Paramedic educator injured in motorcycle accident

Richard Beebe is a National Association of EMS Educators board member, noted EMS educator, speaker and writer

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Paramedic instructor Richard Beebe was injured in a motorcycle accident Thursday.

Beebe, well known nationally as an EMS educator, speaker, and writer, is hospitalized at the Albany Medical Center. He is also a National Association of EMS Educators board member.

"It is with great sadness and concern that I confirm that NAEMSE board of director and EMS educator was involved in a motorcycle accident tonight," stated a NAEMSE Facebook post on Friday morning. "Please keep Richard and his family in your thoughts and prayers for healing."

Mike McEvoy, EMS1 columnist, visited with Beebe and provided this update:

"Rich remains in serious condition at Albany Medical Center. His wife and daughters are by his side. He will very shortly go to surgery. Yesterday afternoon Rich hit the side of a van that cut in front of him while driving home on his Harley after teaching a class.

Two of his students — a nurse and medic — were behind him and started care immediately. His injuries are extensive and include an open-book pelvic fracture,
bilateral and multiple radial and ulnar fractures, an orbital fracture, and lumbar compression fracture. On the brighter side, he is not intubated, moves all extremities, has no significant leg injuries, and neuro has cleared him for the ortho surgery he will shortly undergo to repair the pelvic and upper extremity fractures. Serial CTs have showed no ICH or edema.

I was able to converse with him and, despite extreme pain, he seemed like himself. Keep the thoughts and prayers coming. Rich was amazed at how many people are out there plugging for him."

Beebe is a Vermont Technical College paramedic instructor and Mohawk Ambulance Service educator.