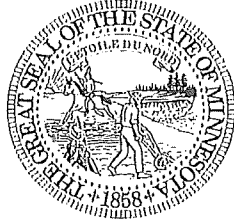


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Brian Edwards

1119 Wildrose Ct.
Northfield, MN 55057
County of Dakota
Congressional District 2

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Effective: October 29, 2019

Term Expires: January 9, 2023

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, October 24, 2019



Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: Jill Schultz

Brian W. Edwards
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507-649-0955

December 10, 2018

Ms. Melody Nagy
Office Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
Melody.Nagy@state.mn.us

Dear Ms. Nagy:

Please find attached my curriculum vitae, in consideration for several open positions on the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board. I will be applying through the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office website. Also attached to my application will be a letter of reference from our system medical director, Dr. Jennifer Fischer.

While my work history and educational background demonstrate my commitment to Emergency Medical Services, neither can fully reflect my dedication to service and compassion for those in need. I have spent over twenty-five years "trying to make a difference" for those entrusted to my care, whether through my direct actions as a paramedic, or indirectly as a leader, manager, chief, instructor, and mentor. It is my hope that a position with the EMSRB will enable me to do even more. I want to help shape the future of EMS in Minnesota, by sharing my experience and wisdom and working side-by-side with other visionaries.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Brian W. Edwards, BS, MPO, NRP

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Attachments

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cc: personal file

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507.649.0955 (office)

Professional Licensure

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, M0861257, ex. 03/31/2019
Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, 269887, ex. 03/31/2019
American College of Paramedic Executives, Managing Paramedic Officer (MPO), M-17-00013

Education

St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, MN 2008: *Bachelor of Science, Business Administration*
Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, MN 2005: *AS, Emergency Health Services*

Work History

- Northfield Hospital + Clinics EMS, Northfield, MN
EMS Chief (Director, Manager), 09/2005 – present
Operations Supervisor, 09/2001 – 09/2005
EMS Educator, 1998 – present
Field Training Officer, 1998 – 2001
Paramedic, 1996 – present
- Dakota County Mutual Aid Assistance Group (SWAT), Dakota County, MN
Crisis Negotiator, 09/2016 – present
- Minnesota All-Hazard Incident Management Team (NIMS Type 3), Bloomington, MN
Member, 10/2009 – present
- Minnesota Incident Management Team (NIMS Type 2), MN DNR, Grand Rapids, MN
Medical Unit Leader (trainee), 01/2015 – present
- Metropolitan Minnesota EMS Region, St. Paul, MN
3 ECHO™ Instructor (contractor), 2013 – present
- Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie, MN
Adjunct Faculty EMS Programs, 09/2010 – 05/2017
- Rice County Emergency Response Unit (SWAT), Faribault, MN
Crisis Negotiator, 01/2013 – 09/2016
Tactical Paramedic, 02/1998 – 12/2012
- Northfield Emergency Transportation, Northfield, MN
Paramedic, 05/1996 – 10/1996
- Critical Care Paramedic Service, Rockwall, TX
EMT through Paramedic, 11/1992 – 02/1996
- Union Valley Fire Department, Royse City, TX
Firefighter, First Responder, and Captain, 08/1990 – 02/1996

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Professional Memberships and Affiliations

National Association of EMS Physicians
National EMS Management Association
Special Operations Medical Association
South Central (MN) Technical College Paramedic Program Advisory Committee
Metro Region (MN) EMS Technical Operations Committee (vice chair)
Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Services Joint Powers Board (ex officio)
Dakota County EMS Council
Rice County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council

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Education – Professional Training & Other

