

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



DAVID BRENNER

Paramedic David Brenner is a Captain in the Holbrook Fire Department and has been providing advanced life support EMS services for over 4 decades. He is a New York State Certified Instructor/Coordinator and Regional Faculty who has taught EMT through Paramedic courses for Suffolk County EMS, Suffolk County Community College, and LaGuardia Community College. As Regional Faculty he has been training providers to be instructors for over thirty years. He holds instructor level certifications for many of the “alphabet” courses. He is particularly proud to be a co-author of the NAEMT’s Psychological Trauma in EMS Patients course. He has authored and frequently presented his 16-hour 12-Lead ECG Made Clear and Simple course.

In addition to providing patient care and provider instruction, Captain Brenner has served on the county Regional Emergency Medical Services Council. During his tenure as vice-chair and chair, he led the county through difficult times to ensure that patients received timely pre-hospital care.

Captain Brenner has a BS in Physical Education, an MS in Health and Physical Education, an MS in Special Education, and a Professional Degree in Educational Supervision and Administration. He has been recognized by the State University of New York’s Chancellor as a Teacher of Excellence.



MARCY DAWSON

Marcy Dawson is an RN and Paramedic who has been a nurse for 42 years, spending 20 of those years as a flight nurse. Marcy recently stepped away from being a flight nurse but continues to work with Sanford AirMed as Outreach Development Specialist where she focuses on education and outreach with rural ambulances and rural hospitals and at the New Salem Ambulance as a paramedic. Marcy continues to hold advanced certifications as a flight nurse, emergency nurse and trauma nurse. She has won awards in both EMS and Nursing for her work.



HALEY GILSTAD

Haley’s passion for healthcare started in rural Ashley, North Dakota. She worked as a CNA in the nursing home and became involved in prehospital care as an EMT. Haley started her nursing career as an ER nurse at Sanford Health before transitioning into the Stroke Coordinator position. Haley has held the role of Stroke Coordinator for

3 years. She is passionate about continual learning and has achieved three additional board certifications as an Advanced Stroke Coordinator, Stroke Certified Nurse, and a Certified Emergency Nurse. Haley values the time she gets to spend sharing her stroke knowledge with patients as well as time spent in the classroom sharing education with healthcare providers.



LATIMER HOKE

As an Advanced EMT and EMS instructor, Latimer Hoke has worked in rural EMS for 14 years, working for and/or closely with dozens of emergency service organizations in Vermont and Montana, as well as in Canada. These experiences involve volunteer and career EMS agencies, fire departments, law enforcement, emergency communications, ski patrol, and search and rescue. He has managed supply ordering, served as training officer, and written policies for many workplaces. In addition to EMS, Latimer holds a B.S. in Secondary English Education, a M.Ed. in Education Leadership, and Senior Alpine certification with the National Ski Patrol.



COREY A. JOHNSON

Captain Johnson currently serves the City of Williston Fire Department. Aside from normal shift duties he is also assigned to the Williams County SWAT Team as a Paramedic and is part of the Hazardous Materials Response Team. Captain Johnson has 12 years of experience in emergency services and is currently an Instructor Coordinator in the state for EMS programs and for the NAEMT PHTLS and TCCC programs. Previously he was a Paramedic Supervisor for a regional ALS service in western Pennsylvania and was a team member of the Pennsylvania EMS Strike Team with several deployments to natural disasters.



SAHAJ KHALSA

An experienced EMS provider published and award-winning EMS researcher, dynamic educator and national EMS leader, Sahaj is interested and experienced in advancing EMS education and care to ensure it is equitable, appropriate, and evidence based. Sahaj uses humor, data and personal experiences to challenge EMS orthodoxy where it conflicts with the evidence.

Sahaj has presented at state and national EMS and EMS educator conferences, published research in national and international journals, and was the principal author of a position paper on educating culturally competent EMS

providers for the National Association of EMS Educators.

In addition to being an EMS educator, Sahaj works as a paramedic on his local Ski Patrol, providing ALS care and guest safety in a unique, high-alpine, austere environment.



RON LAWLER

Ron has had a diverse career. He has worked in the military, retail, manufacturing and service industries. He became involved in EMS in the '90s at F-M Ambulance Service in Fargo, ND. He has held several positions including dispatcher, EMT, Paramedic,

ALS educator, Paramedic Program Coordinator and now Director of the Sanford Health EMS Education Department. Ron has been active in EMS research and has presented abstracts and posters at several national conferences. Ron served as an elected board member for the National Association of EMS Educators, is also on the Board for the North Dakota EMS Association, is an appointee to the North Dakota EMS Education Advisory Committee and is active with the Minnesota EMS Regulatory Board.



