

**John Mohler, RN** [Jmohlerrn@aol.com](mailto:Jmohlerrn@aol.com)

John Mohler is a long time EMS'er (45+ years) starting as an EMT-Basic with AIDS ambulance in Reno, Nevada. John continued to work for AIDS ambulance and Medic 1 paramedics as an EMT-Intermediate up until 1985 where/when he was graduated from the Orvis School of Nursing with a BS in Nursing. John, heavily involved in EMS and EMS education at this time continued his long time employment at St. Mary's Hospital in the ER and the ICU as a RN. John joined Care Flight as a flight nurse in 1989 and flew until 1996. After a 5 year sabbatical from Care Flight (he was working in the ER at SMH) he rejoined the REMSA-Care Flight team as a Critical Care Transport Nurse in 2000 and he continued to fly with Care Flight until 2015, when he changed uniforms and went to work for SEMSA Air 1 in Susanville, and then working for REACH Air in Elko, Nevada on their fixed wing and helicopter until May of 2018 and currently is employed by Battle Mountain General Hospital in the small rural town of Battle Mountain, Nevada and of course he continues to conduct EMS and nursing classes across the country.

**Joey Gassen, MD** [joeygassen@hotmail.com](mailto:joeygassen@hotmail.com)

Born and raised in Alabama. Med school at University of Alabama school of medicine. Pediatric residency at Oregon Health Sciences in Portland. Hospitalist for several years in Vegas until pediatric emergency medicine fellowship in Phoenix. Have been here for 2.5 years. Currently the director of the pediatric emergency department.

**Curtis Brown, MD** [NVMD@aol.com](mailto:NVMD@aol.com)

Curtis Brown, M.D. FACEP, is a Board Certified Emergency Medicine Physician in Reno, Nevada . He has practiced for 26 years at both Renown Medical Center and Northern Nevada Medical Centers. Dr. Brown has been involved in teaching Domestic Violence through out Nevada and California to medical and legal personal for over 15 years. He currently sits on the Nevada State Domestic Violence Healthcare Leadership Team. He is a third generation Nevadan and the past President of the Nevada Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

**Monica Myles** [mmyles@nvdonor.org](mailto:mmyles@nvdonor.org)

Monica Myles has been the Partner Liaison at Nevada Donor Network for three years. She works with organizations throughout the community to create innovative partnerships and helps to educate the public about the importance of registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor.

**Casey Quinlan, Paramedic** [caseyquinlan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caseyquinlan@sbcglobal.net)

Casey Quinlan is a paramedic and firefighter for the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. Prior to that he was a paramedic and the director of Education at REMSA. In addition to teaching a Paramedic Program, Casey has been involved with all aspects of prehospital

education and continues to teach area paramedics and other hospital providers.

### **Jeremy Gonda, MD**

grew up in Reno, NV attending McQueen High School and the University of Nevada earning my undergraduate degree in psychology. Right after high school I received my EMT-II license and worked with the patient transport department at the then called Washoe Medical Center and participated in event medicine including Hot August nights and concerts. I also worked with as a Ski Patroller at Sky Tavern and was the EMT supervisor at Wild Island for several years. After a 2 year mission to El Salvador then finishing my undergraduate degree, I attended medical school at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Early in medical school, I chose a career in Emergency Medicine and attended residency in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico. During residency I realized that the sickest patients were the most fun to take care of so I decided to continue my training by completing a 2 yr fellowship in Critical Care at Stanford Hospitals in Palo Alto, CA in 2012. Upon completion of my training and realizing I needed to finally settle down and actually work a big boy job, I moved back to Reno with my wife and 5 children and took a job at Renown Medical Center in the Intensive Care Units. In wanting to keep up a career in the emergency department as well, I originally took a part time job at Banner Churchill in the ED eventually transitioning to Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center to avoid the long commute. As if life wasn't busy enough, I was offered the medical directorship at Care Flight and have been working with them for the last 2 years. I enjoy teaching, working, spending time with my family and being outdoors on skis or a paddleboard or bike depending on the weather.

### **Barry Smith, Paramedic, ret** [grumpybear311@gmail.com](mailto:grumpybear311@gmail.com)

Barry began his EMS career in 1978 working as an EMT on an ambulance in the San Francisco Bay Area answering 911 calls in Alameda County. He graduated from the Stanford Paramedic Program in 1980 and worked in Santa Clara County for twenty-two years as a street medic and paramedic supervisor. In addition, he was a volunteer firefighter in Morgan Hill, California. He began working for REMSA in 2002 as a paramedic and was the CQI Coordinator for five years. For the past ten years, Barry worked as a per diem instructor in the REMSA Education Dept. In addition, he worked for the Nevada State EMS Office for a short period of time. He has been a published author for 35 years with over 300 magazine articles and six books to his credit, most on EMS and aviation topics.