FLETC: *Basic Tactical Medical Instructor Program* (G_XP_BTMITP-804ASLTD) (2018)
FLETC: *Tactical Medical for First Responders* (G_XP_TMFR-824SLTD) (2018)
Metro Region EMS: *Leadership: Authentic Results through Action* (2018)
NWCG: *Medical Unit Leader* (NWCG S-359) (2018)
Minnesota Interagency Fire Center: *Basic Wildland Firefighting Courses* (S130/190, L180) (2017)
Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute: *De-escalation Strategies...* (2017)
American Institute for Advancement of Forensic Studies: *School Shootings...* (2017)
Association of Training Officers of Minnesota: *Tactical Threat Analysis* (2015)
Association of Training Officers of Minnesota: *Advanced Crisis/Hostage Negotiation* (2014)
Wisconsin Emergency Management: *Basic Public Information Officer* (2013)
FEMA: *Incident Commander E950* (2013)
Association of Training Officers of Minnesota: *Basic Crisis/Hostage Negotiation* (2012)
FEMA: *Operations Section Chief E958* (2012)
FEMA: *Planning Section Chief E967* (2012)
Blauer Tactical Systems: *Basic S.P.E.A.R. Instructor Course* (2011)
FEMA: *All Hazards Incident Management Team* (2009)
Texas Engineering Extension Service: *Ambulance Strike Team – Task Force Leader* (2008)
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, St. Paul, MN: *Leadership Development Program* (2007)
FEMA: *WMD Awareness WR-160* (2006)
Tactical Element, Guilford County, NC: *Tactical Combat Casualty Care TC³* (2006)
Northfield Hospital: *Crew Resource Management and Just Culture* program courses (2005-2007)
The Tactical EMS School, MN: *Tactical Emergency Medical Services Operator* (2003)
Trident Concepts, TX: *Tactical Pistol for Emergency Medical Operator* (2003)
Methodist Hospitals Dallas, TX: *Texas Department of Health EMS Educator and Examiner* (1994)
Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University: *Firefighter III* (1994)
Metrocrest Medical Services, Dallas, TX: *Paramedic* (1993)
Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University: *Firefighter I* (1992)
Garland Fire Department, Garland, TX: *Emergency Medical Technician* (1992)
Central Ambulance Service, Hunt County, TX: *First Responder* (1990)

Current CME

ACLS; CPR; CPI; Crisis Intervention; HAZMAT Awareness
NIMS Compliance 800, 700, 100, 200, 300 (2008), 400 (2009); FEMA Student ID: 0000306300

Presentations and Academic Experience

- EMS Educator and Coordinator (First Responder and EMT) 1995 – present
- Fire Service Instructor, 1991 – 1996
- Tactical EMS Instructor, 2000 – 2013
- Workplace Violence, Active Killer/Hostile Event Instructor, 2013 – present
- Preparedness Practicum, February 2018 – Panel Presentation re: *Opioid Crisis*
- Southeast (MN) EMS Conference, March 2018 – Presentation re: *Opioid Crisis*
- Minnesota EMS Medical Director's Conference, September 2018 – Presentation re: *EMS Culture of Safety*

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Letter of Recommendation

I am wholeheartedly recommending Brian Edwards for a position on the EMSRB. Chief Edwards has the years of experience, breadth and depth of public service, and knowledge to be an asset at the state level for EMS. While he started his public service in Texas, he has been a "Minnesotan" for over twenty years. Brian has been a paramedic at Northfield EMS since 1996, and in 2005 he was selected to lead the EMS department, a position he has held ever since. Personally, I have known Brian since 2000 and, since 2006, have worked with him in the capacity of Northfield Hospital & Clinic's EMS Medical Director.

Chief Edwards offers an advanced understanding of EMS operations not only from his professional experience, but as a member of other public safety teams. In this time of ever increasing challenges for EMS, he has been successful in managing EMS operations in the Northfield area in a time of personnel shortages and financial trials. He cares deeply about his employees, and supports them in their own professional paths. He sets his department up for success by providing the best possible education and is always abreast of the latest technology. Chief Edwards has the ability to make succinct decisions in times of crisis and understands that his EMS colleagues are constantly in those positions in the field. He leads by example in his professional interactions with hospital and public service leadership in the area.

Chief Edwards is not one to simply clock-in/clock-out of his EMS role. In the decades that I have known him, he never hesitates to be a part of the discussions or meetings regarding pressing issues or needs in the surrounding

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communities. His work with the Rice County Emergency Response Unit (SWAT) and its law enforcement officers and now as a crisis negotiator with a multi-agency SWAT team has provided him the advantage of seeing all sides of an issue. Because of these experiences, he is adept at seeing the downstream effects of decisions. Daily, I witness his ability to conceptualize a multitude of process improvement plans. Further, he is able to see the plans through to completion. Lastly, he is passionate about caring for mental health patients and managing the opiate crisis in the state.

I recommend without hesitation Chief Brian Edwards as a candidate for a position on the EMSRB. I have no doubt that it would be an esteemed opportunity that he would embrace as an honor. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer A. Fischer MD".

Jennifer Fischer, MD
Northfield Hospital & Clinics
ED & EMS Medical Director
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