LINDSEY NARLOCH

Originally from Ray, Lindsey was raised to always look for ways to help. With help in mind, Lindsey earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Emergency Management from North Dakota State University (NDSU), a Master of Science in Emergency Management (NDSU), and

a Master Certificate in Performance Improvement from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Lindsey worked for 10 years as an EMS data manager in North Dakota. Currently, Lindsey works for the North Dakota EMS Association and is the project manager for the Rural EMS Counts project. The project is funded by the Center for Rural Health through the Flex grant program from HRSA and looks to implement a set of rural-relevant EMS performance measures and using data to improve care and processes.



JON PETERSON

Jon has been involved in EMS since beginning EMT class in 2011. He attended paramedic school in 2012 through Sanford Ambulance and has since remained with Sanford Ambulance in several roles. He has held a position as a dispatcher, paramedic,

and an education coordinator.

His current role is the Training Center Coordinator for the AHA as well as the lead educator for ACLS, PALS, BLS, PHTLS, and AMLS. Jon has been with the Sanford Health EMS Education department since December of 2021.



TIM REDDING

Mr. Redding is the founding President and Owner of Emergency Education Consultants, a firm that strives to improve patient care through quality, current education, and best-practice. Tim has been in EMS since 1992 and a Paramedic/Instructor since 1996. He

holds multiple credentials and certifications and is an Instructor Coordinator for the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He is a regular speaker across the US who has also presented internationally in Guyana, Guatemala, Ireland and Australia.

Tim is a two-time Ironman and a Boston Marathon finisher.



SEAN ROED

For the past 30 years, Sean Roed has been a full-time Paramedic with Lake Region Ambulance Service and now serves as the Director of Operations for his organization. Sean is also an active Instructor/Coordinator and has been an active Fire fighter for the past 29 years,

mostly recently with the Devils Lake City Fire Department for the last 17 years. In addition, he serves with the Rescue Task Force Team and aids in SWAT medic operations.



JANET TAYLOR

After graduating from nursing school in 1998, Janet worked in various departments through the hospital gaining knowledge and experience in ICU, Obstetrics and ER. Janet has been a flight nurse since 2004 and now works full time for Golden Valley EMS

as a nurse in a paramedic role. She enjoys teaching part time for EMS conferences across the country and for local paramedic programs. She also writes modules for various online forums. You can see where she will be heading next at www.emsteacher.com. You can also reach her at janettaylor6@icloud.com



MARY WALDO

Mary Waldo got her start in healthcare volunteering for a rural ambulance service in central North Dakota as a high school student, but if you ask her, the initial interest in EMS came years before that while watching the show "Rescue 9-1-1". From her very early childhood she

knew trauma care was where she was headed and likes to say that EMS was her first love, but trauma is her soul mate. With a background in nursing education, emergency and trauma care, and flight nursing she has a passion for sharing her love of learning with others. She currently works as the North Dakota State Trauma Coordinator and at a Level I Adult/Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.



HOWARD WALTH

Howard has had a heart for EMS & Trauma ever since his first ambulance run in 1982. He currently serves as the Trauma Coordinator for CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck. He is a retired Bismarck Fire Lieutenant and maintains certifications as a RN, CEN, CFRN, CCRN, TCRN, LNCC and Paramedic.



BILL YOUNG

Bill Young, associate professor for the Eastern Kentucky University Department of Paramedicine, has worked in emergency medical services since 1978. He began his career running calls for a small fire department near Williamsburg, Kentucky long before the

term "first responder" existed. Young has worked as a street medic, training officer, supervisor, state regulator and educator.

He attended Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands) and earned a master's degree in leadership from Regis University. He earned his doctorate degree in educational leadership.



ANDREA SJAARDEMA ZICKMUND

Andrea Sjaardema Zickmund FP-C/NREMT-P/FF has been working in EMS for 18 yrs. She has worked at every level from EMT through Flight Paramedic. She is known as the black cloud in all the busy 911 systems she has worked, as

a lead paramedic. She has been teaching in EMS programs since 2007. She has worked in the helicopter and fixed wing environment, and she currently works for Franciscan EMS as the Critical Care EMS Educator and critical care paramedic on the ground service. She also works for Laporte County EMS as a Paramedic. She owns her own CPR instruction business and is an expert content author for Vector Solutions, building online learning courses. Andrea has a passion for teaching and working as a paramedic.

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