



## **WAVE 2011 Speaker Biographies**

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### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

#### ***J. Brent Myers, M.D., Director, Wake County EMS System***

J. Brent Myers, M.D. is the Director and Medical Director for the Wake County EMS System in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is responsible for overseeing all clinical aspects of the EMS System, including protocols, certified personnel, continuing education and Emergency Medical Dispatch. He also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at UNC School of Medicine. Dr. Myers is a member of the Eagles' Coalition, a board member of the National Association of EMS Physicians, and a lecturer and active field and ED practitioner.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### ***Kelly Curry, BS RN, Professional Associate, Integral Performance Solutions***

Kelly Curry, the former Chief Operating Officer at MCHD, has exceptionally broad-based experience and credentials in the health care industry. His clinical background encompasses the fields of Indigent Care oversight, Intensive Care Nursing and Laboratory and Surgical Services as well as Emergency Medical Services. His administrative skills include supervision and management of 200+ employees, project and quality management, management of information systems, strategic planning and local government administration. Mr. Curry's knowledge and experience in leading organizations to design strategies that build efficient and effective service, including the use of cutting edge technology to both internal and external customers, is well known in the industry. His history of success with other leading organizations such as Hermann Life Flight, San Jacinto College, University of Texas HSC, Cypress Creek EMS and Covenant Health System has resulted in strategic growth with bottom-line results. Today, he serves as a consultant, program developer and educator with the I.P.S. team.

#### ***David J. Givot, Attorney and Paramedic***

David Givot became an EMT in 1987 and graduated Paramedic School in 1989. He spent most of the next decade running 911 calls for the ALS service that supplemented the BLS-only fire department in Glendale, California. At the turn of the century, he traveled the country working with distressed EMS agencies until he took over as Director of Operations for Maryland's largest commercial ambulance

provider at the time. While in Baltimore, he met and married his wife and they had a daughter. Now back in Southern California, Mr. Givot attended and graduated Law School and passed the California Bar exam on his first attempt. He has opened a thriving boutique law firm that only handles criminal and EMS Provider defense cases. In addition to his law practice, he has written a variety of EMS Education programs designed to protect EMS providers and keep them safe from the myriad legal liability exposures they face every day. He continues to travel throughout the United States to deliver his programs at conferences as well as directly to service provider agencies. Mr. Givot is committed to the protection and defense of EMS providers everywhere.

***Darin Inda, Information Technology Systems Manager, EMS Instructor and Paramedic, Universal-Macomb Ambulance***

Darin Inda is an Information Technology Systems Manager, EMS Instructor and Paramedic with Universal-Macomb Ambulance in the Detroit area. He has been a licensed health care provider (paramedic) for 21 years and an EMS instructor for 16 of those. Mr. Inda has taught a variety of EMS education programs, including the University of Maryland Baltimore County's Critical Care Paramedic Emergency Medical Transport Program (CCEMTP). He is a member of the Society of Michigan EMS Instructor Coordinators and a member of Michigan's Pre-Hospital Data Task Force.

***Allen Johnson, Executive Director – Emergency Services, HCA Gulf Coast Division***

Allen Johnson serves as the Executive Director for Emergency Services for the HCA Gulf Coast Division. In this role, he works closely with local EMS agencies and hospital service lines to integrate continuity of care and improve service delivery and outcomes. Previously, Mr. Johnson led the Montgomery County Hospital District as Chief Executive Officer and EMS Director. He obtained a BS in Psychology and a Masters of Public Administration from Texas A&M University and has been active in EMS as paramedic, educator and administrator for 25 years. He and his wife Kristin and their children reside in The Woodlands, Texas.

***Kim Stanley, Chief Compliance Officer, EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.***

Kim Stanley is a leading expert in EMS reimbursement practice and policy and brings more than 19 years of reimbursement and regulatory compliance experience to EMS|MC. She formerly was employed with CIGNA Medicare as the TN, NC, and ID Medicare Part B contractor. She served as the EMS liaison working in conjunction with the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) on various reimbursement committees to develop Ambulance Medicare policy and was instrumental in the development and deployment of the National Fee Schedule. Ms. Stanley served as a primary resource to the ambulance suppliers of NC, TN and ID and the State EMS Directors Associations before, during and after the implementation of the Fee Schedule. Now working on the provider side, she continues to serve as a national advocate and resource for EMS suppliers through several local and state advisory groups and reimbursement committees.

***Shannon W. Stephens, EMTP, Research Program Manager, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham***

Shannon W. Stephens, EMT-P, CCEMT-P, has worked in EMS for 19 years. He currently is an Instructor of Medicine and Research Program Manager for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He also serves as a Research Scientist for the UAB Center for Cardiovascular Biology and the UAB Center for Emergency Care and Disaster Preparedness. He has worked on several disaster medicine and prehospital research trials, including the NIH funded "Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium," NHLBI funded "Early Access to Defibrillation for Victims of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest," HRSA funded "Rural Access to Emergency Devices," DHS/FEMA funded "Healthcare Leadership and

Administrative Decision-Making in Response to WMD Incidents course” and the NLM funded “Advanced Network Infrastructure for Health and Disaster Management.” Mr. Stephens has published several manuscripts and presented nationally and internationally on EMS-related topics, including advanced airway management, disaster medicine, sudden cardiac arrest, prehospital research and severe traumatic injury. He actively serves on several national, state and local committees and is a member of the AHA ReSS and the NAEMSP.

