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18th Annual National EMS Safety Summit Conference Speakers

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Asbel Montes, BS-MB

C0-Founder and Managing Partner of Solutions Group



Meet Asbel Montes, the innovative mind behind Solutions Group Services—a game-changing AI-powered healthcare tech company that's flipping the script on healthcare revenue cycles. After years in the trenches as a leader in the EMS space, witnessing healthcare providers struggle with delays, denials, and mountains of paperwork, Asbel decided enough was enough. He set out to create a solution that not only makes sense of chaos but also helps providers uncover hidden revenue, giving them the freedom to focus on what really matters: providing the best patient experience.

At Solutions Group Services, Asbel leads a passionate team that's all about breaking down barriers and finding smarter ways to boost financial health. Their tech integrates seamlessly with existing systems, making it feel like a supercharged sidekick that works quietly in the background—no disruptions, just results.

With his wealth of experience in revenue cycle management and a knack for navigating the complex world of government relations, Asbel isn't just a leader; he's a trusted ally for healthcare providers. He's here to champion their causes, push for better reimbursement practices, and turn the financial tide in their favor.

In a world where healthcare can feel overwhelming, Asbel and Solutions Group Services are on a mission to make it more efficient and rewarding, empowering organizations to achieve operational excellence.

Brian Maguire, Dr. PH ,MSA, EMT-P

Epidemiologist and Consultant



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Dr. Brian Maguire is an adjunct professor at Central Queensland University (CQU) in Australia, and a former senior epidemiologist at the U.S. Navy's Submarine Medical Research Laboratory in Connecticut. In 2022 alone, he published 14 papers and won the “Best in Show” award for his poster at the international Military Health System Research Symposium, standing out from among more than 1,200 posters.

Much of his work at the military research laboratory focused on identifying and reducing risks for groups of active-duty U.S. military members. Dr. Maguire's more than 130 publications include articles and book chapters in the areas of epidemiology, emergency medical services systems, violence, occupational safety, occupational risks for women, health administration, public health, database design, disaster management, and education.

His doctoral degree in public health is from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and he has a master's degree in health administration from Central Michigan University. His positions in academia have included being a research center director, graduate program director, distance education

coordinator, and a full-time professor at CQU from 2012 to 2018. He is a senior Fulbright scholar and has presented his research for groups in 12 countries.

Since 2010, he has been a member of the CDC, NIOSH, National Occupational Research Agenda, Public Safety Council. From 2006 to 2008, he was a manager for a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, bioterrorism and pandemic preparedness program, where he helped communities across the country prepare for bioterrorism, pandemics, and other disasters. He was a member of numerous EMS committees with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration including national EMS safety committees, the ground ambulance safety committee, the EMS workforce injury and illness surveillance system committee, and the 1995 EMS agenda for the future committee.

Brian began his career in New York City and worked for two decades in the city's health care system as an agency president, hospital department head, city-wide paramedic training coordinator, chair of the city-wide hospital ambulance administrators' association, emergency medical services operations officer, educator, researcher, author, and paramedic. He has run 12 marathons and has certifications as an advanced scuba diver and airplane pilot.

Kolby Miller

Executive Director, Medstar



Kolby Miller is the Chief Executive Officer of Medstar Ambulance, Michigan's largest 911, critical care, and interfacility EMS agencies. He has spent his career focused on EMS system design, leadership development, and building resilient organizations that can adapt to changing clinical, workforce, and community expectations. Under his leadership, Medstar has expanded proactive community

engagement programs, advanced clinical innovation, and placed a strong emphasis on succession planning and leadership pipelines. Kolby speaks nationally on EMS leadership, succession planning, and the shift from response-focused metrics toward outcome-driven, community-integrated systems.

Brandon Hipp

Colorado Statewide TIMS Coordinator



Brandon Hipp is the TIM Coordinator for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), where he supports technology integration and professional development initiatives across the organization. Prior to this role, he retired as a Sergeant in the Investigations Unit of the Northglenn Police Department after a 25-year career, during which he served in patrol, investigations, training, School Resource Officer duties, community relations, and SWAT.

