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# RURAL NEVADA TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM



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# RURAL NEVADA TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM



## MARCH 8, 2025

\*everyone should attend full day\*

### MORNING SESSIONS

8:00 AM

#### **Doors Open**

Stop by the registration table to get your packet of information and sign in for your CEU's!

8:30 AM

#### **Blood Drive Starts**

Ruby Mountain #3

8:30 AM

#### **Opening**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2  
Presenter: Paul Ward

8:45 AM

#### **Great Basin College Programs**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2  
Presenter: Staci Warnert & Jamie Carlson

9:00 AM

#### **State of the State**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2  
Presenter: Bobbie Sullivan

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9:15 AM

#### **Burn and Associated Trauma**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Courtney Lawrence

10:00 AM

#### **Pediatric Trauma**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Tricia Boulton & Morgan Gossling

10:45 AM

#### **Trauma Trivia**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Darlene Roberts

11:15 AM

#### **Human Factors**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Dr. Robert Bryant, MD

12:00 PM

#### **Lunch**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

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### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:00 PM

#### **Backcountry Ski**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Vanessa Holzmann

1:30 PM

#### **Field Amputation**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Corey Cox

2:30 PM

#### **Two Minutes in Hell**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Sam Schwab

3:30 PM

#### **Magic Valley Rescue Team**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

Presenter: Issac Baker

4:30 PM

#### **Wrap Up and Closing**

Ruby Mountain #1 & #2

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## MORNING SESSIONS

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### BURN AND ASSOCIATED TRAUMA

This presentation will focus on the assessment and management priorities for burn patients with associated trauma. It will cover key aspects such as airway management, fluid resuscitation and temperature regulation. Emphasis will be placed on addressing concomitant injuries and preventing complications. The aim is to equip healthcare professionals with essential knowledge for effective care in emergency and critical settings.

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### PEDIATRIC TRAUMA

Pediatric Trauma: Not Just Little Adults: Eighty percent of children who need care nationwide are seen at a non-children's hospital. Data has shown that being prepared to care for children can lead to a 60% reduction in mortality. This presentation will discuss some of the differences in children to consider and areas where being prepared can help save a child's life.

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### TRAUMA TRIVIA

Trauma Trivia game we will play that will cover a variety of topics for the pre-hospital care of trauma patients in the rural setting. There will be questions about care for blunt vs penetrating trauma, pediatrics, geriatrics, spinal immobilization, the challenges faced by rural EMS providers, as well as some general trauma care knowledge.

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## MORNING SESSIONS

### HUMAN FACTORS

Objectives: Understand the importance of non-technical skills in resuscitation. Learn better ways to lead, and interact with resuscitation team leaders. Understand the importance of clear, closed loop communication. Know ways to adjust, tolerate, and train for the stress responses experienced during resuscitations.

### BACK- COUNTRY SKIING

Backcountry Skiing is skiing (or snowboarding) outside of a ski resort, or patrolled area, in a natural environment. It has become increasingly popular over the past 5 years, yet comes with risks. This presentation will cover an overview of the backcountry community in Nevada, risks involved, common traumatic injuries associated with the sport, and their treatments.

*Don't forget the  
blood drive!*



# C O U R S E D E S C R I P T I O N S

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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### FIELD AMPUTATION

Being presented with a patient who is entrapped and requiring amputation of a limb(s) can be one of the most challenging and stressful calls any prehospital provider can come across. Knowing that a service and process is available to them can speed up the extraction and help reduce stress.

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### TWO MINUTES IN HELL

This session will provide all levels of EMS providers a pathway into the initial steps of the critically ill pediatric and adult trauma patients. We will focus our minds towards a pathway of “What can i fix right now” to reduce the demise of our patient. Learning objectives include early recognition of the deteriorating patient, immediate life threat treatment, airway management, treatment before CPR and the benefits of rapid transport to a higher level of care hospital.

