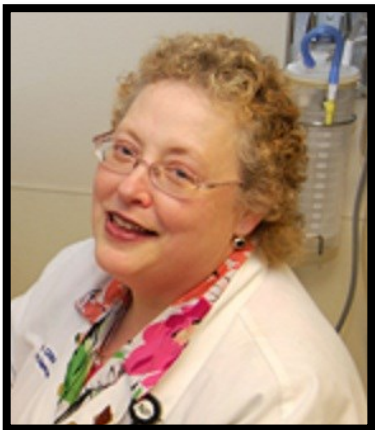
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**Kasandra Botti, DO, FACEP**

Kassi became an EMT in 1990 and a Paramedic in 1994. She attended medical school in Erie and completed her Emergency Physician Residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. She is a full time ER Physician at Mount Nittany for the past 11 years and is also the command facility medical director. She is the medical director for Medic 24. Dr. Botti is also employed as a Life Flight Physician with Geisinger, flying primarily on Life Flight 2 in State College, PA.

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**Kay Bleacher - PHRN, CRNP, CEN**

Kay is a registered nurse with many years experience in Emergency Nursing and EMS. A graduate of Widener University with a Masters in Nursing, she is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner in family health. She is a member of the Safe Kids Coalition, and instructor for AHA, Regional Faculty for PALS and PEPP. She has been published in several EMS and Nursing journals and is an active member of the PA EHS Council.



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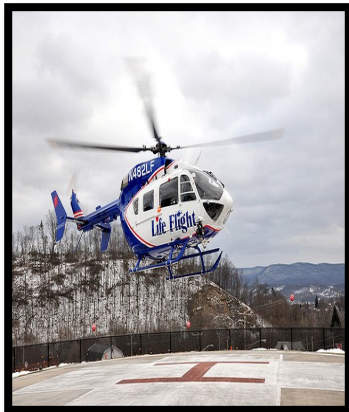
**John Brindle, EMT-P PinnacleHealth/LifeTeam EMS**

John has been a paramedic since 1984, having worked in suburban, urban, and rural areas. Presently, he is the assistant Chief for LifeTeam EMS which is a service of PinnacleHealth System in Harrisburg City. Currently, John is a medical specialist on PA Task Force 1 and also serves on the EHS Federations Region 3 Strike Team as a Strike Team Leader. John is a faculty member of the HACC Paramedic program and has a strong fire department background.

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## **Geisinger Life Flight - Flight Team**

### **Tony Bixby, Flight Paramedic.**



Tony is an Nationally Registered Paramedic, and also a Critical Care and Certified Flight paramedic. He has 12 years experience in helicopter EMS and spent 4 ½ years as the Life Flight educator. For the past three years, Tony has served as the Western Regional Manager for the Life Flight program. Along with his Life Flight experience, Tony is also part time faculty for Penn College of Technology in the Paramedic Technology program, and has been teaching there for 14 years.

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## **Scott Danowsky**



Scott was born in Central PA. He served in the Air Force as a medical service specialist, and became an EMT in 1985. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Health Education in 1993. Scott has worked in several health-related positions and came to Geisinger Health System in 1999. As EMS Coordinator, Scott takes care of all the EMS related education through Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital and Geisinger Shamokin Hospital, and has had SIMMAN for the last nine years.

# 2015 Presenter Bios



## **Wes Cartwright, EMTP - University Health Services - Penn State University**

Wes has been an active paramedic for the past 35 years and actively volunteers in the fire service since 1976. He has been an EMS Instructor for 25 years. The past 30 years he has been providing EMS at Penn State EMS at Daily Operations and Special Events. Wes has seen Event EMS grow from 30 events a year to 600 events a year. Wes has been involved in planning and operations of small sporting venues, several Presidential visits, the National Governors Conference to large scale events of over 110,000 participants

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## **Josh Fremberg, BS, NRP - University Health Services - Penn State University**

Josh Fremberg is an instructor and field supervisor for Penn State University Health Services. He is also a paramedic with Mount Nittany Medical Center EMS in State College, PA

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## **David Jones, , EMS Manager, University Health Services, Penn State**

Mr. David Jones is the EMS Manager for University Health Services at Penn State University, serving in that position since November 1996. His responsibilities include oversight and coordination of all EMS operations in the University Park Campus.

