



Position Statement Regarding Governor's Budget Repair Bill

As demonstrators continue to flood the State Capitol to protest Governor Walker's controversial budget repair bill, the Wisconsin EMS Association continues to monitor any potential changes in the bill. The most contentious portion of the bill would end collective bargaining for state, county and local workers, except for police, firefighters and the state patrol.

The mission of the Wisconsin EMS Association remains focused on providing the benefits of education and sharing information to its membership, and facilitating legislative action on behalf of our membership. The Wisconsin EMS Association recognizes the contributions of its members to the organization, including both the career and volunteer commitment to the communities in which they serve. WEMSA recognizes that the protection of public safety and patient care are of utmost importance.

Wisconsin EMS Association is committed to being responsive to the immediate and future challenges facing the state of Wisconsin, our families, and each of us as individuals.

Wisconsin EMS Association will continue to promote the sharing of information through the legislative links on www.wisconsinems.com. We encourage our membership to make an informed personal decision based on facts and to contact their local elected representatives.

Whereas WEMSA promotes learning through EMS training and education, each individual must continue to develop critical and analytical thinking abilities. Providers of EMS, as part of a customer service industry, must continue working together acknowledging the diversity our patients, departments, and communities.

Wisconsin EMS Association asks that all of its members act respectfully, acknowledge differences, and work towards simple tolerance and respect while working collectively to provide a more positive outcome.

Wisconsin EMS Association will continue to collect vital information, monitor events, making assessments and interventions where appropriate, as things develop within the State of Wisconsin and with the progress of Governor Walker's Deficit Repair Bill.

Wisconsin EMS Association continues to work with our lobbyist and other state EMS stakeholders to address EMS-related legislative initiatives within this new legislative session.

Wisconsin EMS Association recognizes the historic times we are living in and will continue to provide education, promote sharing of information, and facilitate appropriate legislative action on the behalf of our membership.