



# 2026 EMS EXPO

## Session Schedule

### Thursday, May 7

#### **Keynote Session: 1300-1400**

**The Fight Doesn't End in the Streets** - Jesse Binns (*Preparatory*)

#### **High School EMS Skills Challenge - Awards Presentation: 1400-1430**

#### **1445-1545**

**The Deadly Dozen: Chest Trauma** - Jeff Schultz (*Trauma*)

**The same hot water that hardens an egg softens a potato: Obtaining the airway in non ideal conditions** - Michael Best (*Airway Ventilation*)

**Vape, Crackle and POP** - Benjamin Secson (*Medical*)

**Just Culture in EMS: Don't be Quick to Blame the Crew** - Sue Andersen (*Operations*)

**Resuscitation Sequence Intubation, from an EMS perspective** - Michael Warzocha (*Trauma*)

#### **1615-1715**

**Before the Tube: A (Re)Introduction to Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation and End Tidal CO<sub>2</sub>** - Keith Alangaden (*Airway Ventilation*)

**Basic Cardiology Review** - Jeff Schultz (*Medical*)

**History of CPR: From When to Future** - Jon Krohmer (*Medical*)

**EMS Special Teams: Critical Roles in Complex Incidents** - Mikel Capollari (*Operations*)

**Resuscitation Reimagined: Integrating Mechanical CPR into Guideline Driven Care** - Stryker Clinical Team  
(*Category TBD*) \*Space is limited, pre-registration required

#### **1730-1830**

**Simplifying Seizures** - Sue Andersen (*Medical*)

**Pediatric Medication Administration** - Tim Newton & Micha Karell (*Peds Med Admin*)

**EOC on Wheels** - Scott Rice (*Emergency Preparedness (Operations)*)

**Making EMS Continuing Education Easier: Breaking Down Barriers for Agencies & Departments** - Heather Lerma  
(*Preparatory*)

**New Payment Models: How to Get Paid for Your EMS Innovation** - Matt Zavadsky (*Operations*)

# Friday, May 8

## 0800-0900

**Fit for Duty, Fit for Life: Building Resilient First Responders** - Karyn Belanger (*Preparatory*)

**Live and Let Die...with Dignity: Handling Death and Honoring the DNR** - Janet Taylor (*Medical*)

**Beyond the Protocol Book: Critical Thinking for the Modern Paramedic** - Kyle Podeszwik (*Preparatory*)

**Evaluating Students Without a Quiz or Test** - Sue Andersen & Jay Johns (*Special Considerations*)

**Autism Ready Program** - Samantha Wrobelski, Andie Grube & Brandon Hausbeck (*Pediatrics Assessment*)

## 0915-1015

**A Tense, Bloody Experience: Transporting Patients with Blakemore Tubes** - Matthew Ball (*Medical*)

**SHIfT Happens** - Lance Corey (*Operations*)

**What's Happening in the State Office?** - Emily Bergquist (*Operations*)

**Medical Mythbusting: What Hollywood gets wrong (and right) about EMS** - Adam Hyrman & Gina Skellett (*Medical*)

**Basic Mechanical Ventilation** - Marie Wilkinson (*Airway Management*) \*This session is two hours \*\*20 attendees MAX

## 1030-1130

**Geriatric Trauma** - Sue Andersen (*Trauma*)

**Engaging EMS Providers to Improve EHR Documentation: Data-Driven Strategies that Motivate** - Kathryn Dunklow (*Operations*)

**Major Bleeding as Taught at TCCC** - Steve Huisman (*Trauma*)

**Breaking Barriers: Guiding Foster Youth into EMS** - Kenneth Isaacson (*Operations*)

## Keynote Session: 1200-1300

**Rapid Recovery: Easy & Effective Self-Care for First Responders** - Stephanie Zoltowski-Siordia (*Preparatory*)

## 1315-1415

**Classifications of Shock** - Sue Andersen (*Medical*)

**2026 EMS Legal Update** - Orlando Blanco (*Special Considerations*)

**Stop calling us first responders! How embracing Three R's and a change in mindset will save EMS** - Daniel Mayhew (*Operations*)

**Special Delivery: Postpartum Care in the 1st Hour** - Janet Taylor (*Medical*)

**"Codes Are Fun"** - Critical Thinking during Cardiac Arrest - Jeff Schultz (*Patient Assessment*)

## 1430-1530

**Sepsis Starts Here: Early Recognition & Prehospital Management** - Karyn Belanger (*Medical*)

**Drive it Home** - Lance Corey (*Operations*)

**SWAT Medic and Conventional Provider Interaction During Critical Incidents** - Jim Etzin (*Emergency Preparedness (Operations)*)

**Pediatric Medication Administration** - Tim Newton & Micha Karell (*Peds Med Admin*)

**Beyond the Cot: The Future of Stryker Transport Accessories** - Stryker Clinical Team (*Category TBD*) \*Space is limited, pre-registration required

## 1600-1700

**Ways to Boost Student Motivation** - Sue Andersen & Jay Johns (*Special Considerations*)

**The Neurological Assessment** - Steve Huisman (*Patient Assessment*)

**Panel: Michigan Prehospital Blood Transfusions: It's Time** - Jon Krohmer, Kolby Miller, Ryan Reece & Robert Warnemuende (*Medical*)

**Difficult Airways: Using Your Airway Toolbox** - Jeff Schultz (*Airway Ventilation*)

**Fat Bottomed Girls... No More!: Side Effects of Weight Loss Shots and Surgery EMS Needs to Know About** - Janet Taylor (*Patient Assessment*)

# Saturday, May 9

## 0800-0900

**WCT Dilemmas: When Fast and Wide Isn't Clear** - Jeff Schultz (*Medical*)

**Anatomy and Physiology for Nerds** - David Feichtner (*Medical*)

**All Bleeding Stops.... Eventually: Bleeding Control** - Janet Taylor (*Trauma*)

**Measuring What Matters: Implementing Impactful Performance Metrics Beyond Response Times** - Matt Zavadsky (*Operations*)

**Let's settle this over a pint** - Robert Warnemuende (*Operations*)

## 0915-1015

**Aortic Dissection Demystified: Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, and Management** - Katelyn Dykas (*Medical*)

**Pediatric Medication Administration** - Tim Newton & Micha Karell (*Peds Med Admin*)

**Creating a Regional Emergency Medical Response Team (REMRT)** - Sue Andersen (*Emergency Preparedness (Operations)*)

**Using AI to improve EMS Education** - Steve Huisman (*Patient Assessment*)

**Connected Care: Data Flow in EMS and the Rural Health Transformation Era** - Stryker Clinical Team (*Category TBD*)

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## 1045-1145

**Pediatric Airway Considerations - Please Sweat the Small Things** - Jeff Schultz (*Pediatrics Airway*)

**History's Mysteries: Interesting Ways Famous People Have Died** - Janet Taylor (*Airway Ventilation*)

**Community Paramedicine in Michigan** - Ryan Chadderton (*Operations*)

**Special Needs Tracking and Awareness Program** - Sue Andersen (*Special Considerations*)

**Leadership & Communication** - David Feichtner (*Preparatory*)