Mr. Jones has been active in EMS since 1980 and has been a paramedic since 1982. He has taught and administered educational programs for private and public institutions including Penn State University and the Center for Emergency Medicine in Western PA

Mr. Jones currently serves as President of the PA Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) and is on the Board of Directors for Seven Mountains EMS Council. In addition, he is an active paramedic with Centre LifeLink EMS in State College

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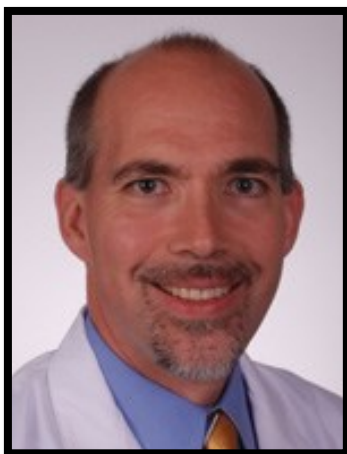
**Dr. Clifford Neal, Seven Mountains Regional EMS Medical Director**

Dr. Neal has 41 year in EMS and over 20 years as an EMS physician. He has worked with law enforcement as a tactical EMS provider for over 12 years. Currently active in all of these rolls in addition to regional EMS oversight and continued education.



**Tim Nilson, Director SMEMSC**

Tim Nilson has been an emergency medical technician since 1981 and a member of Seven Mountains EMS Council staff since 1987. He became an EMT-Instructor in 1982 and was an active EMS instructor/evaluator within the region. His EMS career started as EMS program specialist for Southern Alleghenies EMS Council (Duncansville) before becoming regional training coordinator for Seven Mountains in May 1987. He was appointed Council executive director in 2004, the position he has held since. Over the past thirty years, he has received training and experience in most facets of emergency services including fire, EMS, police & emergency management. He lives in Snow Shoe (Centre County) with his wife and two children.



**Dr. Douglas Kupas, Geisinger Medical Center Emergency Medicine—  
State Medical Director**

Emergency Department Physician and Paramedic, Dr. Kupas is the State Medical Director and Medical Director for Danville Ambulance Service. Dr. Kupas brings to the table the expertise of Emergency Medicine and the Roles of Prehospital Medicine.

# 2015 Class Descriptions

## **Leadership in Patient Care**

**Maj. Ryan Quinn**

This course will present evaluations and discussion of leadership traits and characteristics as it pertains to patient care, Management of patient care and scene management.

## **Succession Planning through Leadership: Positioning your Company for Future Success**

**Phil Krebs, R.EEG.T, MHP**

As leaders, we have an obligation to assure our future by training and mentoring tomorrows leaders. How do we develop and keep the best young talent in the organization? By using an effective mentoring program, leaders can help develop today's talent into tomorrow's leaders.

## **Trends Affecting EMS Reimbursement**

**Chuck Humphrey B.A, EMT, CAC**

This lecture will provide an overview of reimbursement trends, changes and challenges that are happening in the EMS billing industry today. Changes such as the Affordable Care Act and the October 1, 2015 implementation of the ICD-10 diagnosis coding will have a potential impact on reimbursements. The lecture will offer those insights and attempt to provide some suggestions on how EMS administrators can navigate the changing climate.

## **Recruitment & Retention Issues**

**John Logan, JD, MBA, EMTP**

Recruiting for the future of EMS Agencies. This lecture will discuss the dynamics of recruiting and retaining of qualified staff, both paid and volunteer, as the EMS industry continues to evolve and mature. Recruiting initiatives that are being implemented in various parts of Pennsylvania and their results. Retention initiatives that strive to meet the needs of both the aging providers and the new millennials.



# 2015 Class Descriptions

## **Field Training Officers**

**Fred Haas, NREMT-P**

You select the best of the best. You want your providers to give the best of themselves everyday, and to work at a standard you expect. But you can't possibly train every new hire, right? So you have your field training officers. The ones YOU trust to train all your providers to the level you expect.. But how do you train them?? This lecture focuses on training your training officers and how to ensure consistent education and the best your providers can be!

