



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

*American Medical Response Foundation
for Research & Education*



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ABOUT THE AMR FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH & EDUCATION

The Birth of AMR Medicine

Prehospital medicine has advanced rapidly since the 1970s. We witnessed the development of the modern ambulance, improved equipment for use in the field, sub-specialty status for EMS, and the proliferation of evidence-based practice guidelines and performance measures. The foundation of our profession is the care we provide for our patients—whether an acute, life-threatening, time-dependent emergency; an unexpected need for medical care; or a transport from one facility to another.

As an organization, AMR has committed to providing accountable, evidence-based care in a consistent way. The concept of AMR medicine does not refer to one individual or one practice. It's not a protocol, policy or mandate. It's a collective culture that supports our organizations and the individuals who build and operate the systems that care for patients in the communities we serve.

The AMR Foundation for Research and Education supports efforts to improve the care and safety of patients in the prehospital setting. We support improvement and professional development activities focused on patient care, as well as community projects that contribute directly or indirectly to the health and well-being of the communities served by AMR practices.



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FOUNDATION HISTORY & ACHIEVEMENTS

History

In 2012, AMR was selected as one of seven partners in the HeartRescue Project, a multi-year initiative designed to increase the survival rate for victims of sudden cardiac arrest by 50 percent. The first action for the new AMR Foundation for Research and Education was to provide a platform from which the AMR HeartRescue Project was operated. In 2013, the annual golf tournament was adopted by the foundation as its second “project” and is now called AMR Foundation Golf Tournament. Together, these two initiatives provided the underpinnings for the AMR Foundation.

HeartRescue Project

The HeartRescue Project was a multi-year project designed to increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest throughout the United States. Survival rates had been stagnant, at around 8 percent, for many decades. With new knowledge and a passion for the project, and funded by a Medtronic Foundation philanthropic grant, the AMR Foundation awarded multiple community-based grants over the years. EMS communities in Bozeman, Montana; Spokane, Washington; Boulder, Colorado; Mountain Valley EMS in California; Stanislaus, California; Sonoma Life Support in California; and San Diego, California, were among the recipients.





Here is a snapshot of some HeartRescue activities conducted through the HeartRescue Program during 2016.

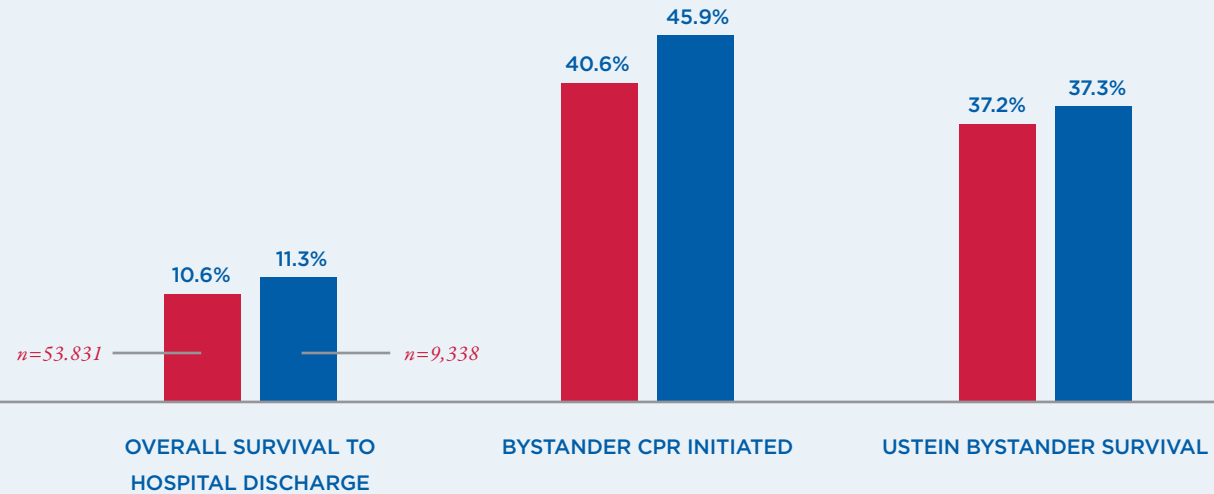
Partnership with the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)

One of the major goals of our SCA survival initiative is to encourage communities to measure their outcomes. Collaboratively, the HeartRescue Program has supported the use of the CARES registry to promote a common and consistent vocabulary for reporting outcomes. The CARES elements provide a rich array of data that characterize prehospital care, hospital transition and the system of care aspects of a community. These data provide a consistent and unbiased basis for improvement measures and evaluation.