***David M. Williams, Ph.D., Principal/Chief Improvement Advisor, Positive Eye Consulting, Inc.***

David M. Williams, Ph.D., is a Principal and Chief Improvement Advisor at Positive Eye Consulting, Inc. (positive-eye.com). He advises EMS and health care organizations in the U.S. and Europe on measurement and process improvement to improve care reliability and patient safety. He is an improvement advisor and on the faculty of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Dr. Williams previously served as an expert EMS systems consultant and as the Commander over Quality for Austin-Travis County EMS.

## ***ESO STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

***Michael Bachman, Chief Clinical Officer, Wake County EMS***

Michael Bachman is Chief Clinical Officer for the Wake EMS system. He has been a paramedic for more than 18 years, serving in multiple roles including field training, field supervision and education. He holds a Master’s Degree in EMS from Western Carolina University and has published and presented articles on pre-hospital medicine at several national conferences over the past several years.

***Wade Bredemeier, Paramedic Supervisor, Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District***

Wade Bredemeier, BS, NREMT-P, has been in EMS since 1994. His current role is Paramedic Supervisor for Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District in Woodland Park, Colorado. A district 18 miles west of Colorado Springs and high in the rocky mountains, UPRAD does everything from rural medicine to urban interface and currently runs about 2,500 calls per year. UPRAD has been with ESO since 2006, and Mr. Bredemeier has been a member of the ESO Steering Committee since late 2009. In his off time, he enjoys the Rockies, fishing, hunting, skiing and spending time with his family.

***Darin Inda, IT Systems Manager, EMS Instructor and Paramedic, Universal-Macomb Ambulance***

Refer to bio in “Guest Speakers” section.

***Ryan Lewis, Assistant EMS Director, Montgomery County Hospital District***

Ryan S. Lewis, MS EMT-P manages the Office of the Medical Director at Montgomery County Hospital District EMS in Conroe, Texas, just north of Houston. The OMD is designed to integrate available emergency medical research, known clinical best practices, collected ePCR data, patient outcome data and EMS-initiated research to optimize care. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Lewis has just arrived in the land of the Longhorns.

***Allen Sims, EMS Director, Montgomery County Hospital District***

Allen Sims is the EMS Director for the Montgomery County Hospital District. His 29-year Fire and EMS career includes more than 14 years of working with electronic medical records involving system design, implementation, support, data analysis and quality oversight.

***Matt Taylor, EMS Coordinator, Salt Lake City Fire***

Matt Taylor worked for the U.S. nuclear navy for eight years before joining Salt Lake City Fire, where he has served for 15 years, 12 as a paramedic. During his time with SLC Fire, he has been involved with the U.S. Olympics and 9-11 response. For the past five years, he has held the position of EMS Coordinator and Program Manager for ePCR.

***PANEL PRESENTERS***

***Danny Alexander, IT Specialist, Shreveport Fire Department***

Danny Alexander has worked for the City of Shreveport since 1998. He began his career with the City as PC Tech for the City of Shreveport and was promoted to Information Technology Specialist for the Shreveport Fire Department, a position he has held for seven years. Prior to that, Mr. Alexander gave just over 20 years of service to the U.S. Air Force. He is the proud parent of six and grandparent of four.

***Andy Arreola, Paramedic, Austin-Travis County EMS and ESO Trainer***

Andy Arreola has been a paramedic for 11 years, eight of which have been with Austin-Travis County EMS. He has been doing end user training with ESO since 2008. He has a wife and two kids, but no dog and no picket fence!

***Bennie C. Collins, BHS, EMT-P, Assistant Chief-Technology, Wake County EMS Systems***

Bennie Collins is the Assistant Chief-Technology for the Wake County EMS System in Raleigh, North Carolina. He has given 34 years of service to Fire Rescue and EMS, 28 of which have been at Wake County. Mr. Collins is currently responsible for all system technology programs, mobile connectivity and computing platforms.

***James Stevens, Information Services and Technology Manager, Gold Cross Services Inc.***

James Stevens began working for Gold Cross over 20 years ago washing and detailing ambulances and for the past 13 years has served as Manager for Information and Technology Services. His duties include overseeing the day-to-day operation of Dispatch CAD systems, telephone and radio systems and a network of servers, laptops and desktops. In 2008, Gold Cross' ambulance service division aligned itself with ESO for its ePCR needs. Since then, Gold Cross' billing division has brought on nine additional ambulance agencies, all of which utilize ESO, and plans to add more before the end of the year. Mr. Stevens serves a key role implementing, administering and supporting these ambulance services before, during and after their ESO implementation.

***Jeff Watson, Chief of EMS, Bossier City Fire Department***

Jeff Watson has worked for the Bossier City Fire Department, a fire-based EMS service that serves a community of approximately 65,000 residents, for 21 years and is currently the department's chief of EMS. He has been a paramedic for 19 years and during the course of his career has held a variety of roles. These include firefighter, fire captain, HazMat technician, BLS instructor, ACLS-PALS instructor, EMS supervisor and flight paramedic for Life Air Rescue, a local aero-medical service.