## **Long Term Care Facility Evacuation/Patient Transfer:**

**"The SMART Approach"**

**Tom Grace, RN, PhD**

This program will address management of emergencies in Long Term Care facilities as well as a case study of an event resulting in urgent facility evacuation resulting in the transfer of over 100 residents

## **Current and Future Trend in Public Health Preparedness**

**Catherine Polachek**

**Robert Kabata**

The days change but the threat of disasters remain. What does it all mean to Public Health? This lecture will focus on what is happening now, and what the future holds for Public Health Preparedness and how we will continue to plan for the worst with the ever changing world of natural disasters, terroristic events and biological threats.

## **Better Together:**

### **A Cooperative Approach to Preparedness**

**Tom McElree**

A world where artificial boundaries dictate relationships hampers emergency planning, preparedness and response, this presentation emphasizes cooperation, common planning, and cooperative goals as we work to assist those in need. We will also review Pennsylvania's new statewide approach to preparedness activities including use of increasingly limited funds. Interactive participation is encouraged and there will be opportunity for Q & A.

# 2015 Class Descriptions

## **Knowledge Center - HIMS**

### **Patient Tracking**

**Jason Brown & Howdy McGinnis**

An overview of Knowledge Center - HIMS and how the patient tracking program incorporates into Knowledge Center. This will be a review to those with KC Experience and beginner training for services not yet familiar with the system. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

## **Emergency Preparedness Basics**

**Fred Peterson**

This session will cover three building blocks of Emergency Planning: Legislative Authorities, Hazard Vulnerability Analysis and Infectious Disease Basics

## **Changing the Paradigm: Rescue Task Force Response to Active Shooting Incidents**

**Dr. E. Reed Smith & Nathaniel Hiner**

Active shooter incidents, defined as a person or persons using lethal force with both the intent to kill and available access to more victims, is a phenomenon that continues on a frequent basis across the United States. These tragic incidents range from a single active shooter to the complex coordinated attack scenario, resulting in casualty numbers from the 1-2 injured to numbers in the hundreds. After Columbine, police tactics changed to rapidly address the immediate threat—these tactics have been shown to be critical in ending the killing. However, Fire and EMS response has been slow to adapt to these scenarios, resulting in significant delays to care for the injured. Knowing the “fate of the injured lies in the hands of the one who provides the first care to the casualty,” Fire/EMS services need to change the paradigm of response for these events to save lives. This lecture will discuss common characteristics of active shooter events, break down the frequent arguments against Fire/EMS rapid deployment using objective data and common sense, and will review the development, basic operations, and lessons learned from the Arlington County Rescue Task Force active shooter response model.

## **Eye Injuries and Ocular Emergencies**

**Dr. Robert Notz**

This lecture will focus on common ocular emergencies that may or may not require emergency treatment including Conjunctivitis, Iritis, Acute Glaucoma, Corneal Disorders and Dry Eye. This lecture will also cover different traumatic eye injuries and prehospital treatment of such injuries.

# 2015 Class Descriptions

## **You're Never More than Five Minutes From the Middle of Hell: Will You Survive in EMS?**

**Dr. Cassandra Botti, DO, FACEP**

This intriguing lecture will address many factors that lead to burn out in EMS including shift work, violence in the workplace, physical fitness, and compassion fatigue. A career in EMS really DOES matter! People depend on you! How can you remain mentally and physically healthy so you can continue to provide quality care for your patient

## **Hazmat Mechanism of Injury**

**Fred Haas, NREMT-P**

You see them every day you drive down the road. Trucks with placard numbers on them. Sure, you can look up the chemical in the ERG and find out what it is, but then what? Do you know how to handle hazmat injuries?? This lecture will focus on different injuries caused by hazardous materials. The course will use common placards, and explain the injuries to expect from such incidents and how to care for them in a prehospital environment.

## **Carrying Darisbelle: A Graphic Review and Description of Child Abuse.**

**Kay Bleacher, PHRN, CRNP, CEN**

With the most recently updated child abuse laws signed by Governor Tom Corbett, many of the law updates related to child abuse prosecution has changed, As WMs providers we are mandatory court reported when we are working as EMS providers whether we are volunteering or on a paid crew. Review the four common types of child abuse. The session will review the mandatory reporting forms and how to contact Pennsylvania child line for reporting. Additionally a case study will be presented with how this impacted the lives of providers in a very difficult situation of abuse, including Critical Incident Stress Management.

