

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Ben D. Chlapek		
2. Your Title: Public Safety Training Coordinator LTC (Ret.), U.S. Army		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. None.		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature:



Date: 26 July 2015

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TRUTH-IN-TESTIMONY DISCLOSURE FORM

In General. The attached form is intended to assist witnesses appearing before the Committee on Energy and Commerce in complying with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, which provides:

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. (C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government. (D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

Please complete the form in accordance with these directions.

1. ***Name, Title, Entity(ies) (Items 1-3 on the form).*** Please provide the name and title of the witness and the entity(ies) on whose behalf the witness is testifying.
2. ***Governmental Entity (Item 4).*** Please check the box indicating whether or not the witness is testifying on behalf of a government entity, such as a Federal department or agency, or a State or local department, agency, or jurisdiction. Trade or professional associations of public officials are not considered to be governmental organizations.

Grants and Contracts (Item 5). Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. For each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing, please include the amount and source of each. For each payment or contract originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing, please include the amount and country of origin of each. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.

3. ***Curriculum Vitae (Item 6).*** Please attach your CV to your completed disclosure form.
4. ***Submission.*** Please sign and date the form in the appropriate place. Please submit this form with your written testimony. Please note that under the Committee's rules, copies of a written statement of your proposed testimony must be submitted before the commencement of the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, please also provide a copy in electronic format according to the Electronic Format Guidelines that accompany

these instructions.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2001 to September 2013
(breaks for active duty Army deployments)

Deputy Chief
Central Jackson County Fire
Protection District
Blue Springs, Missouri

Blue Springs is a suburban town on Interstate Highway 70 with a combination of retail, residential, industrial, and educational resources. The city provides advanced life support ambulance service through the fire department out of five stations and personnel are trained and work in a dual role capacity as firefighter - EMT or firefighter - paramedic.

Responsible for all aspects of Fire Department operations and oversight, including but not limited to fire suppression, operations, prevention, training, EMS, hazardous materials mitigation, billing, and office management of a 140-member fire department. Develop and administer a budget in excess of \$18 million. Serve a population of over 80,000 residents in a fire protection district encompassing Blue Springs and Grain Valley, Missouri. Report to the Chief Fire Executive and the Board of Directors.

May 2007 to August 2008

*Inspectorate of Local National
Defense Forces, Kosovo and
Afghan Security Forces Trainer,
Northeastern Afghanistan
United States Army
Gjilane, Kosovo
FOB Ranger, Afghanistan*

Led small team of professionals in training leaders of the former Kosovo Liberation Army in security operations, nationwide disaster management, emergency operations, and sustainment of a safe and secure environment. Assisted in establishing the foundation for a new defense force structure while maintaining safety and security during and after the declaration of independence in Kosovo. In Afghanistan, led a small team of professionals while living in local villages in the Hindu Kush mountains to provide a safe and secure environment for the local populace.

March 2004 to March 2005

*Executive Officer, Deputy Commander
Hospital Administrator
United States Army
Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo*

Hospital Administrator for the Level III medical facility serving the Multi-National Peacekeeping

Force in the Balkans Theater for the US Army and NATO. Responsible for all professional services, healthcare, and safety for all task force medical personnel and patients in a hostile fire zone including air and ground evacuation services. Served in nine different countries and as the Executive Officer for a medical command and control group, commanding the unit over one-half of the deployment in the absence of the commander.

April 2001 to August 2001

Fire Training Coordinator
Metropolitan Community Colleges
Kansas City, Missouri

Assisted the Board of Directors and Community Colleges in final development and implementation of the plan for the Western Missouri Regional Fire Academy. Procured all equipment, recruited candidates, developed schedules, hired instructors, and started the inaugural class. The Fire Academy's success is remarkable; two classes run simultaneously and there is a two-year waiting list for admission. Many fire departments in the region save thousands of dollars in initial training monies by hiring graduates of the academy. This was a half-time position.

July 2000 to 2004

Field Consultant
Public Speaker
VFIS/Glatfelter Insurance Group
York, Pennsylvania

Work as a consultant, public speaker, and instructor-trainer for Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, a subsidiary of the Glatfelter Insurance Group to conduct workshops and risk management training throughout the country. Developed and conducted 8-hour workshops for Estero Fire Rescue, Florida for company officer candidates. Serve as a member of the VFIS Emergency Training Advisory Board in York, Pennsylvania.

July 2000 to August 2001

Firefighter-Paramedic
Excelsior Springs Fire Department
Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Excelsior Springs is a suburban town with a large rural coverage area of 30,000 residents with a combination of retail, residential, industrial, and agricultural resources. The city provides advanced life support ambulance service through the fire department out of two stations and personnel are trained and work in a dual role capacity as firefighter - EMT or firefighter - paramedic. The Fire - Rescue Department responds to over 4,000 calls for service per year.

