



Message from EMS Director Kraig Kinney



As we move into the final months of 2026, Indiana EMS continues to experience significant growth and change.

Across the state, EMS clinicians, agencies, training institutions, medical directors and community partners are working every day to strengthen emergency medical services and expand the role EMS plays within Indiana's healthcare and public-safety systems.

The Indiana Office of EMS continues to focus on several priorities, including improving certification and licensure processes, expanding Mobile Integrated Health, strengthening pediatric and obstetric readiness, supporting the EMS workforce, improving statewide data systems and making it easier for Indiana's EMS professionals to access needed resources.

Many of these efforts are moving from planning to implementation. Over the coming months, EMS agencies can expect additional information about new resources, training opportunities and statewide initiatives.

Thank you to Indiana's EMS professionals for the work you do every day. Whether you serve a large urban system, a rural community, a fire-based service, hospital-based service, a private provider, a volunteer organization or another part of Indiana's EMS system, your work matters.



Kraig Kinney

EMS Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

EMS Commission appointments made by the Governor

With all current EMS Commission memberships expiring on Sept. 30, 2026, Governor Mike Braun has appointed members to the EMS Commission for the next four-year term, running from Oct. 1, 2026, through Sept. 30, 2030.

The following individuals were reappointed:

- Dr. Sara Brown, Trauma Physician representative
- Dr. Lisa Clunie, Hospital with Ambulance Service representative
- Patrick Hutchison, Municipal Fire EMS representative
- Dr. Jim Nossett, Emergency Physician representative

New appointments were:

- Marjorie Clouse (IU Health), Emergency Nurses representative
- Kiely Culberson (Vernon Township Fire Department), EMT representative
- Carmen Elliott (Ivy Tech Madison), ALS Training Institution representative
- Tom Fentress (Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department), Volunteer Fire representative
- Dr. Stephanie Gardner (Ascension Health), Air Medical representative
- Jeremy Mast (Tri-County EMS), Private Ambulance representative
- Katie Morgan (Carlisle Lions Community Ambulance), Volunteer Ambulance representative

-
- Kelly Russ (Putnam County EMS), Paramedic representative
 - Zoe Frantz (Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers), Public representative

Dr. Eric Yazel, the State EMS Medical Director, remains the IDHS executive director designee and will serve as the interim chairperson until the Commission meets again on Nov. 18.

The Indiana EMS Commission is created in statute, and its representative composition is defined by [Indiana Code 16-31-2](#). Its duties include establishing standards for the EMS scope of practice, EMS certification requirements and EMS education requirements.

State EMS Director Kraig Kinney said, “We thank the departing EMS Commissioners for their service. Their contributions have substantially strengthened the Indiana EMS system. We also look forward to seeing the direction the new EMS Commission will take as EMS continues to grow.”

EMS Commission: Stay involved

The Indiana EMS Commission plays an important role in the state’s EMS system, including professional standards, administrative rules and other matters affecting emergency medical services.

EMS professionals are encouraged to stay informed about Commission activities.

Meeting schedules, agendas, meeting materials, minutes, administrative rules, policies and other resources are available through the [IDHS Boards and Commissions](#) webpage.

Participation and engagement from Indiana’s EMS community help ensure that those working within the system remain informed as EMS continues to evolve.