## **Medical Management of the Entrapped Patient**

**John C. Brindle, EMT-P**

This lecture addresses the hazards, mechanism, pathophysiology and treatment of patients who fall victim to trench, confined space or structural collapse incidents. A presentation of crush syndrome in both urban and suburban environments will also be presented.



# 2015 Class Descriptions

## **Orthopedic Trauma and Prehospital Care**

### **Geisinger Orthopedic Trauma Team**

This lecture will cover all aspects of orthopedic trauma and the latest in evidence based treatments and prehospital care of fractures, compound fractures, sprains, strains, and other injuries, presented by the orthopedic trauma team from Geisinger Medical Center Level 1 Trauma Center.

## **Drug Cartel & Gang Awareness**

### **Larry Hicks**

Tattoos, Signs, Graffiti... Do you know what you're dealing with.. or worse, WHO you're dealing with? Everyday, gang violence becomes more prevalent in the United States. This lecture will provide education on gangs and drug cartels, and the tattoos, signs, graffiti, and other identifying factors to help you determine what, or who you are dealing with and what the danger of the situation may truly be.

## **Trauma Case Study: The Other Side of the Litter.**

### **Kay Bleecher**

What happens when you are an EMS provider and understand how the Pennsylvania Trauma System works in Pennsylvania, and then you become an unwilling participant? This session will outline the physical and emotional trauma when it involves a provider you may know. The session will outline mechanism of injury. The session will review complications of severity extremity injuries, with the many surgical procedures of injury that are not seen or always recognized by EMS provider. It will also discuss the support systems and the ongoing complications that we as EMS providers seldom see,

## **Helicopter EMS: A Look inside of the Air Medical Transport Environment**

### **Tony Bixby, Life Flight Paramedic**

This presentation will discuss topics including a general overview of helicopter EMS operations and utilization, advantages and limitations of helicopter EMS, the role of the air medical crew member, as well as addressing common questions and myths regarding helicopter EMS.



# 2015 Class Descriptions

## **SIMLAB: Hands On Emergencies**

**Scott Danowsky**

Scott will bring "SimMan" a High-Fidelity simulation mannequin to review trauma scenarios as well as current issues in EMS. Come prepared to participate in 1-2 hands on scenarios and interact with SimMan...

## **Fail to Plan? Plan to Fail**

**Penn State University EMS**

Having an event in your area? Consider running it like a planned mass-casualty incident. Pre-planning is crucial to the success of your operation, whether your event has 100 or 100,000 people in attendance!! This presentation outlines the regulatory requirements and the practical aspects of staffing a mass gathering, and gives you tips on how to plan for success!

## **EMS Response to Seizures**

**Phil Krebs**

This lecture will cover the treatments and causes of one of the most common responses of EMS. Seizures. What causes them? What can we do with the patient? What will the outcome be? Will they have another one? All your questions will be answered in this informative lecture about seizures and their origin.

## **Things that Bite, Sting & Suck: Poisonings & Envenomation**

**Cliff Neal**

Dr. Neal, the Seven Mountains EMS Council Medical Director, will review the various types of envenomation and bites that commonly occur and are treated in local Emergency Departments

# 2015 Class Descriptions

## EMS Ethics & Ambassadorship

Tim Nilson

Using case studies, participants will examine and discuss situations which have been encountered while delivering EMS, or managing EMS agencies, specifically looking at how ethics shape our response and the impact we (providers and/or managers) have on the system.

## 2015 "Core" Protocol Rollout

Dr. Douglas Kupas

This presentation will be the mandatory "Core" protocol rollout required for all providers on the updated 2015 BLS protocols. Dr. Kupas will discuss the changes and updates that have occurred since the last release in 2013.