### **Kris Deeter, MD** [khdeeter@gmail.com](mailto:khdeeter@gmail.com)

Kris Deeter is a MEDNAX Pediatric Intensivist practicing in Reno, Nevada. She is the Medical Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Inpatient Pediatrics at Renown Children's Hospital. In affiliation with the University of Nevada Reno, she serves as Associate Professor and Division Chief of Pediatric Critical Care and in the Chief of Pediatrics for Renown Regional Medical Center. Dr Deeter is originally from Northern California growing up in Redding and completing her undergraduate studies at the University of California at

Berkeley. She completed her pediatric residency in 2001 in San Antonio, Texas at UTHSCSA then practiced general pediatrics (including urgent care and ER) for the National Health Service Corps. She led a hospitalist group at UTHSCSA, then transitioned back to private practice in Columbus, GA. Dr Deeter returned to training and completed a pediatric critical care fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital in 2009. She then worked in a large mixed CICU and PICU in South Florida, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Returning home in 2016, she moved to Reno for an exciting opportunity to develop and lead a rapidly growing inpatient program at Renown. In addition to her inpatient work, she is also employed by REMSA to provide pediatric training to Northern Nevada's paramedic, fire and Care Flight transport teams. Kris has been married for 21 years to a trauma surgeon who served in the military, and they have one daughter in college and another finishing high school. She is an avid skier, biker, hiker and pickleball player.

### **Dan Coll, PA-c**

Dan is currently employed at the Tahoe Forest Hospital District for the Orthopedic Service. He assists in the evaluation and admission of orthopedic injuries in our emergency department. He also performs as the surgical first assistant and follow and co-manages the elective and acute orthopedic inpatients. In addition he also works on long term planning for the Orthopedic Service Line. The group recently joined the Own the Bone Fragility Fracture program and registry, for which he serves as the site coordinator. They are in the process of joining the California Joint Replacement Registry and he will be the site coordinator. Prior to his current position he was employed for 8+ years at Renown Regional Medical Center (formerly Washoe Medical Center) for the Orthopedic Trauma Service and prior to Renown, he was employed in a joint practice with a general orthopedist and a hand specialist. By working with a generalist and hand specialist, he garnered a strong foundation for orthopedics, both chronic and traumatic injuries. Dan was also employed at Harborview Medical Center's Urgent/Ambulatory Care in the main Emergency Department and previously at Kern Medical Center. Dan's ER experience allows him to stay current with general medical issues which is an asset when evaluating and managing patients for pre-operative evaluation, inpatient care, and post-operative care. His educational experiences as a health care team member include various settings at large medical centers and private medical offices in primary, as well as, specialty disciplines of orthopedics, general surgery, urology, obstetrics and gynecology, and emergency medicine. Dan also has over 18 years of pre-hospital BLS and wilderness medicine as a ski patrolman and commercial raft guide.

### **Debbi Robison, RN**

Received her Associate Degree in Nursing in May 1980 and her Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing in April 2018. She has been an Independent Contractor to Washoe County since October 1999 and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Trainer and Preceptor for Sexual Assault Nurse examiners since 2010. And with not enough to do, Debbi has been the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center Forensic Medical Team Medical Coordinator since April 2011 and the Carson City Sexual Assault Program, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner since January 2015.

### **Charlie Tabano, ret.**

Charlie is a long time paramedic starting his career in 1977 after starting out as a firefighter in 1974. Born in New Jersey, Charlie moved to Reno in 1980 and started work for REMSA in 1985. In Charlie's other life as a drug dealer..... for Bristol Myers where he dealt with almost every medical practice in

Northern Nevada. Charlie is credited as being the founder of the Mt. Rose Ski Patrol ALS program and recently retired as the program manager. Currently Charlie is a death scene investigator for the Washoe County's Medical Examiner's office. Charlie has been a long time EMS instructor here in northern Nevada.

### **Jon Bakkedahl**

Jon Bakkedahl is the Preparedness Manager State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM) and prior to that he was the state training officer at DEM. Jon also serves as the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Manager during activations, Team and is one of the 24-hour DEM Duty Officers.

Jon serves on the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and is the Radiation Committee Chair and as a member of the Policy and Legislative Committee. Prior to working at DEM, Jon was the Emergency Response Supervisor for the Nevada Radiation Control Program. For the last 8 years, Jon has been a contract instructor for the US Department of Energy teaching radiological emergency response to First Responders, US Military, and other Federal Agencies.

### **Terry Mendez**

Terry started in Emergency Services in 1994 as a Resident Volunteer with the Coos Bay Fire Department. Over the next few years earned Associates Degrees in Fire Science and Paramedic. Spent 17 years on an ALS Ambulance with 5 years of Critical Care flight medicine. Receiving my CCEMT-P certification in 2004. In 2008 established an AAS Degree Paramedic Program in Coos Bay, OR. Continued my education by receiving my BS in Health Sciences in 2011 and my Ed.M. Adult Education in 2013. After my education was completed, spent 3 years as a tactical medic with the Coos County ERT. Currently Terry serves as the EMS coordinator for WNCC's Paramedic program.

### **Dustin Holland, MD**

Dr. Holland is a full time Emergency Medicine Physician with Carson Tahoe Emergency Physicians in Carson City, NV. He is board-certified in Emergency Medicine and EMS. Dr. Holland currently serves as the EMS Medical Director for Carson City Fire Department, Central Lyon Fire Protection District, and Carson City Sheriff's Office SWAT. He earned his Medical Doctorate and Masters of Public Health degrees from University of Nevada School of Medicine. He completed Emergency Medicine Residency and EMS Fellowship at Indiana University School of Medicine. He currently serves as Chair of the ACEP EMS Section and Physician Advisor for the Advanced Cardiac Resuscitation Consortium. Dr. Holland has been involved in EMS in different capacities for 14 years. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends while camping, skiing, hiking, and traveling. He lives in Reno with his wife and their 3 young children.

