

A focus on personal, patient and community safety...



APRIL 14, 2026 15th EMS Financial Symposium | **APRIL 15-17, 2026** 18th Annual National EMS Safety Summit: A Safety Academy



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A Focus on Personal, Patient, and Community Safety

***Convened by the Mile-High Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory
Council (Mile-High RETAC) since 2008***

***Embassy Suites by Hilton- Downtown Denver
1420 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202***

April 14-17, 2026

18th Annual National EMS Safety Summit Agenda

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Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Charles Mains, MD, FACS

*Chairman Mile-High RETAC,
Trauma System Consultant, Peaks Division,
Intermountain Health Care*

David Ross, DO

*Associate Dean, Clinical Education and Graduate Medical Education
University of Northern Colorado, College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Personal Wellness/Burnout

9:15 – 10:15 ***Leading on Empty: The Balance of Service and Self***
Asbel Montes, BS-MB
Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Solutions Group

10:15 – 11:15 ***Vendor Introductions***

Safety Summit Vendors

11:15 – 11:30 **Break with Vendors**

EMS Workplace Violence

11:30 – 12:30 ***Risks of Violence for EMS Personnel***
Brian Maguire, Dr. PH, MSA, EMT-P
Epidemiologist and Consultant

12:30– 1:00 **Lunch Break with Vendors**

Patient Safety

1:00 – 2:00 ***Pre-Employment Physical Agility Testing***
Kolby Miller
Chief Executive Officer, Medstar

Safety Culture & Safety Miscellaneous

2:00 – 3:00 ***What We Know About Occupational Risks for EMS
Clinicians***

Brian Maguire

3:00 – 3:15 **Break with Vendors**

Driving & Roadside Safety

4:00 –5:00 ***Ambulance and Safety: The Ongoing Crises, Still
Crashing After All These Years***
David McGowan, EMT-P, MBA
ACETECH, Senior Consultant

5:00

Closing Remarks

David Ross

Managers Reception Hotel Atrium- 4th Floor

5:00pm to 6:30pm

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00-9:05

Welcome

David Ross

Safety Culture & Safety Miscellaneous

9:05 – 10:15

Leadership in the Ambulance: Empowering Teams in High-Stress Situations

Matthew Streger, Esq. MPA, NRP
Attorney at Law, Keavney & Streger, LLC

Patient Safety

10:15 – 11:00

You're a Patient Safety Manager, Now What?

Philip Grieve, BS, NRP
Regional Manager of Patient Safety, Global Medical Response

11:00 – 11:15

Break with Vendors

Scene Safety

11:15 – 12:00

Conspicuity and Safe Interiors for Safe Vehicle Operations

Douglas Kupas, MD, NRP, FAEMS, FACEP
Professor of Emergency Medicine
Medical Director, Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program (MIH) Program
Director, Resuscitation Programs

12:00 – 12:45

Lunch Break with Vendors

Scene & Personal Safety

12:45 – 1:30 ***Protective by Design: Enhancing EMS
Safety Through Smarter Uniforms***

Douglas Kupas

Safety Culture & Safety Miscellaneous

1:30 – 2:30 ***Crew Resource Management and EMS: Fighting the
Power***

Matthew Streger

2:30 – 3:00 **Break with Vendors**

Patient Safety

3:00 – 4:00 ***'Quo Vadis Rampart One' 49 Years Later: Safety and
Supervision in EMS***

Philip Grieve

Mental Health- Fatigue

4:00 – 5:00 ***Pillars of Wellness***

Jordon Long, Former Firefighter & Paramedic
Revital Colorado, Code4 Counseling

5:00 ***Closing Remarks***

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Friday, April 4, 2025

9:00 ***Welcome***

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Safety Culture & Safety Miscellaneous

9:05 – 9:30 ***Bites Happen: The Spicy Side of K9 Medevac
Operations***

Tracey Connellan, NRP, ACM, CSM, CPM
Senior Flight Paramedic, University Hospital Newark, NJ

Scene Safety

9:30 – 10:30

Helicopter Scene Safety

Tracey Connellan

Personal & Scene Safety

10:00 – 11:00

Forcible Entry- A Systematic and Measured Approach

Roger Patterson, LP

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

Safety Culture & Safety Miscellaneous

11:00 – 12:00

***From Founders to Futures: How AI Autonomous
Vehicles, and Emergency Technologies Will
Redefine EMS Safety***

Donnie Woodyard, Jr, MAML, NRP

Executive Director COMPACT

12:00

Closing Remarks & Certificates

David Ross

Thank you for attending this year's, Safety Summit

See you Next Year...

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April 26, 2027