With extensive experience in instructional design and leadership, Brandon brings a practical, hands-on approach to implementing TIM, helping teams enhance skills, improve processes, and effectively leverage technology in their work

David McGowan, EMT-P, MBA

ACETECH, Senior Consultant



David McGowan is a nationally recognized Ambulance Safety Consultant with more than 48 years of experience in Emergency Medical Services and the fire service. He is widely known for designing and leading highly effective ambulance safety programs for fire and EMS organizations across the United States and Europe.

A seasoned executive leader, Mr. McGowan, brings deep expertise in EMS operations, communications, system quality, business development, and patient- and provider-focused safety. His work has supported some of the largest fire and EMS agencies in the country, as well as partnerships with manufacturers, educational institutions, government agencies, and legal firms.

Mr. McGowan has presented at national and state EMS conferences and has authored numerous professional papers, articles, blogs, and webinars focused on improving ambulance safety and performance in EMS systems. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business Leadership and Management.

Thursday April 16, 2026

Matthew R. Streger, Esq., MPA, NRP

Attorney at Law, Keavney & Streger, LLC



Matthew R. Streger is a paramedic and attorney with forty years of EMS experience. Matthew is a Partner at the law firm of Keavney & Streger in New Jersey where he focuses his practice on the needs of EMS agencies and healthcare providers. He is the recipient of multiple law and EMS awards and is admitted to practice in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Colorado.

Matthew has practiced law since 2006 and is a past leader in the New Jersey State Bar Association. He previously worked in EMS systems in New Jersey, New York, South Carolina and Ohio. Matthew served as the Executive Director of Mobile Health Services (EMS) at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Jersey and the Deputy Commissioner of EMS in Cleveland. He was a member of the Panel of Commissioners for the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) from 2015 to 2020, and is a principal member of the CAAS 4.0 Standards Committee.

Matthew completed his Paramedic Training at the UMDNJ School of Health-Related Professions in Newark, New Jersey. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from the City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a Master of Public Administration Degree from Clemson University, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Matthew is an Adjunct Professor at Eastern Kentucky University and a Paramedic at St. Clare's Health in Dover in New Jersey. He is also a member of the New Jersey District XIII Ethics Committee.

Philip Grieve, BS, NRP

Regional Manager of Patient Safety, Global Medical Response



Philip started his EMS career in London, England in 1998, as an EMT, a Paramedic then Clinical Team Leader. He moved to the United States in 2010; he's married with two kids and a dog and lives in San Diego County. He has done stints with the British government advising on EMS education; with London's Helicopter Emergency Medical Service; as a clinical operations manager for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance in the UK and as adjunct EMS faculty for a College. He worked at REACH Air for ten years as Flight Paramedic before becoming an ALS/CQI coordinator for a County LEMSAs in California. He's currently the Regional Manager of Patient Safety for GMR ground and air, covering AK, WA, OR, CA and HI operations.

His career-long interest in risk management and patient safety started in 1998 whilst at University in the UK, where he was studying for a Paramedic Science Degree. A professor there was teaching that Crew Resource Management principles should be applied in EMS patient care. This prompted an empirical research study on the impact of organizational culture on clinical errors, their mitigation and reporting.

He loves boxing, reading, cooking, collecting music on vinyl and more recently baseball (because there's no cricket).

Douglas Kupas, MD, NRP, FAEMS

Professor of Emergency Medicine, Division of EMS, Geisinger EMS



Douglas F. Kupas, MD, NRP, FAEMS

Dr. Kupas is an EMS physician and emergency physician who has researched and advocated for EMS safety for over 30 years. He began his career as an EMT/Paramedic, and later as a physician became board certified in both emergency medicine and EMS medicine. Dr. Kupas is the editor of the NAEMT Safety textbook, and his academic interests include both patient safety and practitioner safety in EMS. He currently serves as the President of the National Association of EMS Physicians.