- Currently, there are six AMR operations participating in CARES.
- During 2015, AMR operations contributed 9,338 cases to CARES—almost 20 percent of the CARES National Registry data.
- AMR makes its cardiac arrest survival rates publicly available when it is appropriate.

Cardiac arrest survival nationally and among AMR practices during 2015

■ *CARES National Group Data*
 ■ *AMR National Group Data*



Recent Symposiums to Highlight Issues in Sudden Cardiac Arrest Management

AMR Foundation for Research and Education has provided, or assisted to provide, multiple cardiac arrest care symposiums across the country and even overseas. The following are a few examples of conferences we have supported.

- December 2015—Pan-Pacific EMS Conference, Maui, HI
- April 2016—Resuscitation Symposium, Las Vegas, NV
- May 2016—Support of the Pacific Northwest Resuscitation Symposium, Tualatin, OR
- August 2016—Pan-Pacific Resuscitation Symposium, Seoul Korea (in conjunction with EMS Asia meeting)
- November 2016—New York area (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse)

CPR challenges (clockwise): Billings, MT; Houston, TX; and Monterey County, CA



CPR Analytic Feedback

In 2016, we implemented the use of CodeStat 10 Analytics program to over 50 EMS communities nationwide. This program provides cardiac arrest analytic data feedback used to review runs and improve cardiac arrest patient care.

Training Videos and Survivor Videos

Training tools and stories of survival are powerful for raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and stimulating bystander CPR in a community. AMR has filmed more than 15 survivor stories, and several training videos, including one in June 2016 in St Louis.

