



# Emergency Medical Services



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# Seminar

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# Emergency Medical Services Seminar

# SATURDAY

## Sessions will Include:

### *Hey, What About Me?*

**Presented by: Mark Tornstrom**

This program examines the current dilemma faced by all EMS providers whether ambulance or first response – technology demands. In the past year, we saw many mandates passed by governing bodies requiring new equipment from AEDs to Capnography. Sometimes it seems that we are treating the equipment and forgetting the patient.

How do we balance the technical demands of medicine with the real life needs of our patients? We will discuss the different mandates, equipment and medical relevance as well as remind ourselves on how to perform excellent patient interaction and evaluation.

### *Can't We All Just Get Along?*

**Presented by: Mark Tornstrom**

Even with all the focus on NIMS and unified command, we have conflicts between providers, agencies and even regions. While conflict can lead to positive changes, it is important to recognize conflict and how to manage it.

We will learn some important techniques on how to recognize conflict, handle it in different circumstances and create positive change in your organizations.

### **Mark Tornstrom**

NYS EMT-Paramedic, NYS CIC

Mark Tornstrom has been involved with EMS since 1983 when he joined the local ambulance squad explorer post. In 1987 Mark began working full time in EMS as an EMT in the Boston Massachusetts area. Over the last twenty-two years, Mark has held various positions including: EMT, paramedic, supervisor, chief, operations manager and executive director. In addition, Mark has been teaching different classes for first responders since 1998. As a NYS Certified Instructor Coordinator, Mark teaches all levels from CFR to paramedic. Mark is also an instructor for the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

### *The State of Emergency Medical Service in New York State*

**Presented by Bureau of EMS, NYS Department of Health and NYSEMS Council Chair.**

### **Kyle D. Bates**

MS, NR/CCEMT-P, FP-C

Kyle is an enthusiastic educator who brings nearly two decades of field experience to the classroom. Not only is he a ground and flight paramedic, he also designs educational programs from the first objective to the last slide and handout. The experience that he has gained in the field, classroom, and while working at major institutions such as Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Georgetown University Medical Center as an artist and photographer, contribute to the program as a whole in terms of information and visual effectiveness.

Kyle's educational background includes receiving his Bachelor's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology in Biomedical Photographic Communications and his Masters from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in Emergency Health Services, with a concentration in education. He has experience working in all types of systems from urban to rural, and volunteer to career, holding many positions from leadership and quality assessment to provider education. He has also presented to small groups and to large audiences at state and international conferences.

### *Bubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble*

**Presented by: Kyle D. Bates**

Encountering an older patient experiencing dyspnea as the result of pulmonary edema is not unusual, we generally assume that they are in heart failure. However would your diagnosis change if you were to find out that they have been ill for several days, without any acute coronary symptoms? What if that patient were twenty years old and had been smoking drugs, or possibly a forty-two-year-old firefighter who had been treated for smoke inhalation at the scene of the structure fire two days prior.

ARDS, or acute respiratory distress syndrome, is defined as non-cardiac pulmonary edema and can occur with any injury to the lungs. This case-based presentation will address the pathophysiology of ARDS as well the assessment and treatment of the patient experiencing this condition.



# SUNDAY

## Sessions will Include:

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Registration  
7:00-8:00 a.m. Saturday

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Seminars begin  
at 8:00 a.m.

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Saturday Evening  
Networking and Social Hour

### Thad Gaebelein

Thad Gaebelein is a former army officer with a unique background of combat arms experience and education. He began his military career in the US Army serving as an infantry officer in the third infantry division. He served as a rifle platoon leader, anti-tank platoon leader and company executive officer. Later, he served for many years as an assault helicopter pilot in the 101st air assault division, participating in many worldwide deployments. He then began teaching Military History at West Point, and became the headmaster of The Stony Brook School, an elite, private independent boarding school for four years.

Returning to uniformed service, Thad was the director of Ethics and Character Development at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY for nine years. He finally finished his uniformed service as commandant at Valley Forge Military Academy and College and currently works with AESIR GROUP International as a consultant and instructor to the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC.

### *What Rescues the Rescuer?*

*When the Emergencies Come, Will Your Center Hold?*

#### **Presented by: Thad Gaebelein**

EMS personnel are society's safety net, always there on call, yet, ironically, generally anonymous and largely overlooked by the greater public they so loyally serve. But what about those overlooked EMS personnel? How do they maintain their motivation and dedication long after the initial thrill of first being on the job passes? What do they do when life's emergencies roll in on them? What holds them together over the long term?

This presentation will be an in-depth discussion on the crucial aspects of character, ethics, motivation, and leadership as they apply to EMS personnel.



### *Response to Flight #3407 Plane Crash*

#### **Presented by: David M. Bissonette**

This program depicts David M. Bissonette's role and lessons learned during the events of February 12, 2009 in the response to the Flight #3407 plane crash. As the town's emergency coordinator, David was charged with the responsibility for overall incident coordination including fire ground support to the fire chief, evacuation and the needs of the residents. David's session also describes the recovery, investigation and the planning and execution of the neighborhood remediation strategy necessary for emergencies such as the above-mentioned plane crash.

### David M. Bissonette

Town of Clarence Emergency Coordinator

David M. Bissonette became a member of the Clarence Volunteer Fire Department and maintained an active status for 27 years, starting in 1978. During his career with the Clarence Volunteer Fire Department, he served in a chief officer's capacity for 15 years, holding the ranks of assistant chief and chief. David trained and lead the Clarence Fire Departments level "A" HAZMAT Team for 12 years and also served on the Clarence Fire District's board of commissioners. In 1992, he accepted the town supervisor's appointment as Emergency Coordinator for the Town of Clarence.

During David's 17 years as Emergency Coordinator, he has been responsible for providing emergency support and guidance on a number of large scale emergencies including anhydrous ammonia releases, chemical plant explosion and fire, regional heavy snow storms and long term power outages. He has been an active member of the Erie County LEPC, Disaster Coordinators Association and the Clarence/Newstead Chiefs Association and is a fulltime safety professional and currently the Health and Safety Manager for General Mills.

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Cost:  **FASNY EMS Seminar Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)** \$60.00  
(Breakfast and lunch included Saturday and Sunday)

**Academy Lodging and Meals** (Includes Friday and Saturday night lodging and dinner) \$80.00

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** (check made payable to FASNY) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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