

## **Personal Bio – Dr. WALT STOY**

My history in pre-hospital care begins as a Water Safety Instructor with a first aid card and moves into EMS by way of a funeral home based EMS system, the streets in the City of Pittsburgh, flight medic and ski patrol. I had always stated, “I intuitively knew how to educate others”, however, I was often challenged on my instructional methods. This resulted in me obtaining degrees in higher education. An Associate’s degree in EMS; a bachelor’s and master’s degree (dual concentration in education and administration) and finally, a doctoral degree in Instructional Design.

In 1997 my vision was to create a B.S. degree program at the University of Pittsburgh with an EMS focus. Currently, our degree program has more students seeking to join us than we have seats... We continue to explore alternative methods of providing quality education to those qualified candidates positioned to attend our program.