

PRESS RELEASE

Maria Beermann-Foat, PhD, Appointed as Virginia's Commissioner for the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice

WASHINGTON, March 6, 2025 – The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice is pleased to announce the appointment of Maria Beermann-Foat, PhD as the new Delegate & Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective immediately. Dr. Beermann-Foat brings over 25 years of experience in prehospital emergency care, EMS leadership, and workforce development, making her a valuable addition to the Commission.

Dr. Beermann-Foat was recently appointed as the State EMS Director for the Commonwealth of Virginia, following her tenure as the EMS Training Coordinator for the Eugene Springfield Fire Department in Oregon. Prior to that, she served at Johnson County MED-ACT in Kansas, rising through the ranks from paramedic to Battalion Chief of Operations. Throughout her career, she has played key roles in EMS training, quality management, and community engagement.



At the national level, Dr. Beermann-Foat is deeply involved in advancing EMS through leadership, research, and workforce development. She has served as an At-Large Director on the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Board of Directors, a columnist for EMS1.com, and a scientific reviewer for the International Journal of Paramedicine. Additionally, she is a frequent speaker at national conferences and an instructor for the National Fire Academy.

“We are honored to welcome Dr. Beermann-Foat to the EMS Compact,” said Kraig Kinney, JD, NRP, Chair of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice. “Her extensive experience in EMS operations, training, and policy development will greatly contribute to the continued success of the Compact in supporting clinician mobility and public safety across state lines.”

The Commission also extends its appreciation to Virginia's outgoing Commissioner for their dedication and service in advancing the EMS Compact's mission. Dr. Beermann-Foat's appointment reaffirms Virginia's commitment to supporting a well-trained, responsive, and adaptable EMS workforce. The Commission looks forward to collaborating with her to enhance interstate EMS cooperation, licensure recognition, and clinician readiness.



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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.