

T H U R S D A Y

KEYNOTE

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Blueprint for Rural EMS Agencies

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It is getting harder and harder for small, rural EMS agencies to survive. Low call volumes leading to low reimbursement, recruitment problems, and growing administrative and statutory requirements make just staying open a tremendous challenge. But there is hope. Successful agencies carve their future from a collaborative vision and combine constant evolution with time tested leadership tactics. This class will use case studies to describe successful rural EMS agency planning and discuss the strategies others have used to breed viability. While there may be no easy answers, this engaged discussion will consider the winning paths of several small agencies and offer their successful plans as starting points for other agencies. This presentation is appropriate for all EMS levels.

A brief presentation by the EMS West EMS Honor Guard and brief remarks from the Bureau of EMS and EMS West immediately precede the Thursday Keynote session.