

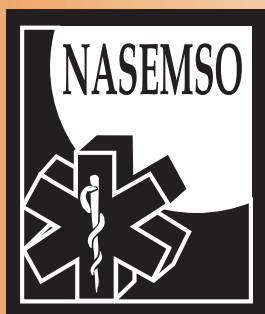
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About NASEMSO

The National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials was established in 1980 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Members include 56 state and territorial EMS directors, medical directors, training coordinators, data managers, and trauma managers, plus corporate and sponsor members, and associates. The association headquarters is served by ASMI, a professional association management firm, and is located in the Washington, D.C. area.

Membership Benefits

NASEMSO membership affords a variety of opportunities to participate in activities with state EMS directors, medical directors, training coordinators, data managers, and trauma managers. Benefits include: EMS issues updates; “mini-survey” short data collection projects on specific EMS issues; minutes of the NASEMSO Executive Committee; an Annual Business Meeting in conjunction with committee and council meetings; and more.

Representation – NASEMSO Policy Platform

The association speaks on behalf of state EMS programs, and advocates the need for strong EMS systems on a national level. The Government Affairs Committee actively tracks legislation introduced in Congress and helps with regular reports to the membership. The association compiles all positions and policies into one document, *The NASEMSO Policy Platform*, to be used as a resource by members. This publication is a “living” document available on the association Web site and is updated as necessary. Committee members and staff present the policy platform to key Congressional decision-makers. Additionally, EMS interests in legislative and regulatory issues are well represented through organizational participation in Advocates of EMS.

NASEMSO Washington Update

An e-mail publication to keep members informed about legislative and regulatory activities in Washington and available resources, the *NASEMSO Washington Update*, is sent to all members and liaisons and is posted on the association Web site two times a month.

Monographs

Periodic data collection from state EMS offices determines how each state’s programs compare in terms of structure, services, and regulations. The documented results are very useful to anyone who is interested in national, state, and local EMS policy development.

NASEMSO Web Site

All NASEMSO members in all categories have access to the Members Only section of the Web site. All minutes of meetings are posted in the Members Only section, as well as meeting handouts for some committees.

Mailing List

NASEMSO is the only source of a comprehensive listing of EMS agencies across the country. Data is updated twice yearly and includes about 25,000 contacts; mailing list rental fee is \$100 per thousand.

Committee Service

NASEMSO has a well-developed and active committee structure. Information exchange, detailed issues examination and action recommendations occur at this level for policy implementation by the Executive Committee. Current standing committees include: Communications & Technology, Domestic Preparedness, EMSC, Finance, Government Affairs, NREMT, Rural EMS, and others.

Annual Meeting and Exhibit

The annual meeting occurs in October, and the site rotates throughout the country. Programs are conducted in a variety of formats to maximize information exchange and dialogue with state EMS directors, medical directors, training coordinators, data managers, and trauma managers on current EMS issues. Exhibits of advanced equipment, technology, and services are part of the meeting.

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NASEMSO Grows to Include Four Councils

At the Annual Meeting held Oct. 12-14, 2005, members voted to change the association's name from National Association of EMS Directors (NASEMDS) to National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO). Additionally, the members voted to reduce Associate member dues from \$450 to \$225 and establish new councils within the association. Individuals serving on councils will belong to the association as Associate members.

During the year, four new councils were established: EMS Training Coordinators Council, EMS Medical Directors Council, EMS Data Managers Council, and EMS Trauma Managers Council. Each council is represented on the Executive Committee.

The councils provide value-added service to EMS professionals within the state EMS offices, including

