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Michigan Association of Ambulance Services announces 2022/2023 board of directors

Lansing, Michigan – The Michigan Association of Ambulance Services, the resource and advocate for EMS services in Michigan, today announced its 2022/2023 leadership and board of directors:

Jason MacDonald, Vice President of Administration at Medstar Ambulance, which services Bay, Ingham, Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, will serve as MAAS President in 2022/2023. MacDonald has more than 25 years of experience in EMS and previously served as MAAS president-elect.

"As we continue to deal with the EMS staffing crisis in Michigan, I'm honored to lead the MAAS board and help spread the word about the investment needed to ensure we can still continue to serve our communities," said MacDonald. "Our leadership team is ready to get to work advocating for the improvement of EMS in our state."

Joining MacDonald on the MAAS board in 2022 are:

- President-Elect: Tom Schmiedeknecht. Professional Med-Team Ambulance
- Past-President: Jack Fisher. Medic1 Ambulance
- Secretary: Bill Grubb, Star EMS
- Treasurer: Mark Meijer, Life EMS Ambulance
- Region 1: Ron Slagell, Emergent Health Partners
- Region 2N: Vince Wayas, Alliance Mobile Health
- Region 2S: Dustin Hawley, Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service of Michigan
- Region 3: John Clayton, Mid-Michigan Medical Center EMS
- Region 5: Brian Scribner, Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service
- Region 6: Laurie Thiel, Mobile Medical Response
- Region 7: Rick Dupon, Denton Township Ambulance Service
- Region 8: Gary Wadaga, Bay Ambulance

- Region 9: Matt Heffelfinger, West Michigan Air Care
- At Large: Kenneth Cummings, Tri-Hospital EMS
- At Large: Chris Haney, Star EMS
- At Large: Jeff White, Richmond Lenox Ambulance Authority
- At Large: Kolby Miller, Medstar Ambulance

"As we accelerate our work to get EMS properly funded at both the state and federal levels, we are lucky to have a top-notch leadership team in place," said Angela Madden, MAAS executive director. "We have made great progress increasing awareness of the crisis facing EMS and our board will be instrumental as we work to improve the system."

Michigan currently has 28,820 EMS providers, 812 life support agencies and more than 3,867 licensed life support vehicles, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness.

The Michigan Association of Ambulance Services is a statewide trade association representing and advocating for ambulance services. Last year, MAAS members were responsible for nearly 900,000 or 68 percent of ambulance transports in Michigan. MAAS members also provide community paramedicine, ER diversion and 9-1-1 services in several areas of Michigan. For more information, visit www.miambulance.org.

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