

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC STAKEHOLDER'S SYMPOSIUM



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Speaker Bios

Christopher Montera, AAS, NR-P, is the Assistant CEO at Eagle County Paramedic Services. Chris is the immediate past president of the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado and was the EMS Data Specialist for Western Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council under contract to serve the State of Colorado. Chris has 23 years of experience in EMS and has received numerous awards for service. In his career he has worked in the Fire Service, Public Health and several EMS services. He was named one of the top 10 EMS Innovators of the Year in 2010 by JEMS and PhysioControl. In his spare time he enjoys being a geek, producing his internet radio show EMS Garage (<http://www.emsgarage.com>), and other Colorado outdoor activities.

Anne Robinson-Montera, RN, BSN, received a BSN from Bethel College in Newton, KS. She has 15 years of nursing experience in Public Health, Labor and Delivery, Neonatal, Pediatrics, Patient Safety / Quality Assurance, and EMS coordination in urban and rural hospitals, clinic, and community settings. She is the Co-Creator and Public Health Partner for the first National Community Paramedic Pilot Program in rural Eagle, CO. Ms. Robinson-Montera works to assist local and state Community Paramedic programs through different stages of program development, including statewide stakeholder engagement to local agency implementation. Ms. Robinson-Montera has been a leader in the Community Paramedic Curriculum as the college instructor for the 2nd teaching of the curriculum in Colorado. In addition, she led a team of educators and experts in developing the 3.0 version of the Community Paramedic Curriculum. She received the Colorado Nightingale Luminary Award for Innovation for work on the Colorado Community Paramedic Program in May 2011.

Gary Wingrove is director of government relations and strategic affairs for Mayo Clinic Medical Transport in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. He is a founder and President of the North Central EMS Institute, is president of the Center for Leadership, Innovation and Research, past president of the National EMS Management Association and a former state EMS director.

Marvin Birnbaum, MD, PhD, is Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Physiology at the University of Wisconsin and a recent Past President of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADDEM). Dr. Birnbaum is past Director of the Emergency Medical Services Program with the University. He is the Emeritus Editor of Pre-Hospital and Disaster Medicine. He was also the Medical Director for the Madison Fire Department for 33 years and a former Vice Chair of the Wisconsin EMS Board. He has been a Paramedic Instructor since the 1970s.

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Jan Beyer, RN, BSN, EMT-B, has been an ICU and Emergency Room Nurse for 20 years. Ms Beyer has also been the EMS Liaison for UW Hospital since 2003. She is an EMS and Emergency Services Instructor and the innovator of the Critical Care Transport Course in Wisconsin. She will receive her degree as a Family Practice Nurse Practitioner from UW Oshkosh this spring.

Dana Sechler, NREMT-P, is starting his fifth year as the Chief / EMS Director for Baraboo District Ambulance Service. Prior to that position, Dana was the Paramedic (ALS) Program Coordinator for the Wisconsin State EMS Office. Dana has over 22 years of field experience in a number of settings, including working at District, County, Municipal, Third party, Hospital-based, Fire-based, and Private Services. In addition, Dana has been an EMS educator and administrator at several colleges through the years, and is active on a number of EMS Committees and Boards.

Gregory West, JD, NREMT-P, is a 22 year fire service veteran with experience on volunteer, combination, and career fire departments. Gregory is currently employed as the Dean of Protective and Human Services at Waukesha County Technical College where he retains Paramedic program management responsibilities in addition to his other duties. On a part-time basis, Gregory is a paid-on-call firefighter/Paramedic with the Hartland Fire Department and he also teaches law-related courses to Fire Science Management and Transportation program students at Southern Illinois University. Gregory is a member of the State of Wisconsin EMS Board where he serves as the Chair of the EMS Board Education and Training Committee.

Brian Litza is currently the Wisconsin EMS Director in The Department of Health Services, Bureau of Communicable Diseases and Emergency Response. Working his way through private and public sector EMS, his 30-year career has found him in various roles including Paramedic, firefighter, EMS educator, EMS supervisor, and state EMS program coordinator.