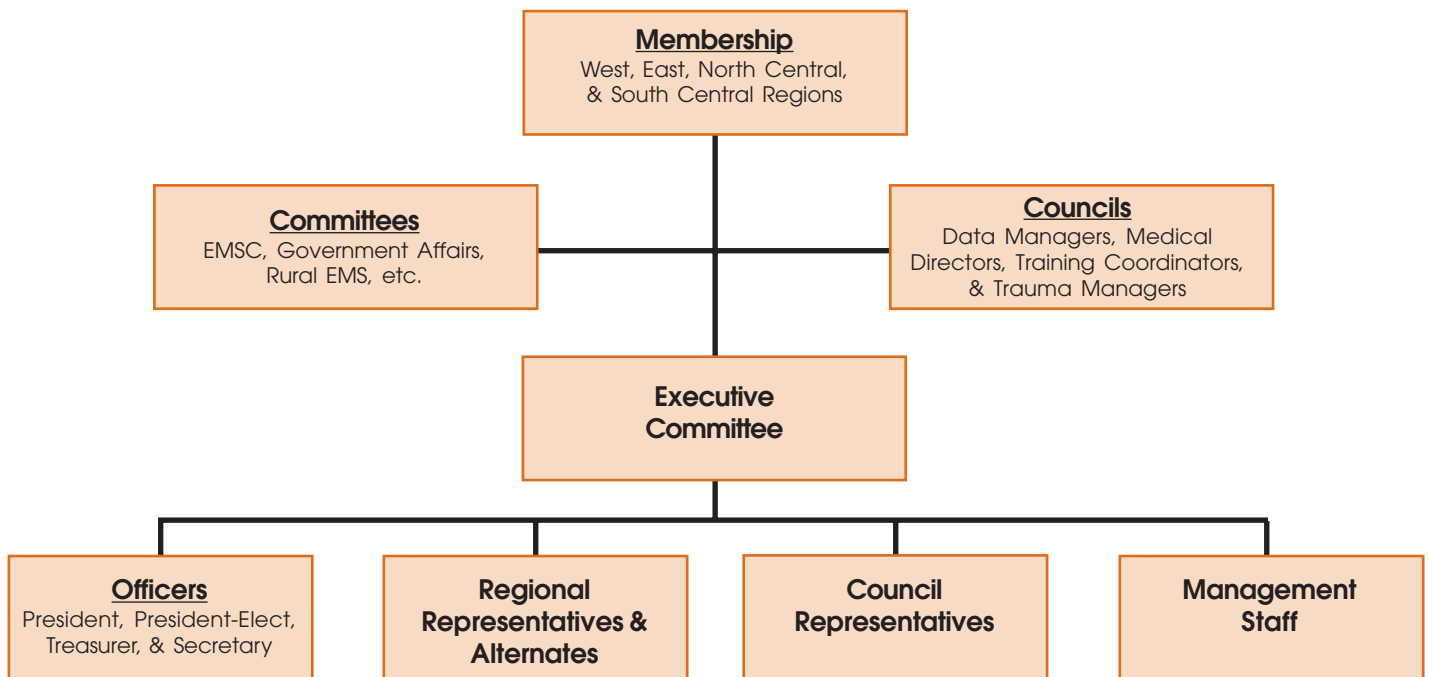
expanded networking opportunities, representation on national policy issues, and more.

The changes were the culmination of work by the Executive Committee. It devoted considerable attention to strengthening the organizational infrastructure, in order to better serve each of the state and territorial EMS systems. The addition of councils will:

- Unify all EMS expertise and officials in state offices.
- Provide organizational and financial stability.
- Increase NASEMSO's stature.
- Expand NASEMSO's influence on issues of nationwide significance.
- Provide more depth and flexibility for the organization.
- Create a robust organization to meet future needs.

In July 2006, the NASEMSO Executive Committee adopted the NASEMSO Council Charter to provide operational guidelines for current and future councils.

New NASEMSO Organizational Structure



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NHTSA Infrastructure Support

NASEMSO maintains a cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to strengthen and maintain EMS infrastructure. A variety of tasks are accomplished under this arrangement, including:

- Training for new EMS directors;
- Supporting a mentoring program that matches new directors with experienced ones;
- Holding meetings for federal, state and other EMS officials to discuss current EMS issues;
- Maintaining communications about legislative and regulatory issues via the association Web site at www.nasemso.org;
- Supporting EMS community and NASEMSO Communications Technology Committee representation in evolving communications/data/ITS technology forums on the national level;
- Coordinating the development of EMS performance measurement;
- Producing a series of monographs to provide information and documentation of the status of various EMS system components;
- Facilitating the development of a white paper on air medical services and their relationship with state regulatory bodies in the future; and
- Establishing methods to estimate the benefits and costs of EMS to the community served.

**Communications System
Technical Assistance**

NASEMSO's goal is to provide communications technical assistance and support communications interoperability. This is accomplished by assuring effective representation of EMS system perspectives in national-level public safety communications planning processes.

