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Bill Ballo is Chosen as Fourth NREMT Research Fellow

Bill Ballo joined the NREMT this month as the fourth NREMT Fellow in the Research Department, joining a growing cadre of others dedicated to EMS research.

Prior to joining the NREMT Research Department, Bill was a faculty member at St. Petersburg College, teaching EMTs and Paramedics. He has taught ACLS, CPR, ITLS and PEPP. Bill also worked as an ambulance medic for ten years, a 911 dispatcher, and a Fancare Paramedic for the Tampa Bay Rays.

As an NREMT Fellow, Bill will attend The Ohio State University where he will complete a Masters in Public Health, and then pursue a PhD in Environmental and Occupational Health. During this time, Bill will take on specific research projects at the NREMT to help improve EMS. "As EMS providers, we need to be conducting our own research," Bill says. "Our research is currently being done by doctors, nurses, and others; true professions do their own."

Unique to the EMS profession, the NREMT EMS Research Fellowship provides an opportunity for practicing EMS professionals to pursue a doctoral degree. NREMT Research Fellows are full time employees of the NREMT and receive fully funded tuition towards completion of an approved Doctoral program at The Ohio State University while working in the NREMT Research Department. The NREMT Board of Directors supports the program as recommended in the *EMS Research Agenda for the Future*.

"We are very happy to have Bill Ballo on our research team," added NREMT Research Director Dr. Greg Gibson.

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