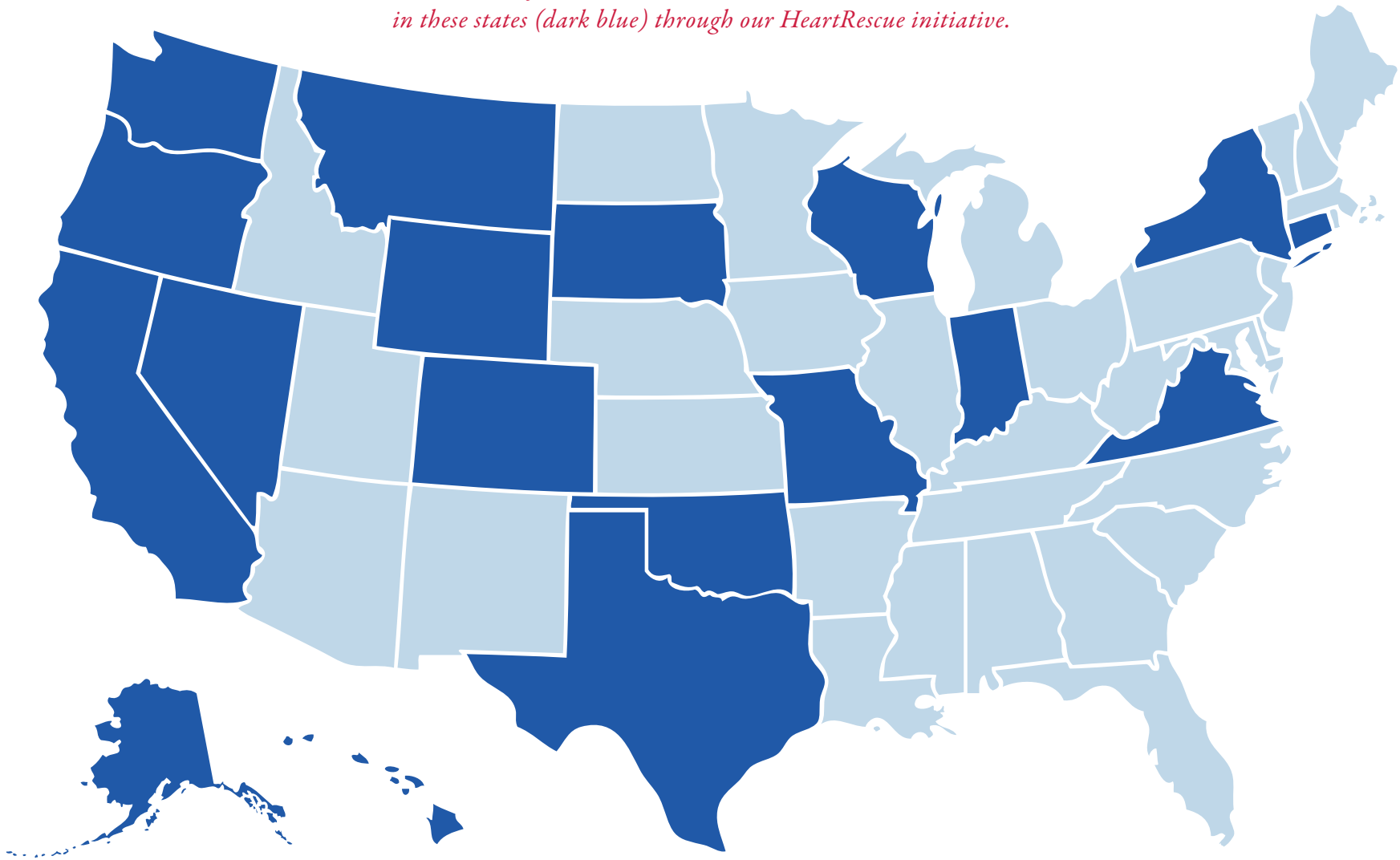


CPR challenges (counterclockwise): Dallas, TX; Evansville, IN; Monterey County, CA; and Santa Cruz farmer's market.



AMR filmed more than 15 cardiac arrest survival videos to raise community awareness.

AMR Foundation for Research and Education has assisted communities in these states (dark blue) through our HeartRescue initiative.



Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana, Virginia, New York, Connecticut

2016 AMR FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

When Mark Bruning (founding president of the Foundation) began this tournament back in 1993, his goal was to generate funds and in-kind donations, enabling Colorado paramedic training programs to acquire expensive, state-of-the-art medical technology (at the time, there was a great need for 12-lead EKGs, pulse oximeters, etc.), so graduates would be prepared to use these devices in their clinical practice after graduation.

Thanks to generous sponsors and a loyal cadre of golfers who fill the course year after year, funds resulting from the golf tournament have resulted in past donations to Colorado EMS training programs in the form of equipment, or money for equipment, and scholarships.

The AMR Foundation's 2016 event was held June 17, 2016, at The Ridge at Castle Pines North, where 30 foursomes (120 golfers) competed in a scramble game for first, second and third places.

Three charities were invited as guests of the AMR Foundation. Each raised money for their foundation by running activities at the holes. Our sponsors donated prizes, and players had the opportunity to participate as they golfed. Guest charities each raised more than \$1,000 for the following causes:

- Craig Hospital Foundation
- Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation
- Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation

Colorado currently has eight paramedic training centers that were invited to submit a grant application, in addition to two new organizations that had not previously submitted a grant request. All of these programs either are, or have, a 501(c)3 organization that can accept a donation:

- Aims Community College Paramedic Program
- Brian Schimpf Memorial Scholarship Fund*
- Colorado Mountain College
- Community College of Aurora Emergency Medical Services and Fire Science Technology
- Denver Health EMS Education
- HealthONE EMS & Trauma Services Education Program
- Pikes Peak Community College
- Pueblo Community College EMS Department
- St. Anthony Hospital Paramedic Program
- Yale-New Haven Hospital**

**The Brian Schimpf Memorial Scholarship Fund operates within the Denver Health Foundation. It gives scholarships to needy Denver Health EMS paramedic students.*

