



## **EMS Safety Officer (ESO) Course**

An effective EMS safety program protects agency personnel, patients, and the agency. Mitigating fatigue, reducing the risk of collisions, promoting scene safety, ensuring infection control for both patients and practitioners, preventing violence against practitioners, maintaining practitioner clinical skills, minimizing patient errors, and injury and illness prevention are among the major issues that an EMS safety program can and should address. But there are many others, including facility safety and security, implementation of a just culture, and substance abuse prevention.

The purpose of the EMS Safety Officer Course is to prepare EMS personnel to serve as their agency's EMS Safety Officer (ESO). In this role, the ESO will focus on keeping EMS personnel and patients safe through the development and implementation of the EMS agency's safety program.

The 6-hour course will be offered in an online interactive format. The course will cover:

- The Role and Responsibilities of an ESO.
- Facility Safety and Security.
- Vehicle Operator Safety
- Scene Safety and Crew Resource Management
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Patient Safety
- Personal Safety
- Safety Training

This course is designed for EMS practitioners who meet the following qualifications:

- at a minimum, current state certification or license as an EMT;
- at least three years of full-time practice (or equivalent) at the EMT level or above;
- strong interpersonal communication skills with an interest in serving in this position;
- and
- familiarity with the agency's current safety policies and procedures.

This new course will be available through NAEMT's publishing partner, the **Public Safety Group of Jones & Bartlett Learning** in March, 2023.