Responsibilities included emergency responses in fire suppression, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, natural disasters, and other calls for assistance. Duties included incident command, interagency relations, conducting training, and emergency responses. Served periodically as a consultant and published internationally in trade journals while a member of the department.

1997 to July 2000

Senior Associate
Fitch & Associates, LLC
Platte City, Missouri

Provide management and operational services both abroad and domestically. Assist in the review, design, and implementation of all aspects of public safety medical transportation programs. Negotiate and procure contracts for services and major capital items with hospital administrators and department coordinators, government officials, product vendors, and physician medical directors.

Most recent experience includes working as chief executive officer of a regional, multi-state emergency medical services system with air and ground services based in Texas. Recruited a new director and management team for the service. In addition, expanded the service area, negotiated provider contracts with political and hospital officials, and expanded the scope of clinical services by working with the medical oversight board for the service. Annual budget was \$12 million.

1995 to 1997

*Operations Manager/
Chief Operating Officer*
Emergency Providers, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri

Emergency Providers, Inc. is the sole contractor in the Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust Emergency Medical Services System in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. The high performance system responds to over 110,000 calls per year utilizing the principles of system status management and employs in excess of 400 emergency medical services personnel. Annual budget was \$21 million.

Responsibilities involved all aspects of unit hour production including schedule development, human resources, quality improvement, deployment of vehicles, interagency relations, logistics, contract compliance, and budgeting. Integral role in the development and execution of airfield disaster management plans for international and local airports, including incident command structure and leadership.

Along with one other director, developed a bid proposal to provide emergency medical services for a city of 165,000. With three other team members, presented the proposal to a city review board with a five-year contract awarded at the completion of the presentation. Options for two three-year extensions were proposed after award of this multi-million dollar contract.

1994 to 1995

Quality Improvement Director
Emergency Providers, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri

Responsible for all aspects of clinical care for all field employees in a high volume emergency medical services system. Worked with the system physician medical director to improve the quality of clinical care in the pre-hospital environment. Identified and corrected system deficiencies through the use of Statistical Process Control and education. Gathered data and set up a functional study resulting in a National Quality Improvement Award for the service.

1986 to 1996

Flight Paramedic
Research Medical Center
Health Midwest
Kansas City, Missouri

Research Medical Center is a 550-bed tertiary care facility with a Level II Trauma Center and a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Research Eagle Helicopter transported over 800 patients a year in a single helicopter service.

Responsibilities included air medical transport of critical patients from the pre-hospital and hospital environment and instructor in advanced life support procedures in the service area.

1981 to 1994

Fire Lieutenant - Paramedic
City of Liberty Fire Dept.
Liberty, Missouri

Liberty is a suburban town of 26,000 with a combination of retail, residential, industrial, and educational resources. The city provides advanced life support ambulance service through the fire department out of three stations and personnel are trained and work in a dual role capacity as firefighter - EMT or firefighter - paramedic. The Fire - Rescue Department responds to over 3,500 calls per year.

Responsibilities included emergency responses in fire suppression, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, natural disasters, and other calls for assistance. Lieutenant duties included incident command, medical supply management, interagency relations, and shift commander duties, as well as emergency responses. Served a three-year term as president of the local labor union.

1981 to 1994

Paramedic
Emergency Providers, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri

Responsibilities included advanced life support duties in a high volume, urban emergency medical services system as a team leader and paramedic. Worked in both full-time and part-time status.

1979 to 2011

Lieutenant Colonel
United States Army Reserve

Medical Service Corps Officer for administrative matters, hospital administration, and instruction in medically related fields. Hospital Administrator and Deputy Commander for the level III healthcare facility in the Balkans theater for a multi-national brigade peacekeeping force. Served as Joint Commission project officer for a military hospital with responsibility for coordinating the interdepartmental quality improvement plan and finalization/distribution of the formulary for the hospital. Prior experience includes combat medicine, battlefield medical support, and instruction in

medical care for indigent populations in third world countries. Summers of 2010 and 2011 included three-week fellowships in the Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Affairs as a military liaison to the Deputy Secretary – Chief Medical Officer and Office of First Responder Safety.

