



**“Getting Smarter in EMS”
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Daniel Batsie, EMT-P (Opening Keynote speaker; concurrent session speaker)

Dan Batsie has been involved in emergency medical services for over 25 years and has been an EMS educator since 1994. After 15 years as a paramedic program director in Maine, Dan has recently become the Emergency Medical Services Chief for the State of Vermont. He is also the author of two EMS textbooks, a contributing author for several other texts and has published numerous journal articles.



Terrie Godde, Paramedic IC (MDHHS Update)

Ms. Godde is an experience Paramedic IC and has worked as a field provider, dispatcher and education coordinator (among other roles) in a number of organizations. She is the EMS Education Coordinator for the Bureau of EMS Trauma and Preparedness for the State of Michigan.



Matthew Godde, Paramedic IC (NREMT Evaluator Workshop)

Mr. Godde is an experienced paramedic, instructor and firefighter, with more than 25 years of service in the field. He is presently the State of Michigan Region 1 EMS Coordinator and is responsible for agency and ambulance inspections as well as EMS education program review and approval.

K. Don Edwards, DO & Anne Fast, RN (Concurrent Session—Burn Education for EMS)

Dr. Edwards serves as the Medical Director for Regions 1 and 8 Healthcare Coalitions and has been involved in Michigan’s Healthcare Preparedness Program since its inception in 2002. Ms. Fast is the Program Coordinator/Training Manager for the State of Michigan Burn Coordinating Center located at the University of Michigan.



William Fales, MD (Current Issues for EMS Education Keynote)

Dr. Fales is the EMS and Trauma Medical Director for the State of Michigan. He is also the EMS Medical Director for the Kalamazoo County Medical Control Authority and serves as faculty at the Western Michigan University School of Medicine. Dr. Fales' career in EMS spans over 40 years with prior service as an EMT, paramedic, firefighter, EMS and fire service instructor, flight physician, EMS educational program coordinator, and EMS educational program medical director.



Lisa Graves, MD (Concurrent Session—Instructional Objectives)

Dr. Graves is the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the Western Michigan University School of Medicine. She is a specialist in faculty professional development and works closely with medical school staff to provide innovative and engaging programs for physician faculty to hone their skills as instructors.



Robert “Todd” Christensen (Concurrent Session—Behavioral Health & MILO System)

Mr. Christensen is the Project Coordinator for the Michigan Crisis Intervention System (MI-CIS) project, a project to develop and widely distribute innovative training and education for first responders to appropriately address behavioral emergencies in the field.

James Etzin, Paramedic IC (Concurrent Session—Training Non-Medical Hasty Tactics)

Mr. Etzin is a licensed paramedic IC, practicing EMS provider with a fire department in southeast Michigan and is a specialist in tactical EMS response.

Lisa Hill, MSN, RN, EMT-P IC (Concurrent Session—Are We Failing The Children?)

Ms. Hill is presently the Pediatric Trauma Coordinator for the Department of Trauma Surgery at Ascension Health facilities (St. John Hospital and St. John Providence Children’s Hospital) in southeast Michigan. Her experience as an EMS provider combined with her present clinical position makes her uniquely qualified to share her information with EMS Instructors.