

PRESS RELEASE

The US EMS Compact Announces Executive Committee Elections

18 NOV 2025 Washington, DC — The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, the government commission responsible for implementation and operations of the United States EMS Compact, has announced the results of its Executive Committee elections conducted during the Quarter 4, 2025 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Wayne Denny of Idaho was reelected to serve as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. Commissioner Mark Herrera of Utah was elected to serve as Secretary, succeeding Commissioner Joe House of Kansas, who has termed out of the role. The Commission extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner House for his exemplary service, steady leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing the Compact.

Under the Compact statute, each member state's governor appoints a commissioner to represent the state on the Interstate Commission. Today, 25 states participate in the United States EMS Compact, enabling more than 450,000 EMS Clinicians to immediately practice in any Compact state using their active and unrestricted home state license. This model, similar to the driver's license privilege system, enhances patient access, strengthens emergency preparedness, and supports workforce mobility across the nation.

The Executive Committee manages the day-to-day operations of the Commission between full meetings of the Interstate Commission. Leadership continuity is maintained through staggered elections. The Chair (Kraig Kinney, Indiana), Treasurer (Brad VandeLune, Iowa), and At Large member (Arron Koehler, Wyoming) are elected in even numbered years. The Vice Chair and Secretary elections occur in odd numbered years. The Immediate Past Chair continues to serve on the Executive Committee until a new Chair is elected, providing stability, institutional continuity, and historical insight.

Commission Chair Kraig Kinney of Indiana stated, "The Interstate Commission plays a critical role in ensuring that EMS clinicians can respond where they are needed most. The Executive Committee provides the leadership and stability necessary to keep the Compact strong. I appreciate the dedication of the Commissioners stepping into these roles and am grateful for Commissioner Joe House's exceptional service."

Executive Director Donnie Woodyard, MAML, NRP, added, "The United States EMS Compact is one of the most significant advancements in modern EMS policy. It demonstrates how states can work together to improve patient care and support a mobile, ready, and resilient EMS workforce. The leaders elected today will continue shaping a national system built on accountability, collaboration, and public protection."

For more information about the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice and the United States EMS Compact, visit the Commission's official website.

Executive Committee



Kraig Kinney (IN)
Chair



Wayne Denny (ID)
Vice Chair



Mark Herrera (UT)
Secretary



Brad VandeLune (IA)
Treasurer



Aaron Koehler (WY)
Member-at-Large



Joe Schmider (TX)
Immediate Past Chair

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About the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice is the lead governmental authority in the United States responsible for regulating and overseeing the interstate practice of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Established by the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA), the Commission is composed of appointed Commissioners from each Compact Member State and is vested with the authority to enforce compliance, administer national operations, resolve multistate regulatory and disciplinary issues, operate the National EMS Coordinated Database, and facilitate immediate license recognition and the Privilege to Practice across state lines. Operational 24/7, the EMS Compact enables more than 400,000 EMS clinicians in 25 member states to deliver care wherever and whenever needed—supporting routine operations, surge staffing, disaster response,

recruitment and retention, and the demands of a modern, mobile workforce. The Commission safeguards public protection, enhances national preparedness, and stands as the definitive model for multistate licensure in healthcare.