

Eagle County Paramedic Services hosts Dr. Gurvijay Singh Bains as a visiting EMS Fellow

EDWARDS, Colo.—July 22, 2021—Emergency medicine is a unique area of practice for physicians—it’s impossible to foresee the cases that arise until experienced first-hand. For physicians with aspirations of becoming medical directors, fellowships with Emergency Medical Service agencies are a great way to get experience. This week, Eagle County Paramedic Services welcomed Dr. Gurvijay Bains from University of California, San Francisco. Bains was interred with EC Paramedics for four days, experiencing the intricacies of a rural EMS agency first-hand.

“It’s an honor to have Dr. Bains visit us,” said Will Dunn, senior manager of clinical services at Eagle County Paramedic Services (EC Paramedics). “Usually, rotations take place in cities; rotations in a rural setting are few and far between. By embedding with EC Paramedics for this rotation, Dr. Bains was able to see not only how rural settings vary, but also how we work in these remote settings.”

During his visit, Bains rode along with crews on 9-1-1 calls and experienced the inner workings of EC Paramedics by attending staff meetings. He also gave a lecture as part of EC Paramedic’s continuing education program. In addition to the valley’s setting with its unique challenges, it’s rare to see a stand-alone EMS service like EC Paramedics in a rural setting. Bains was able to witness the intensive medicine practiced by paramedics and EMTs as well as learn about the various programs that EC Paramedics offers like Community Paramedics, Search and Rescue, Wildland Fire and others while he was in residence.

“I was amazed to see such skilled and effective paramedics in a service that is truly patient centered,” Dr. Bains said. “What surprised me most is the longevity with which each member of the team worked. A lot of members had been there for 10+ years, which is amazing in the EMS world!”

Bains is an EMS/Disaster Medicine fellow at UCSF Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Bains graduated from the St. Georges University School of Medicine in 2017. He finished his Emergency Medicine Residency training in Newark, NJ.

In addition to Bains’s visit, EC Paramedics will host another UCSF physician in August.

“Hosting these Fellows is an incredible opportunity to showcase the depth and breadth of the medicine that we practice to professionals from around the country,” Dunn said. “We’re becoming the training ground for the next generation of EMS physicians.”

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About Eagle County Paramedic Services

Eagle County Paramedic Services (ECPS) operates ambulances using five stations from Gypsum to Vail, with up to 14 ambulances providing 24-7, 365-day coverage. Last year, Eagle County Paramedic Services answered 5,900 calls from Vail Pass to Hanging Lake. ECPS transports people

having medical emergencies, conducts community health services to underserved people in Eagle County and also conducts education and training programs. For more information about the district, visit eaglecountyparamedics.com or call 970-926-5270.