EDUCATION

Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California Master of Homeland Defense and Security (pending acceptance of thesis)	2010 to 2014
Park College Kansas City, Missouri Master of Public Affairs - Public Administration	1997
United States Army Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Diploma	1995
Metropolitan Community Colleges Kansas City, Missouri A. A. – Fire Science Technology	1981 to 1991
University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine Kansas City, Missouri	1979 to 1981
William Jewell College Liberty, Missouri Bachelor of Arts - Chemistry	1979
United States Military Academy West Point, New York Cadet	1975 to 1976

Technical Education

FBI Hazardous Materials Response Team Sampling Procedures in WMD Incidents	2005
Edgewood Arsenal Labs Joint Forces Advanced Chemical Course Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland	2005
Energetic Materials Research Training Center Incident Command of Weapons of Mass Destruction Socorro, New Mexico	2003

Central Intelligence Agency Weapons of Mass Destruction Chemical-Biological Lab Course	2003
National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer	2009
Emergency Training Institute Ambulance Service Management Training	1994
Department of Transportation Instructor Methodology Course	1995
National Fire Academy Public Education, Incident Command, Management of Emergency Medical Services, Advanced Leadership Issues in EMS, Executive Development, Community Risk Reduction, Executive Leadership	1988 to 2007
Paramedic	1981
Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine Medical Student	1979 to 1981

FACULTY/STAFF

Emergency Medical Services Instructor Medical Center of Independence Neurophysiology, Pharmacology, Trauma Management, Cardiac Physiology, Cellular Physiology, and Pathophysiology of Shock	1988 to 1996
Graduate Candidate Review Board Park College Graduate School of Public Affairs	1998
Faculty, National Center for Biomedical Research & Training Department of Homeland Security Louisiana State University	2004 to 2009

COMMENDATIONS

Presidential Leadership Award National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians	2013
Presidential Leadership Award Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association	2005
Outstanding Graduate and Alumni Achievement Award Liberty Public School Foundation	2004

Outstanding Graduate, Park College
Graduate School of Public Affairs 1997

Outstanding Peer Leadership Award
United States Military Academy 1975

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians 1994 to 2013
Board of Governors 2000 to 2004
Liaison to IAFC 2010 to 2014
Chair, Military Relations Committee 2010 to 2014
Board of Directors 2012 to 2014

Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association 1987 to 2014
Board of Directors 1995 to 2004
Vice-President 1998 & 2002

Reserve Officers Association of the United States 1983 to 2014
Life Member

U.S. Army Command & General Staff College Alumni Association 1998 to 2004

International Association of Fire Chiefs 1994 to 2014
Member of EMS Section, NAEMT Liaison, Military Section, EVF Section

National Association of Emergency Medical Service Physicians 1996 to 2004
Air Medical Subcommittee, ACEP Subcommittee

Fire Fighters Association of Missouri 1979 to 2014

International Association of Fire Fighters 1981 to 1994
President, I.A.F.F. Local 2709, 1987-1993

American Society of Public Administration 1997 to 2001

Special Operations Medical Association 1994 to 2014

Commission on Professional Credentialing
Chief Fire Officer Designation 2003 to 2014
Chief Medical Officer Designation 2010 to 2014

National Society of Executive Fire Officers 2009 to 2014
Board of Directors, Missouri Valley Division Representative 2012 to 2014

WRITTEN PUBLICATIONS

Negotiated Rulemaking and the Healthcare Financing Administration, Code Three, Spring, 1999.

EMS in the Fire Service, The Fire Buyer's Guide, February-March 2001.

Work Wear for the Modern Firefighter, The Fire Buyer's Guide, Spring-Summer 2003.

Hemostatic Agents and Their Use, The Guardian, Winter 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee Stock Option Plans in Emergency Medical Services, The Leadership Academy National Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, July 1998.

The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act: Protecting Your Agency's Resources, The Leadership Academy National Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, September 1999.

Purchasing Issues and Vehicle Procurement, The American Ambulance Association National Ambulance Service Manager Course, Kansas City, Missouri, 1998.

Dealing with Difficult People, Motivating the Workforce, Improving the Quality of Your EMS System, and Procurement Issues, The Regional EMS Conference at Dawt Mill, Tecumseh, Missouri, May 1999.

Improving the Quality of Your Service, The American Ambulance Association Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, November 1999.

Case Studies in Human Resources Management: How to Avoid the Multi-Million Dollar Pitfalls, The American Ambulance Association Annual Convention Pre-Conference Workshop, Nashville, Tennessee, November 1999.

Management in Volunteer Services, EMS Workshop, The Illinois Rural Health Update at Carle Medical Center, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, November 1999.

The Emergency Service of Tomorrow: How to Plan for the Future, The Illinois Rural Health Update at Carle Medical Center, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, November 1999.

Technical Specifications for Ground Ambulances & Purchasing Issues the EVT Should Know, Emergency Vehicle Fleet Management Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas, August 2000.

Rodeo EMS: Head 'em Up, Move 'em Out!, The 15th Annual Midwest Trauma Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, May 2001.

Training Techniques for the Company Officer, Estero Fire Rescue, Estero, Florida, June 2001.

Environmental Injuries, Missouri Department of Conservation Annual Conference, Osage Beach, Missouri, 2003.

Trauma Care in the Military, Midwest Trauma Society and Liberty Hospital Trauma Conference, Liberty, Missouri, 2005.

Streamlining EMS Licensing for Veterans Seeking Civilian EMS Careers, Congressional Testimony, Congressional Committee on Health, Washington, D.C., 2012.