**\*\*FOR ALS PROVIDERS - An after-conference session will be held Sunday, March 15th for the REQUIRED ALS protocol Rollout beginning at 4:30pm\*\***

# EMS:

# One Mission One Team

# Pine Barn Inn Information:

## Lodging:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Pine Barn Inn under "Seven Mountains EMS Conference"

## Rates:

Single- \$89 for a room with one double bed

Double- \$99 for a room with two double beds

Rooms will be available until the block is released on February 26th

**THIS IS A BUSY TIME FOR THE HOTEL!! BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY!!!!**

## Address:

1 Pine Barn Place

Danville PA, 17821

## Phone:

(570) 275-2071



# Conference Cost

The conference cost this year will be **\$150.00**.

Included in the cost is the conference, parking, food, exhibits, handouts and more!

Dates	Total Cost
Leadership Day	\$35.00
Preparedness Day	\$35.00
Two-Day Registration - March 14th AND 15th	\$150.00
Single Day Registration - March 14th OR 15th	\$80.00

## **REMINDER TO REGIONAL AGENICES!!!**

The Leadership Day is **FREE** to the first 3 members of your service.

The Preparedness Day is **FREE** for 3 members of a Regional EMS Strike-Team affiliated Agency.

**\*\*If you have more than 3 interested participants, call the council office\*\***



# Saturday Night Social Event



Stick around with us Saturday Night for a social gathering of colleagues, speakers, vendors, and friends, as we celebrate EMS and recognize providers , agencies, community members, and partners for outstanding performance and contributions to EMS....

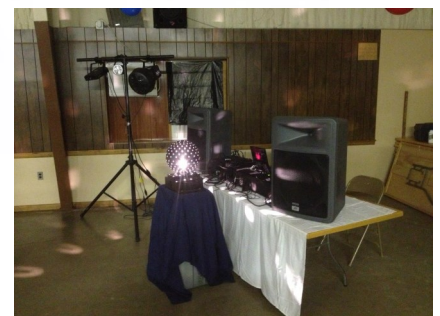
**The following is the Schedule of Events for Saturday Evening:**

**1800 - 1830: hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar**

**1830 - 1900: EMS Awards Presentations**

**1900-2100: Cash Bar, hors d'Oeuvres and Dancing with ShowTime Soundz DJ**

If you are planning on attending the Saturday Night Event, please indicate on your registration form!!!! We hope you will stay and spend time networking with colleagues and friends.



# 2015 EMS Awards



The Seven Mountains EMS Council is proud to announce that in conjunction with the 2015 Spring Conference, There will also be EMS Awards presented Saturday night, March 14th, after the conference. There will be a social hour with light food, an awards presentation and a social event following with DJ Entertainment. The following awards are available to be presented. Please use the nomination form on the following page to nominate a provider/agency for the following awards:

## Distinguished Provider Award:

- ❏ The Distinguished Provider Award is presented to an ALS or BLS provider who is currently in good standing with the PA Department of Health and has made a significant contribution in the performance of duties or advancement of EMS.

## Distinguished Agency Award:

- ❏ The Distinguished Agency Award is presented to an EMS Agency whose license is in good standing with the PA Department of Health and has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of EMS in their community.

## Distinguished Service Recognition:

- ❏ The Distinguished Service Recognition is presented to an EMS Dispatcher, Educator, or Administrator who has made a significant contribution to the advancement and/or development of EMS in the Region.

## Distinguished Community EMS Recognition:

- ❏ The Community EMS Recognition is presented to a non-EMS affiliated community member who provided life-saving care in an emergency situation (i.e. provided bystander CPR until EMS arrived)

## Distinguished EMS Partner Recognition:

- ❏ The EMS Partner Recognition is presented to an EMS partner, such as police, firefighter, lifeguard, etc. who performed life-saving action until EMS arrived, and/or made significant contributions to EMS partner relations.





# 1st Annual Charity Basket Raffle

GEISINGER



Janet Weis Children's Hospital®



**Children's  
Miracle Network®**





- ✿ This year, as part of the annual spring conference, the Seven Mountains EMS Council is proud to offer a charity basket raffle!!!
- ✿ Regional EMS Agencies will be donating baskets to be raffled off during the conference.
- ✿ Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00. ALL PROCEEDS will benefit the Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital.
- ✿ The raffle tickets will be sold Friday through Sunday's lunch. The drawing will be held Sunday, and winners will be announced after the final speaker on Sunday.
- ✿ You do not have to be present to win! If you are not present, you will be notified Monday, and you will have until Friday March 20th to pick up your basket at your Council Office!!!