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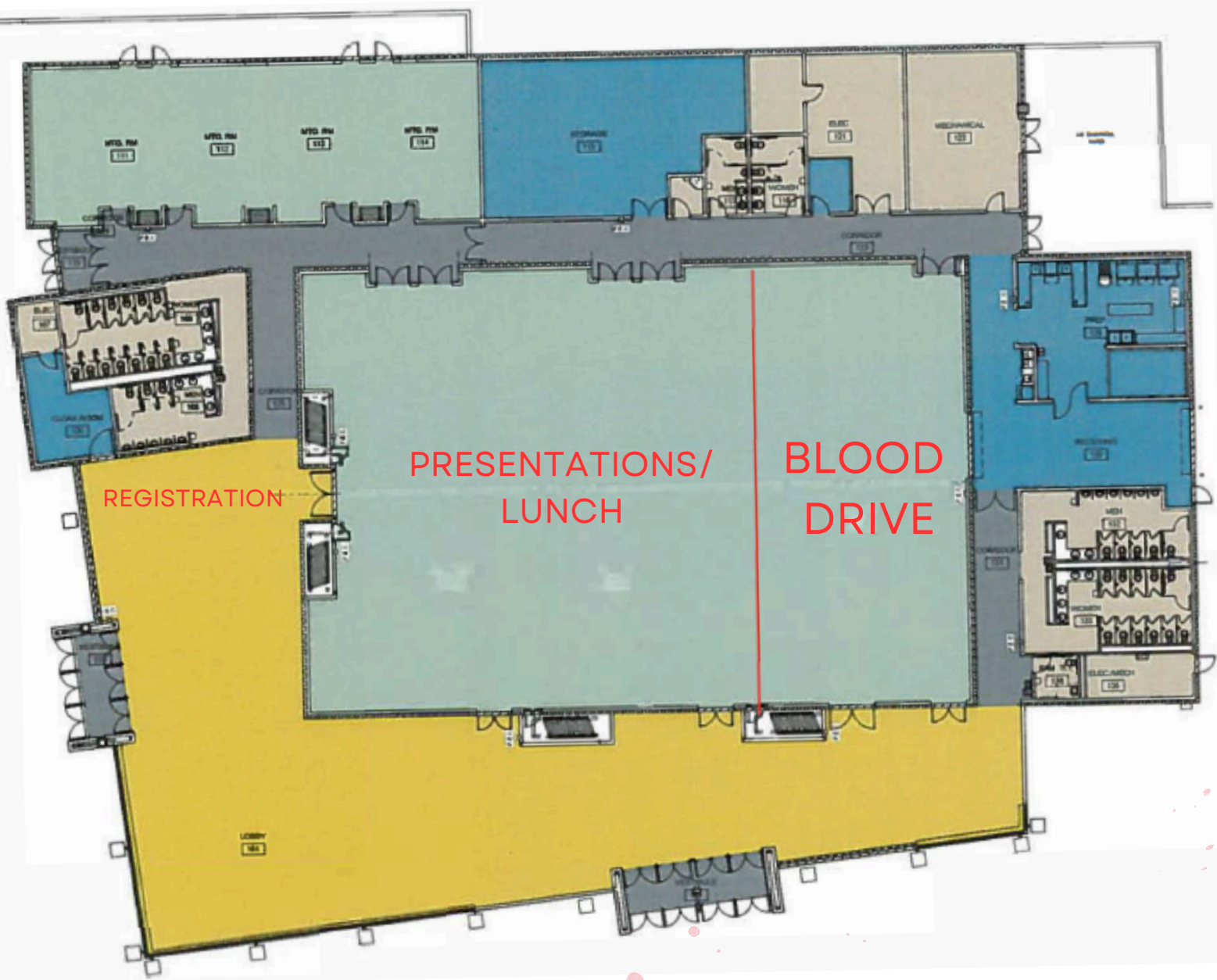
### MAGIC VALLEY RESCUE TEAM

(SORT) responds to low and high-angle rescues in Twin Falls County, and the surrounding Counties of the Magic Valley. Formed in 1996, the team currently operates with ten members, who are able to quickly and safely provide emergency medical care, medical stabilization and pain control to accident victims who may be trapped in situations and places that are not accessible by normal methods.

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# ELKO CONFERENCE CENTER MAP

**ELKO CONFERENCE CENTER - 724 MOREN WAY, ELKO**





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## I N F O R M A T I O N

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## NNEMSC Elko Blood Drive

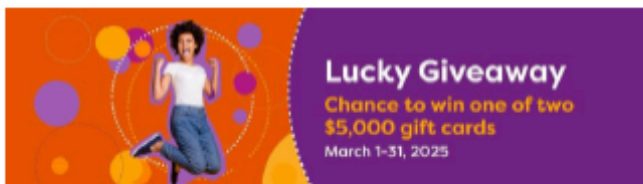
**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Donate inside the Convention Center in  
the Banquet Room  
724 Moren Way, Elko

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appointment scan the QR code or call Vitalant  
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# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N



**Darlene Roberts**

Darlene Roberts, RN, BSN, TCRN

Darlene Roberts is a board-certified trauma nurse, with over 18 years of emergency nursing experience, specializing in trauma and pediatric emergency care. She has been teaching for over 12 years on these subjects. Darlene has been the Nurse Educator for Trauma Services at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno for 2 years, with a focus on educating the nurses at Renown and also performing the role of community coordinator for injury prevention initiatives, rural education and outreach.