NASEMSO continues to provide unique EMS representation in a number of national EMS voice, data, and video communications and public safety communications interoperability forums, such as USDHS Safecom Communications Interoperability Program, USDHS Disaster Management Program (Data Communications), and National Public Safety Telecommunications Council.

NASEMSO has extended Program Advisor Kevin McGinnis' services as a communications technology advisor and liaison to NAEMSP, NAEMT, and NAEMSE through the Joint National EMS Leadership Council. He maintains an active listserv for updates on the activities he attends. NASEMSO, through its active NPSTC membership, has participated in FCC filings that impact public safety, including the use of a 30 MHz set of frequencies in the 700 MHz spectrum for public safety benefit in accessing broadband bandwidth (important for EMS video and other applications in the future).

ITS Work Groups

NASEMSO's objective is to participate actively in the ITS America Public Safety Advisory Group (PSAG), an advisory resource for USDOT, and related forums to provide input on Intelligent Transportation System issues. NASEMSO has been represented at PSAG meetings and chairs the Medical Subcommittee. NASEMSO also has been active in the activities of the national Traffic Incident Management Coalition, assisting in presentations around the country on the need for a National Unified Goal for traffic incident management.

NHTSA Performance Measures

As the result of an initial meeting and report in 2002-2003, a consensus process has begun to develop 20 to 30 "top" EMS performance measures. Subsequent work of the consensus process steering committee has produced more than 140 performance measurement questions. These were pared down to 28, and performance indicators were created for them. These were posted on a Web site created for the

project at www.MeasureEMS.org, and public comment was solicited. The steering committee met in August to finalize this initial set of indicators.

NHTSA National EMS Information System Project

The NEMSIS Project was an effort to create a National EMS Database. The 51-month NEMSIS project led and developed by Dr. Greg Mears and Dr. Clay Mann concluded as a NASEMSO project, and all work product and responsibility transitioned to NHTSA and the new NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center (TAC) as of Dec. 31, 2005. The successful project provided key deliverables.

- **Prehospital Dataset and Schema Development** – See www.nemsis.org or contact the TAC at (801) 585-1631 for details.
- **Business and Implementation Plans** – Included in this was compliance testing.
- **NEMSIS Web Site** – The Web site is located at www.nemsis.org.
- **Transition Activities** – To assure a smooth transition and to close out deliverables, several transition activities occurred in the closing months. These included: a NEMSIS Task Force Meeting to discuss compliance processes and standards, the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, NHTSA database maintenance, prehospital database updates, and other issues; a day-and-a-half long meeting of the state data managers to discuss the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, progress on NEMSIS software development, and future plans to monitor EMS Software Developers' compliance with NEMSIS; and the formation of the new Council of State Data Managers within the NASEMSO structure.

HRSA Trauma-EMS Project

Sept. 2005-July 31, 2006, NASEMSO conducted the HRSA Trauma-EMS Project. The project yielded the following.

- NASEMSO provided content and participated in a joint panel presentation about the Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation (MTSPE) document. The panel presentation was made during NASEMSO's October 2005 Annual Meeting.
- NASEMSO developed and rolled out the MTSPE Template and Transition Guide among its members to encourage implementation of the MTSPE in state trauma system development.
- NASEMSO facilitated a single iteration review of the MTSPE Template and Transition Guide by its membership and federal partners. Recommended changes were integrated into the MTSPE Template and Transition Guide.
- A link was created between the NASEMSO Web site and the Trauma-EMS Systems Program Web site.

Terrorism Injuries: Information, Dissemination and Exchange (TIIDE) Project

On July 6, 2005, the LINKAGES Project officially changed its name to TIIDE. The TIIDE grantees are essential to the development of content and the dissemination of information related to injuries as a result of terrorism.

TIIDE Grantees

- American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- American Trauma Society (ATS)
- National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)
- National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)
- National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
- National Native American EMS Association (NNAEMSA)
- State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors' Association (STIPDA)

- In 2005-06, an updated study was completed on state EMS terrorism preparedness and funding. The report is available from NASEMSO headquarters.

In the upcoming budget period, NASEMSO will participate in three projects, each led by another TIIDE grantee organization:

- Translation of injury care practice in Iraq to U.S. civilian health care (American College of Surgeons – lead);
- Clinical primer (American Trauma Society – lead); and
- Mass casualty field triage (National Association of EMS Physicians – lead).

