NAEMSP®/Physio-Control EMS Medicine Medical Director Fellowship

The 2016-2017 Physio-Control Fellow was Dr. Andrew Latimer. Andrew is completing his residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati and will conduct his EMS Fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle.

President’s Awards

This year we presented a new award. The President’s Award is an honor bestowed on a member or members of NAEMSP® who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to our organization in creating new initiatives or furthering the work of the organization. This award recognizes individuals for work completed in the previous year.

Dr. Darren Walter and Dr. Jose Cabanas worked together to create a brand new effort for our organization. Over the last year, they have attended innumerable conference calls and toiled late into many nights to create our International EMS Medical Director’s Course. This is the beginning of a rapidly expanding international outreach effort and we could not have gotten it off to a better start.

Dr. Julie Houle developed creative partnerships and new initiatives to further our efforts in rural EMS.

Ronald D. Stewart Award – Drew Dawson and Dr. Justin Maloney

This award is given annually to a person who has made a lasting, major contribution to the national EMS community. This year there were TWO recipients of this award.

Drew Dawson is no stranger to NAEMSP®. His decades of leadership in EMS both at the state as well as the federal level have created enormous change in the practice of EMS medicine. As a former EMT, as a state EMS director, and as director of Office of EMS for NHTSA, he was instrumental in working with federal partners to provide coordinated support to the EMS community, both at the state and local level. When he recently retired, he said: “Our job here as one of the Federal agencies focused on EMS is to work on major projects to improve the care of patients throughout the nation. I never forget that the patients are at the center of everything we do.”

Dr. Justin Maloney is one of the true pioneers and visionaries of EMS in Canada. Over his 25+ years as a medical director, his involvement in the creation of the Ontario 911 system, community PAD and CPR programs, specialty EMS teams, high school CPR programs, and promotion of cutting edge research he has driven lasting change not only in Canadian EMS but across the globe as well.

Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award – Dr. Alex Isakov

This award is presented to an active or past member of NAEMSP® who has provided significant leadership to the association and is named after the late Keith Neely, the first non-physician member to serve on the NAEMSP® Board of Directors.

Dr. Alex Isakov was recognized for his tireless work to improve the EMS community’s preparedness and competency to manage and transport patients with serious communicable diseases and for his leadership at NAEMSP and nationally on this subject.

Friends of EMS Award – National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)

The Friends of EMS award is presented to an individual or organization that has been an advocate in furthering NAEMSP’s mission through influencing or implementing national public policy. This year’s recipient was recognized for dedication and efforts to NAEMSP® and the EMS community.

NAEMT has been a leader for decades representing EMS providers, providing creative and much needed education, advocating with our political leaders, and creating the vision for the future of EMS. This organization has been a valued partner to NAEMSP® in furthering our mission of providing leadership and fostering excellence in the subspecialty of EMS Medicine.
2016 Abstract Awards

- **Best Scientific Presentation**
  COMPARISON OF THE PERFORMANCE OF PREHOSPITAL SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE VERSUS CALCULATED MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE IN PREDICTING MORTALITY IN MAJOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
  Daniel W. Spaite, Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center, University of Arizona; Chengcheng Hu; Bentley J. Bobrow; Vatsal Chikani; Duane Sherrill; Bruce Barnhart; Joshua B. Gaither; Kurt R. Denninghoff; Chad Viscusi; Terry Mullins; Rogelio Martinez; P. David Adelson

- **Best Student/Resident/Fellow Research Presentation**
  EVALUATING THE COST AND UTILITY OF MANDATING SCHOOLS TO STOCK EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS
  Chelsea Steffens, Chicago Medical School; Benjamin D. Clement; William Fales; Robert Swor

- **Best EMS Professional Research Presentation**
  CAN PARAMEDICS DRAW UNCONTAMINATED BLOOD CULTURES PRIOR TO PREHOSPITAL ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION?
  Jason G. Walchok, Greenville County EMS; Martin E. Lutz; Colt F Shope; Greta Gue; Douglas Furmanek; Ronald G. Pirrillo; Aaron C. Dix

- **Best Poster Abstract Presentation**
  TRUE PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR COVERAGE IS OVERESTIMATED
  Christopher L. F. Sun, University of Toronto; Derya Demirtas; Steven C Brooks; Laurie J. Morrison; Timothy C. Y. Chan

- **Best Cardiac Arrest Presentation** – Sponsored by ZOLL
  EFFECT OF AN IMPEDANCE THRESHOLD DEVICE ON ETCO2 IN OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST IN A SYSTEM USING MODIFIED MINIMALLY INTERRUPTED CPR WITH CONTROLLED RATE
  David G. Chase, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Medical Center, Ventura City Fire Department; Chad Panke; Robin Shedlosky; Scott Zeller; Angelo A. Salvucci

- **Best Disaster Presentation**
  Sponsored by National Disaster Life Support Foundation
  SERIOUS PLAY: FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE A DISASTER TRIAGE VIDEO GAME
  Thomas P. Aviles, Yale University; Marc Auerbach; Mark X. Cicero

- **Best Pediatric Presentation**
  PREHOSPITAL INTUBATION IN THE PEDIATRIC PATIENT ACROSS AN ENTIRE STATE
  Christopher T. Higgins, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center; Robert Nelson; Simon Mahler; Stacie Zelman; James Winslow; William Bozeman