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## **Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (H.R. 304) has been signed into law by President Trump.**

"This life-saving legislation is the product of three years of hard work and patient determination from NAEMSP members, our partners [American College of Emergency Physicians](#) and [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians](#) and our advocates in Congress," said Dr. [Ritu Sahni](#), Chair of NAEMSP's Advocacy Committee. "We are proud to have led this charge and we will continue to collaborate with the [#healthcare](#) community and [#advocate](#) for our patients and medical care providers across the nation."

## **EMS COUNCIL POSITIONS EXPIRE IN JANUARY 2018**

One half of the county representatives on the Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council will expire in January 2018. If you currently serve in one of these positions or desire to replace one of these members then contact your county commission immediately. New representatives will be sought from the District

Health Directors for several resignations from the District Health Office positions. In addition, one at-large position will be filled by nominations received at the January 25 Council meeting. The meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: January 25, April 25, July 26 and October 25. All meetings are held at the Trinity Baptist Church beginning at 12:00 p.m.

## **DART CLASS TO BE TAUGHT IN ROME**

The next DART (Disaster Assistance Response Task Force) course will be taught in Rome at the Redmond Regional EMS Headquarters on January 17-18, 2018. The agenda and course application will be available in early December. Contact David Foster for more information.

## **STOP THE BLEED PROGRAM**

Pictured below is a class conducted by Polk County Sheriff Office and Redmond Regional EMS for 100 people from local churches in Polk County. The program was originally designed for school shootings but due to recent church shootings it needs to be expanded to churches also. The Georgia legislature

has set aside one million dollars to support the training. The goal is to train instructors in all schools by June 2018. Contact the following people for more info: Jaina Carnes - [Jaina.Carnes@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:Jaina.Carnes@hcahealthcare.com) Scott Stephens - [sstephens@gilmercounty-ga.gov](mailto:sstephens@gilmercounty-ga.gov) or David Foster - [david.foster@dph.ga.gov](mailto:david.foster@dph.ga.gov)



## **WORKFORCE WEBINAR TO BE CONDUCTED**

The Georgia EMS Workforce Study is the first study to look into the employment status of all licensed EMS personnel in Georgia. Phase 1 of the study involved gathering personnel rosters from as many EMS Agencies in Georgia as possible, and comparing the listed medics to the list of licensed EMS personnel in Georgia. In this webinar, the EMS Workforce Phase 1 Methods and Results will be reviewed, including the following:



- Demographics of the EMS Workforce in Georgia

- Emergency Preparedness and Public Health implications

- Goals of the EMS Workforce Study Phase 2 survey

There will also be the opportunity to ask questions of the principal investigator and request additional visualizations of the data from Phase 1.

The webinars will be held on the following dates and times:

1. Wednesday, 11/29 @ 3pm-4pm
2. Monday, 12/4 @ 10am-11am
3. Thursday, 12/7 @ 4pm-5pm

This webinar has been approved for 1.0 hour of continuing education by the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma for both licensed EMS Providers and EMS Instructors.

To register for one of the webinars, follow this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5384066935570684163>

## 2017- Year in Review

2017 has been another successful year in Region 1 EMS. We achieved many things, including RTAC Data Collection and BIS Assessment review, with update goals.

We have started the “Stop the Bleed Campaign” in many of our counties, with some having already completed the training in their schools.

We established tactical training for DART Personnel as a priority to expand our knowledge and capabilities. Our grant from the Trauma Commission has allowed us to teach several TCCC class and one TECC.

We had several agencies hold EMS Week activities, and had a very successful Lifeforce Classic Clay Shoot in August.

I cannot thank each and every one of you enough, that have contributed to our achievements. I can’t wait to see what awesome things you do in 2018.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you and your families. Stay safe out there.

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