TIIDE Project Notes

- A TIIDE mid-year meeting was held June 21-22, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nev.
- A TIIDE annual meeting is TBD.

The specific objective for NASEMSO is to have representation on each project's work group or consensus meeting, provide input on behalf of state EMS officials, and offer other support as needed.



COMMENTS, ENDORSEMENTS & REPRESENTATION

NASEMSO Urged Funding of EMSC Program

In July 2005, NASEMSO joined a letter organized by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) urging the Senate to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program for Fiscal Year 2006.

NASEMSO Supported Language in the House Version of FY 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations

In July 2005, NASEMSO joined a letter organized by the Advocates for EMS (AEMS) sent to the chairmen and ranking members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Homeland Security supporting report language included in the House version of the FY 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations bill regarding first responder grant funding.

NASEMSO Commented on Language on Disaster Responsibilities/Privileging Standards

On Jul. 5, 2005, NASEMSO commented favorably on proposed language to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

NASEMSO Urged Support of Trauma-EMS Systems Program Funding

On Jul. 11, 2005, NASEMSO, as part of AEMS, issued a letter urging support of \$3.5 million funding for the Trauma-EMS Systems Program in the Appropriations bill.

NASEMSO Met with the House Homeland Security Committee

On Jul. 18, 2005, NASEMSO representatives met with the House Homeland Security Committee to provide guidance on the Department of Homeland Security reorganization.

NASEMSO Commented on CDC/APHA/AMA Document

In August 2005, NASEMSO sent comments on “Improving Health System Preparedness for Terrorism Mass Trauma” to the American Medical Association (AMA),

American Public Health Association (APHA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

NASEMSO Signed on Filings by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

On Aug. 9, 2005, NASEMSO signed on two filings by NPSTC addressing the “narrowbanding” issue.

NASEMSO Commented on ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Standard

On Aug. 10, 2005, NASEMSO sent a letter to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) providing comments on the new ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 standard that specifies the minimum amounts of retro-reflective materials, colors, and placement of materials for items used to enhance visibility and safety of those exposed to vehicular traffic on roadways.

NASEMSO Signed on to Effort to Maintain 2016 for Transition to Narrow-Banding for the 700 MHz Range

In October 2005, NASEMSO and others provided written comments urging the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to keep the 2016 date for transition. These comments were made against Motorola’s petition to move to a date of 2006.

NASEMSO Commented on Deadline Extension Regarding VoIP

In October 2005, NASEMSO sent a letter to Senators Stevens and Inouye expressing opposition to any legislative proposal that compromises public safety by allowing an extension of the deadline requiring Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to carry the same 9-1-1 services as wireline phones.

NASEMSO Weighed In on National Park Issues

In October 2005, NASEMSO participated on a conference call to address confusion over which parks are distinct federal entities with sole jurisdiction, versus those which have joint state jurisdiction.

NASEMSO Urged Funding for Trauma-EMS Program

On Nov. 3, 2005, NASEMSO joined with a coalition of organizations organized by the Coalition for American Trauma Care (CATC) to send a letter to all House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee members urging continued funding of the HRSA Trauma-EMS Program at the level of \$3.5 million.

NASEMSO Commented on National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)

In December 2005, NASEMSO provided comments on the first draft the NIPP.

NASEMSO Joined NPSTC Comments

On Dec. 19, 2005, NPSTC (including NASEMSO) submitted comments in response to the FCC regarding raising the radiated power for broadband PCS, Advanced Wireless Services, and Cellular systems.

NASEMSO Commented on the Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist

On Dec. 20, 2005, NASEMSO provided comments to the CDC on the proposed Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist for Pre-Hospital/EMS.

NASEMSO Encouraged FCC to Name an EMS Representative to Hurricane Katrina Advisory Panel

In January 2006, the organizations of the Joint National EMS Leadership Conference (NASEMSO, NAEMSP, NAEMT, and NAEMSE) submitted a joint letter encouraging the FCC to name an EMS representative to its newly formed Hurricane Katrina Advisory Panel.

NASEMSO Provided Comments on Additions to SHSP Guidance

In January 2006, NASEMSO members and staff participated in a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) information and planning session about new Strategic Highway Safety Plans (SHSP) for states. Following the meeting, NASEMSO provided additional language further explaining state EMS offices and EMS systems in the SHSP grant and planning guidance document.