**The Seven Mountains EMS Council Board & Staff would like to thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Annual Spring Conference!!!! It is only through the dedicated effort of providers like you that the system can advance!!! We hope you all enjoy the conference!!!!**



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# Spring Conference 2015

## Registration Form

Name:

Address:

City/State:  Zip Code:

Email:  **\*\*Email addresses are required for continuing education processing.**

Home/Cell:  Work Phone:

Affiliation:  County:

Certification Type: ☐ EMR ☐ EMT ☐ Paramedic ☐ PHRN ☐ Other

Certification Number  Date of Birth

## Program Registration

Session	✓ if Attending	Fee	Cost
Leadership Day – March 13 <sup>th</sup>		\$35 <sup>1</sup>	
Preparedness Day – March 13 <sup>th</sup>		\$35 <sup>1</sup>	
Two Day Conference – March 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>		\$150	
<b>*Please check if you will attend the Social Event</b>			
Single Day Conference – March 14 <sup>th</sup>		\$80	
Single Day Conference – March 15 <sup>th</sup>		\$80	
EMS Social Event (non-conference attendee)		\$35 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Conference Total</b>			

<sup>1</sup>Fee is waived for first three attendees sponsored from each regional EMS agency.

<sup>2</sup>Sponsored event for two day conference attendees – no additional fee required; but please indicate your intentions to attend as we need to provide attendance numbers to the facility.

Payment Method: ☐ Payment Enclosed ☐ Invoice EMS Agency (see page 2)

**\*\* PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO SEVEN MOUNTAINS EMS COUNCIL - 44 UNIVERSAL ROAD - SELINSGROVE, PA**

## Break-out Session attendance

Please indicate your preference for break-out session attendance as space is limited. Classes will be assigned as registrations are received. Rank your preference in descending order for each time period you will be attending:

### Saturday March 14th, 2015 - Breakout Session I

\_\_\_\_\_ Eye Injuries & Ocular Trauma      \_\_\_\_\_ You're never more than 5 minutes from Hell      \_\_\_\_\_ HazMat Mechanism of Injury

### Saturday March 14th, 2015 - Breakout Session II

\_\_\_\_\_ Child Abuse, Identifying & Reporting      \_\_\_\_\_ Management of entrapped pts. in USAR environment      \_\_\_\_\_ Orthopedic Trauma Injuries

### Sunday March 15th, 2015 - Breakout Session I

\_\_\_\_\_ LifeFlight: Critical care in Air Operations      \_\_\_\_\_ SIM Lab      \_\_\_\_\_ Fail to Plan? Plan to Fail

### Sunday March 15th, 2015 - Breakout Session II

\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Epilepsy Management      \_\_\_\_\_ Things that Bite, Sting & Suck:      \_\_\_\_\_ EMS Ethics/Ambassadorship

**RELEASE INFORMATION:** I hereby authorize, by nature of registering for the Seven Mountains EMS Council Spring Conference, SMEMSC the absolute right and unrestricted permission to copyright and/or use and/or publish photo images of me that may be taken during the program.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to participate in an activity administered by Seven Mountains EMS Council or have food allergies and need a special meal provided to you, please contact Amanda Krebs, System Development Coordinator at the Council office or [akrebs@smemsc.org](mailto:akrebs@smemsc.org). Please make the request as soon as possible so that there is ample time to review your request.

## Authorization to Bill 2015

The following **MUST** be completed if payment is being invoiced to an agency or organization

Agency Name

Billing Address

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Signature Chief Administrative/Financial or Operational Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

### REFUND POLICY:

If cancellation is received at the Council with proper notice, a full refund will be provided. Cancellations need to be received by Amanda Krebs (office telephone or [akrebs@smemsc.org](mailto:akrebs@smemsc.org)) no later than **4:00pm on March 11, 2015**. Others, including No shows, are not eligible for a refund; but, last minute substitutions are allowable. Refunds may take 4-6 weeks to process.