

### NEMSIS Standard Change Review Committee



#### Jon Burkhart - Vice President of IT, Digitech

As Vice President of IT, Jon leads software development teams for multiple technical solutions as well as the IT department at Digitech. His journey to Digitech began in 2000 at the startup Med-Media, which specialized in public safety software with a focus on ePCR and pre-hospital data collection. Jon's career has taken him through four acquisitions and one divestiture since

then, with positions at EMSystems, Intermedix, and R1. Along the way, he has served as everything from a web engineer and desktop engineer to the leader of developers, testers, BA, and QA team members. Through each transition, he has focused on the efficient migration of products and maintaining the highest levels of customer satisfaction. Jon has a Bachelor of Science from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, and he has completed numerous Agile and Scaled Agile workshops. He enjoys spending his free time in the great outdoors and riding ATVs.



#### Rebecca Cash - Research, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rebecca E. Cash, PhD, NRP, FAEMS is an epidemiologist, health services researcher, and paramedic since 2010. Her work focuses on describing and understanding the EMS workforce and systems of emergency and prehospital care. During her doctoral training in epidemiology at The Ohio State University, she completed an EMS Research Fellowship at the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. Rebecca is currently research staff at Massachusetts General Hospital, an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and a faculty

member of the Emergency Medicine Network at MGH.





# Jennifer Correa - Senior Business Data Analyst, NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center (TAC)

Jennifer Correa is a Senior Business Data Analyst for the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) specializing in business and technical support. With more than 20 years of experience in EMS data systems, technical requirements, and data analysis, Jen provides subject matter expertise to national data quality initiatives and research projects. She is a trainer and presenter at

local, state, and national events.



## Randall Eimerman - NEMSIS Liaison, National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO)

In this capacity, he provides support to the NASEMSO Data Managers Council and interfaces with the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center (TAC) on issues of national significance as well as state-specific challenges. This position is enabling a new generation of the NHTSA Office of EMS, the University of Utah (NEMSIS TAC), and NASEMSO to work together to support the

state EMS offices and collaborate to ensure a collective national voice about EMS data-related issues.

Randall was the State EMS Data Manager during the past five years working in the state of Indiana before transitioning to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has been a Paramedic in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. Randall has an Associate's Degree from Lincoln College and completed data manager training for the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Randall worked with the NEMSIS TAC for five years in his state EMS data manager capacity and has had the opportunity to work with many ambulance services, hospital organizations, and patient registries. He looks forward to continuing his efforts on a national level.





## Ben Fisher - IT Product Manager, NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center

Ben Fisher is an IT Product Manager for the NEMSIS TAC, and helps researchers and stakeholders understand and use EMS data. He has been a Paramedic for 15 years and has experience performing data and clinical quality assurance for a large urban

EMS agency, for a state office of EMS, and now at the TAC. He has a Master's in Public Administration and a graduate certificate in applied statistics.



### **Darlene Forney - IT Application Analyst, Priority Ambulance**

Darlene Forney is an experienced IT Application Analyst with Priority OnDemand, bringing 26 years of expertise in Emergency Medical Services (EMS). For the past 14 years, she has worked directly with the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) data requirements, ensuring compliance across

Priority's family of brands in 12 different states. Darlene's role is essential in configuring systems to meet state NEMSIS standards, leveraging her deep knowledge of database management, Crystal Reports, and Excel.

In addition to her work with Priority OnDemand, Darlene served as the Database Training Coordinator and Custom Report Writer for ZOLL Data in Broomfield, CO, where she designed and maintained reports and trained users on reporting tools. She previously worked as a CAD Analyst and System Status Controller at Albuquerque Ambulance, where she configured databases, managed reports, and provided extensive training. Her career also includes dispatching and database management roles in the EMS and healthcare sectors.





# Christopher Gage, MHS, NRP - EMS Research Fellow, National Registry of EMTs

Christopher (Chris) B. Gage, MHS, NRP, is an EMS Research Fellow with the National Registry of EMTs and a PhD student in Epidemiology at *The* Ohio State University. Chris began his EMS career in 2003 and has since held roles as a street and critical care

paramedic, Associate Professor of EMS, EMS Program Director, and Division Chair of Public Safety. His recent research focuses on evaluating health behaviors among EMS clinicians, and has worked on national studies assessing advanced airway management in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) and layperson naloxone use.

In addition to his EMS career, Chris served as an electrician in the US Marine Corps for four and a half years, achieving the rank of E-5 Sergeant. He also dedicated approximately 13 years as a volunteer firefighter, further demonstrating his commitment to public safety and service.



## Alex Looper - Business Intelligence Analyst, NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center

Alex Looper is a BI Analyst with the University of Utah Data Coordinating Center (DCC). He graduated with a Bachelor's in Computer Science from Michigan Technological University in 2015. He's been working in the BI field since 2017 and joined the University of Utah in 2022. Alex has end to end experience in the Business Intelligence development cycle, from gathering

requirements and data to producing actionable and meaningful dashboards.





# Michael Mason - Section Chief of Administration, San Francisco Fire Department Community Paramedicine Division

Activated during COVID in 2020, Section Chief Mason led Healthy Streets Operation Center field operations resulting in over 1,700 unhoused individuals being triaged and transported directly from the street to shelters, hotels, and shelter alternatives. The multi-agency model developed during this time has continued and been replicated

across the nation as our communities continue to seek effective responses to the homelessness crisis.

In 2021 he helped support the planning and launch of the Street Overdose Response Team (SORT), a collaborative effort with the San Francisco Department of Public Health to actively reduce drug overdose mortality in vulnerable populations. The SORT has received international media attention and proven itself to be a pioneering model of care.

Section Chief Mason's work has focused on cross-agency data integration, shelter and housing access for EMS patients, and data-driven program development and analysis.

His program development experience in the Fire Department, particularly the Community Paramedic Division, has led him to pursue a Master of Public Administration at San Francisco State University.





### Kevin Nicholes - Senior Research Manager, NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center

Kevin has over 15 years of EMS experience in fire service, private EMS, and third-service EMS service agencies. His expertise includes being a field service provider, ET3 administrator, and educator and trainer for Austin - Travis County EMS. He also served as the Data Manager for the Office of the Chief Medical Officer in Central Texas, focusing on descriptive and predictive analytics to improve patient outcomes and the work life of EMS providers. He has an MS in

Business Analytics and Data Science with an emphasis in Advanced Data Science and Information Systems Management.



### Chad Pore - Program & Policy Analyst, Kansas Board of EMS

Chad is a Program & Policy Analyst at the Kansas Board of EMS. He oversees the Kansas Emergency Medical Information System (KEMSIS) as the State Data Manager. Chad has been involved in EMS for over 25-years. His experience as a Paramedic covers urban

EMS, rural EMS, Air Medicine, fire-based EMS, and EMS education. He has served as an EMS Director of multiple agencies, as community college EMS Program Director, and was appointed by the Governor to the Kansas Board of EMS for 8-years. Twice he was named Kansas EMS Association Director of the Year. One of his agencies have received multiple Kansas EMS Association awards and one of his agencies was named the EMS IMPACT Volunteer Service of the Year. In 2018, Chad was names one of the EMS10: Innovators in EMS for his work in redesigning ambulances to prioritize safety without compromising patient health. Today, his focus is on EMS data and research, working to improve data quality and patient outcomes.