***The Yale-New Haven Hospital EMS training program has both an education program training new EMTs and paramedics, and it also provides medical oversight for 330 paramedics from 13 provider agencies.*

During 2016, the AMR FRE distributed over \$47,000 in grant requests to the following charitable organizations:

- Aims Community College
- Brian Schimpf Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Denver Health EMS Education
- HealthONE EMS & Trauma Services Education Program
- Pikes Peak Community College
- Pueblo Community College EMS Department
- St. Anthony Hospital Paramedic Program
- Yale-New Haven Hospital

One hundred percent of grant requests were filled, and included the donation of a LifePak15 cardiac monitor from Physio Control, \$3,000 in scholarship funds for student tuition, two McGRATH MAC EMS Video Laryngoscope devices from Physio Control, a vacuum splint training system from MedTech Sweden, Inc., and \$11,000 in training equipment from Laerdal.

THE FOUNDATION FILLED 100% OF GRANT REQUESTS AND DONATED A CARDIAC MONITOR, \$3,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, TWO VIDEO LARYNGOSCOPE DEVICES, A VACUUM SPLINT TRAINING SYSTEM AND \$11,000 IN TRAINING EQUIPMENT.



Volunteers

A team of 25 volunteers from the Envision Healthcare family came out to the golf club to help run the event. Boulder AMR operations donated the ALS crew who provided medical standby and Colorado Springs donated the honor guard who opened the event with their presentation of colors.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

November 2016 YTD

Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	\$525,567
Expenses and Losses:	
Grants Awarded	\$141,966
CARES-Related Expenses	\$119,231
Conferences and Education	\$104,728
Fundraising Events	\$76,971
General and Administrative	\$76,777
Total Expenses and Losses	\$519,674
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Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$5,893
Cash at Beginning of Period	\$547,792
Cash at End of Period	\$553,685

Grants Awarded

Grants awarded from the AMR FRE in 2016 included funds for multiple types of EMS training equipment and paramedic training scholarships.

Cardiac Arrest Registry

The AMR FRE supported the collection, auditing and reporting of over 10,000 Cardiac Arrest Cases, as well as state coordinator activities for over 60 communities in more than 15 states.

Conferences

The AMR FRE has supported multiple EMS Resuscitation Symposiums throughout the country, including conferences in Las Vegas, Buffalo, as well as a survivor reunion in the Portland, Oregon area.

*At the end of 2016, there was an intercompany balance due to the company, AMR. This intercompany balance is included in our cash position during subsequent years, until 2019 when the company (AMR) was fully reimbursed by the Foundation.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Currently, the board of directors is comprised of nine individuals whose major responsibilities include: facilitating the mission of the foundation, providing leadership, advice and counsel to individuals and communities that are working on Foundation-sponsored projects; reviewing financial reports and setting policy and direction for the foundation; and assisting in fundraising efforts.

AMR Foundation for Research and Education Officers

■ **President and Executive Director:** Ted Van Horne

The executive director carries out the board's decisions and ensures that all projects are compliant with ethical and regulatory guidelines. He or she is the chief spokesperson and fundraiser for the association.

■ **Financial Officer (Treasurer):** Jeff Pelech

The financial officer is responsible for presenting financial reports, maintaining the organizations books, filing tax returns, and supplying a complete financial report for each board meeting.

■ **Secretary:** Sean Tonner

The secretary is responsible for meeting minutes including discussions in the minutes.

■ **Members at Large**

Scott Bourn, AMR FRE Member at Large

Brian Clemency, University at Buffalo

Joan Mellor, Evolution Health

Brian Webster, Kestra Medical Technologies

Lynn White, AMR

Mark Bruning, President Emeritus, AMR

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LOOKING FORWARD

In 2016, we reached a financial milestone that allowed us to begin to use some of our funds to support both EMS professional development and to provide several paramedic scholarships.

We hope to see an increase in donations from individuals and corporations in the future, which will augment our major fundraiser, the AMR Golf Tournament.

In early fall 2017, depending on the success of our fundraiser, we will determine our ability to fund additional projects or scholarships. At this time, the AMR Foundation for Research and Education does not accept outside requests for funding.



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