

The purpose of the Board of Emergency Medical Services is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. The Board maintains Statewide Model Protocols and determines issues arising in Scope of Practice.

Nebraska EMS board members traveled to over a dozen cities throughout Nebraska holding open forums to identify the needs, concerns, challenges, and difficulties EMS providers, services, and training agencies were experiencing. The EMS Board then held its first ever strategic planning session in the spring of 2015 and established subcommittees to address those items identified during our listening sessions, specifically changes that were needed to the current rules and regulations. The EMS Board worked with State Senators, DHHS, and numerous stakeholders to pass legislation required to allow the rules and regulations to be altered. As a result, a total rewrite of the three chapters of the Nebraska EMS rules and regulations were completed in 2019 and are currently in the AG office for approval. During public comment sessions for the pending new rules and regulations there was no opposition to the changes recommended.

Dr. James Smith

Board of Emergency Medical Services, Chair