Jordon Long

CEO Revital Colorado



CE Jordon Long is the founder and CEO of Revital Colorado, which aims to be a lifeline for our frontline! His passion and vision for helping our first responder community comes from years of personal experience. He is a former Firefighter/Paramedic. Jordans service with SWAC/Adams County Fire Department and Emergency room trauma units gave him a Birdseye view of the challenges nearly every first responder faces during their years of service. These challenges range from mental health issues to PTSD, broken families, alcohol and drug dependence and sleep deprivation. These challenges were not only obvious to Jordan, but he personally experienced a few of the challenges himself and this gave him a passionate vision to start Revital to offer life changing support to the heroes in our communities.

Revital takes a proactive approach to mental health and wellness by providing healthy platforms for connection and relationship building which often lead to hopeful conversations as well as spiritual, emotional and physical support during multiple activities. Revital takes each first responder on trips ranging from fly fishing, horseback, archery, golf and many more. Jordan has discovered that these outdoor experiences have had such a positive powerful impact on each participant and have led to real life change.

Jordan's vision has become a true bridge connecting every first responder desiring help to the resources they need to live healthy and happy lives. Jordans passions for hard work, determination and inspiring others started as a young

athlete who would eventually become a college basketball player who achieved great success in his career. This led to successful businesses as the co-founder of EYG Basketball and RoughRiders Basketball. For the past 7 years these organizations have helped literally thousands of young basketball players achieve their highest potential. Jordan's top priority is his wife of nearly 10 years Kym and his precious children Kinzlee 7 and Jace 6

Friday, April 17, 2026

Donnie Woodyard, Jr. MAML, NRP-WP-C

Executive Director, COMPACT



Donnie Woodyard, Jr. brings a rare combination of credentials to the intersection of aviation safety and emergency medical services. A nationally registered paramedic with nearly 30 years of EMS leadership experience, he is also a fixed-wing pilot, and has over a decade of experience with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary-Civil Air Patrol, where he has served as a Squadron Commander, pilot, assistant Safety Officer, and as a search-and-rescue aviator.

Donnie currently serves as Executive Director of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (the EMS Compact), a governmental body that coordinates emergency medical services licensure across 25 member states representing more than 450,000 EMS clinicians. Prior to this role, he served as State EMS Director for both Colorado and Louisiana, and as Chief Operating Officer of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. His career

has spanned operational, regulatory, and executive leadership across the full spectrum of EMS.

His dual experience as a pilot and career paramedic gives him firsthand insight into the cultural and systems-level differences between how aviation and EMS approach safety—including personal experience filing NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) reports, the program at the heart of this presentation. He holds a Master's degree in Management and Leadership, is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School's Executive Leadership Program, and holds a certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare from Harvard Medical School. He is the author of five books on EMS leadership and history and is currently pursuing a doctorate.

Donnie's international experience includes founding and developing Sri Lanka's modern emergency medical services system beginning in 2005 following the Indian Ocean tsunami, and he has provided disaster response leadership including during the Haiti earthquake. He is a nationally recognized speaker and workshop facilitator on EMS leadership, safety culture, and the future of emergency medical services.

Roger Patterson,

*Commander, Health and Safety Officer,
Austin - Travis County EMS*



Roger Patterson is currently the Safety Officer for Austin-Travis County EMS. He began his EMS career in Alaska as a member of the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department. He completed his paramedic training at the University of Iowa and began his career at A/TCEMS in 2006. Over the next 16 years, he was assigned to the Department's Special Operations Section as a Field Paramedic, FTO, Captain, and Commander. He transitioned into the Safety Officer role in 2022 and is currently responsible for managing the Department's OHS Program, which

covers over 650 uniformed and civilian employees. He has also been a member of Texas Task Force 1 for 17 years, serving most recently as a Swiftwater Boat Squad Leader.

Roger was born and raised in Alaska. He graduated from Princeton University and earned his graduate certificate in Public Health Preparedness from the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine. He enjoys the outdoors and lives north of Austin with his wife, Heather, and their two children.