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NASEMSO Mourns the Loss of Jim DeTienne

Jan. 3, 2022 (Falls Church, Va.) – The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is mourning the loss of James “Jim” DeTienne following a brave battle with multiple cancers. Jim, an association past president, was frequently described as an EMS champion, mentor, colleague, and friend.

With more than 40 years of background in EMS, he worked more than 30 years at the state level in the EMS and Trauma Systems Section of Montana’s Department of Public Health and Human Services including the position of Supervisor for 16 years prior to his retirement in 2020. Jim was well known for his advocacy in rural EMS, and particularly cardiovascular and trauma systems at the regional, state, and national levels. He was an early influencer in the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care, a partnership between NASEMSO, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH), and the National Rural Health Association (NHRA), which continues to ensure rural community needs are considered, represented, and understood. Jim was an early supporter of community paramedicine programs, helping to establish NASEMSO’s own CP-MIH Committee in 2010. Prior to his retirement, Jim also helped establish Simulation in Motion Montana (SIM-MT), a mobile simulation-based education program to increase team performance, address communication dynamics, reduce medical errors, improve staff competencies, and improve patient outcomes.



Jim served as NASEMSO President from 2012-2014 and he will be greatly missed by the organization and his friends in the EMS community. In lieu of flowers, Jim’s family asks that donations be made in memory of Jim DeTienne to the Partners United for Life Saving Education, P.O. Box 511, Whitehall, MT 59759.

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