Darlene grew up in rural Alberta, Canada. Her father is a volunteer firefighter and EMT and because of this influence she has always known that she would go into the medical field. She completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta. Knowing that ER nursing was her calling she moved to Bakersfield, CA after nursing school to pursue that dream and has worked in multiple trauma centers in California. She has been at Renown in Reno, NV since 2009. Outside of nursing Darlene enjoys an active lifestyle of skiing, biking, paddleboarding and hiking with her dog.

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Tricia Boulton, MSN

Tricia has worked in various emergency medicine roles for 12 years at Utah Valley Hospital, a level 2 trauma center in Utah. Currently, she is the program manager of the Utah Pediatric Trauma Network, a state program that focuses on helping children get the proper care when injured.

**Tricia Boulton**



# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N



Sam Schwab

Sam Schwab, a dedicated and experienced professional in the field of emergency medical services, brings knowledge, experience, and a deep commitment to learning and education. With a background deeply rooted in compassion and service, Sam's journey has been impacted by milestones that have shaped his expertise and perspective. Sam's educational journey began with the pursuit of an EMT certification, marking the first step in a career dedicated to saving lives and providing vital medical care. Guided by a commitment to excellence, Sam advanced his training, becoming a paramedic. He received his education from the renowned instructors Dexter Hunt and Doug Jay, whose influence paved the way for Sam's own future in educating the next generation of EMS professionals. Through years of firsthand experience as an emergency responder, Sam honed his skills, while working to understand the complexities and challenges EMS providers face. However, it was his transition into education that highlighted an unknown passion. Recognizing the transformative impact of quality instruction, Sam embraced the role of educator, helping shape the knowledge and skills of aspiring EMS providers.

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Staci Warnert, PhD, RN

Dr. Staci Warnert is the Dean of Health Sciences and Behavioral Health at Great Basin College and oversees all of Great Basin College's Health Science programs, including EMS. Staci has been a nurse for 17 years, with experience in acute care medical surgical and cardiac nursing. She has over 10 years of experience in academia teaching nursing, specializing in curriculum development and implementation. Staci assumed the Dean role at Great Basin in 2024.

Staci Warnert



# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N



Morgan Gossling

Morgan Gossling BSN, RN

With over 8 years of experience in nursing, I have dedicated my career to providing compassionate, high-quality care across various specialties. My journey began in a telemetry unit, where I developed a strong foundation. I then moved to the emergency department where I found my love for adrenaline. Currently, I am proud to serve at Primary Children's Hospital on the trauma team as the Outreach Coordinator. I am passionate about sharing knowledge with others to advance nursing practices and improve outcomes for our most vulnerable patients.

Vanessa Holzmann

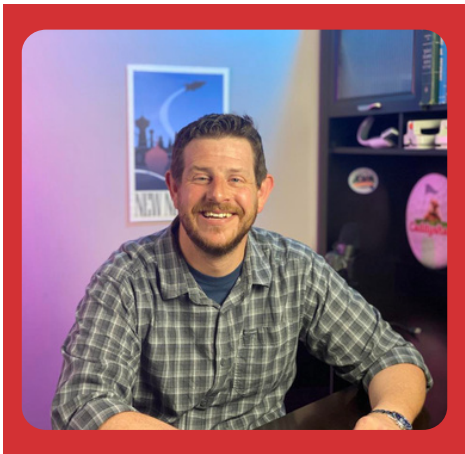


Vanessa Holzmann, BSN, CFRN, TCRN, CEN, EMT-P

Vanessa has worked as an ER/Trauma Nurse for the past 13 years and as an EMT/Paramedic for even longer. She is a former Professional National Ski Patrolter and has acquired her Advanced Wilderness and Expedition Provider Certification. She currently works for REACH as a Med-Evac Flight Nurse in Reno, NV and regularly teaches Wilderness Medicine Courses for Backcountry Medical Guides. Outside of work she can be found on the trail, running, backpacking, ski/snowboarding or rock/ice climbing.

# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N

## Isaac Baker



### Isaac Baker

Isaac Baker has been a healthcare professional for over 17 years. Starting out as a volunteer EMT for his hometown community while going through Paramedic school. Isaac had the honor of learning from and working with Gordy Cokx and Jim Massie. They not only taught him how to be a Paramedic and patient advocate, but also passed on their passion for education.

Isaac has been blessed to work in an EMS system that is truly top notch with amazing protocols, aggressive patient care guidelines, unmatched TSE care, and advanced treatments that are typically only found in some Critical Care Agencies. Isaac was able to learn from amazing providers and medical directors and became a provider that others look up to and reach out to for advice. Along with working in a top notch EMS agency, Isaac also worked alongside his mentors in the local community college helping teach EMS students. Isaac was the simulation and lab coordinator for more than 5 years until he had to take over the entire program as the course director and lead instructor. Isaac now enjoys his role as a Flight Medic working for a small but premier flight agency.

Beyond the normal aspect of EMS and critical care, Isaac also has had a unique role in patient care as he gets to do rope rescue. He is on an elite team that not only performs amazing high angle rescues, but is able to provide critical care while hanging on ropes sometimes 300 feet down a canyon or cliff. Isaac believes that EMS professionals need to be able to provide patient care as soon as possible in any environment and has made rope rescue and rope access a large part of his career. Isaac has over 15 years of rope rescue experience and enjoys being an rescue instructor. He has also had the amazing opportunity to compete with his rescue team in international rope rescue competitions, competing against some of the best teams in the world.

# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N



Bobbie is with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health & Emergency Medical Systems Program. She is the Nevada's Emergency Medical Services Program Manager.

Bobbie Sullivan

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Courtney Lawrence, BSN, RN

Community Outreach and Disaster Coordinator, University of Utah Health

Courtney is the Community Outreach and Disaster Coordinator at the University of Utah's Burn Center. She also serves as a lead charge nurse in the ICU and helps coordinate the Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium. Before joining the Burn Center, Courtney worked for over 10 years at Primary Children's Hospital, primarily as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department. She is passionate about sharing her expertise and providing burn education to various groups, including EMS teams, healthcare providers, schools, and community organizations.

Courtney is also an active member of Utah's state and federal disaster response teams, contributing to both the Utah Health Emergency Response Team (UHERT) and the UT-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

Courtney Lawrence



# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N



Paul Ward

Paul Ward, MBA, CMTE, FP-C, MTSP-C  
Mr. Ward is a business, clinical, and safety leader with Intermountain Health medical transport based in Salt Lake City Utah. Beginning his career in construction, mine rescue and operations he developed an appreciation for workplace safety. Later becoming a flight paramedic, he recognized the importance of management support for safe operations. Paul is on a mission to help medical transport leaders understand how to lead effectively in safety sensitive environments. Paul has a bachelor's degree in emergency services administration from Eastern Oregon University, a master's in business administration from Western Governor's University, and is currently a PhD student at Walden University studying Industrial and organizational psychology.

Jamie Carlson

Jamie Carlson is an experienced EMS professional with a diverse career as a Paramedic, educator, and program director. She has served with organizations such as Juab County EMS and Dugway Proving Grounds EMS and holds National Registered Paramedic certification in Utah and Nevada. As the EMS Programs Director at Great Basin College, Jamie trains future EMS professionals, drawing on her extensive teaching experience. Jamie's dedication to EMS and education has made a lasting impact on the field.



# P R E S E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N



Dr. Robert Bryant

Rob graduated from The University of Otago School of Medicine, New Zealand, in 1998, and completed his Emergency Medicine residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2004. His clinical interests include Emergency Department Critical Care, Airway Management, and Simulation. He is an Associate medical director for Classic Air Medical, an Emergency Physician for Utah Emergency Physicians, and a Flight Physician for Optimum Medicine.

His extra curricular interests include cross country skiing, mountain biking, and trail running.

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Cory Cox

Cory Cox is the Outreach Coordinator for the University of Utah AirMed. He began his career at AirMed in 2010 as a Flight Paramedic, then moved into the role of Outreach Coordinator in 2016. Cory also had over 28 years of experience as a law enforcement officer and paramedic working for a busy 911 EMS system in Utah. Cory has a passion for everything airway and travels all over the country, teaching EMS systems about airway management. When Cory is not at work, he enjoys finding places without cell service, camping, and hanging out with his family.





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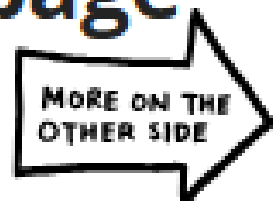
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