

PRESS RELEASE

Whitney Burrows Appointed as South Dakota's New Commissioner for the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2024 - The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice is pleased to announce the appointment of Whitney Burrows as the new Commissioner for South Dakota, effective July 11, 2024. Commissioner Burrows brings extensive experience and dedication to the role, serving currently as a Management Analyst with the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

This appointment follows the enactment of Senate Bill 64, signed by the Governor on March 18, 2024, and effective from July 1, 2024. The bill transferred the licensure of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) from the South Dakota Department of Health to the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners, which has previously overseen the licensure of Paramedics in the state.

The Commission would like to extend its gratitude to Commissioner Marty Link, EMS Director at the South Dakota Department of Health, for his dedicated service from March 28, 2022, to July 11, 2024. Commissioner Link's contributions have been invaluable, and his commitment to the EMS community is deeply appreciated.

Commissioner Burrows' appointment underscores South Dakota's commitment to excellence in emergency medical services and represents a unified licensure process for all EMS personnel in the state. The Commission looks forward to collaborating closely with Commissioner Burrows to further enhance the quality and effectiveness of EMS operations.



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About the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, established under the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) legislation, is the governing body responsible for overseeing the operations of the EMS Compact. Comprised of appointed Commissioners from each member state, the Commission ensures compliance with the Compact's provisions, manages its operations, and resolves interstate disputes. ICEMSPP focuses on cross-border EMS activities, maintains a national database of EMS personnel, and upholds uniform practices across member states to enhance EMS care and public safety. Currently coordinating efforts in 24 states and overseeing nearly 400,000 EMS personnel, the Commission sets standards and regulations, promotes the profession, and ensures public protection. Interstate Compacts represent the gold standard for multistate professional licensure, facilitating seamless and efficient EMS practice across state lines.