



Kenneth A Schepke, MD is a dual board-certified specialist in the fields of emergency medicine and the subspecialty of EMS. In that capacity, he serves as the Chief Medical Officer for several fire-rescue agencies in Palm Beach County, Florida and is a member of the EMS medical direction team for the Broward Sheriff's Office in Broward County, Florida. Collectively, the agencies he serves provide pre-hospital medical care for over 2 million residents as well as tens of thousands of tourists to South Florida who visit those 9-1-1 jurisdictions at any given time.

Dr. Schepke is an accomplished educator and serves as the Medical Director for the highly rated Palm Beach State College EMS Training Academy. He is the Director of Emergency Services for Lakeside Medical Center in Palm Beach County. Dr. Schepke is a co-founder and past president of the Florida Academy of Emergency Medicine and he currently serves as Chairman of both the Palm Beach County EMS Medical Directors Association and the Palm Beach County EMS Advisory Council. He is also a respected member of the Metropolitan EMS Medical Directors Coalition (aka the "Eagles") comprised of the jurisdictional EMS medical directors for the 50 or so largest cities in the United States, several federal agencies, and leading medical director counterpart cities across the globe.

Academically, Dr. Schepke is a productive scientific investigator and educator in the fields of stroke care, cardiac arrest, pre-hospital use of ketamine, and successful approaches to address the opiate epidemic. Over the past several years, he has presented numerous scientific research papers at major medical conferences, both nationally and globally, and his work is routinely cited by others worldwide. Accordingly, he is continually solicited to be a featured speaker at many national conferences and he has earned numerous EMS awards including national recognition for his contributions to EMS such as the 2017 EMS Innovator of the Year award from the Journal of Emergency Medical Services.

In addition to his medical expertise, Dr. Schepke is an instrument-rated private pilot and volunteers his skills as a pilot to help not-for-profit organizations. One such organization is Pilots-n-Paws where he spends his efforts flying animals at risk for euthanasia to safe foster homes and non-kill shelters to await adoption. He also volunteers to fly in times of natural disasters, delivering necessary relief supplies when ground transportation is not available. In addition, he serves as the Medical Director for the *Palm Beach County Trauma Hawk* as well as the *Broward Sheriff's Office* aeromedical services.