NASEMSO Joined NPSTC Comments on AAR Petition to FCC

In late January 2006, NPSTC provided comments on the petition of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) to consolidate into one geographic “ribbon” license authorizations currently held by its individual members in the VHF and UHF bands. NASEMSO endorsed and joined the comments.

NASEMSO Commented on NIPP Draft Two

On Feb. 6, 2006, NASEMSO provided comments on the second draft of the NIPP.

NASEMSO Participated in NIOSH Ambulance Safety Meeting

On Feb. 21, 2006, Dan Smiley represented NASEMSO at a NIOSH Ambulance Safety Meeting focused on design and interior issues and PPE standards.

NASEMSO Commented on the Emergency Alert System

On Feb. 22, 2006, NPSTC, including NASEMSO, submitted comments to the FCC addressing the Emergency Alert System.

NASEMSO Supported Funding the ENHANCE 911 Act in FY 2007 Budget

On Feb. 23, 2006, NASEMSO joined a letter organized by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). The open letter sent to Congress requested support in funding the ENHANCE 911 Act in the FY 2007 budget.

NASEMSO Participated in Congressional Trauma Briefing

On Feb. 24, 2006, NASEMSO participated in a Congressional Trauma Briefing organized by CATC.

NASEMSO Commented on Petition for Rulemaking Filed by Icom America

On Feb. 27, 2006, NPSTC, including NASEMSO, submitted comments to the FCC addressing the *Petition for Rulemaking* filed by Icom America, Inc.

NASEMSO Provided Comments on Rodenticide Poisoning Out-of-Hospital Management Guidelines

In March 2006, NASEMSO reviewed *Long-Acting Anticoagulant Rodenticide Poisoning: An Evidence Based Consensus Guideline for Out-of-Hospital Management* and provided comments to the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC).

NASEMSO Provided Comments on Salicylate Poisoning Out-of-Hospital Management Guidelines

In March 2006, NASEMSO reviewed *Salicylate Poisoning: An Evidence Based Consensus Guideline for Out-of-Hospital Management* and provided comments to the AAPCC.

NASEMSO Commented to FCC Regarding New York State's Waiver Request

In March 2006, NASEMSO joined NPSTC comments to the FCC addressing the request of New York State that the FCC waive section 90.545 of its rules so that it could implement a 700 MHz public safety communications system in the greater New York City metropolitan area.

NASEMSO Joined Letter Regarding 800 MHz Radio Interference on the Southern Border

In March 2006, NASEMSO joined a NPSTC letter to the FCC and the Department of State urging resolution of severe interference in 800 MHz between public safety communications and commercial operations in southern border areas, particularly California.

NASEMSO Represented at AHA STEMI Meeting

In March 2006, NASEMSO President Bass represented the organization at an American Heart Association STEMI meeting where cardiac care standards were being developed.

NASEMSO Supported Restoration of Funding for the Trauma-EMS Program

On Mar. 10, 2006, NASEMSO urged all House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee members to restore funding for the Trauma-EMS Program at the FY 2005 level of \$3.5 million in the FY 2007 Appropriations bill. The letter was

organized by CATC. NASEMSO and AEMS endorsed the letter.

NASEMSO Joined Letter Supporting EMSC Program

On Mar. 16, 2006, NASEMSO signed on to a letter of support for funding for the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program in FY 2007.

NASEMSO Urged Support of Wide Range of Trauma Programs

On Mar. 22, 2006, CATC and a variety of trauma organizations, including NASEMSO, jointly wrote both House and Senate appropriators to urge funding for a wide range of trauma initiatives.

NASEMSO Participated in DHS Emergency Services Sector Panel Meeting

On Apr. 10-12, 2006, NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Committee Vice Chair Schmitter represented the organization at an Emergency Services Sector Panel meeting convened by DHS to refine criteria delineating assets of national importance.

NASEMSO Urged Increase in Budget Regarding Child Abuse and Neglect

On Apr. 21, 2006, NASEMSO joined with 35 organizations to issue a letter to Senators Harkin and Spector and Representatives Obey and Regula urging the Senate and House to provide a \$10 million increase to the CDC to establish a network of consortia on the medical aspects of child abuse and neglect.

NASEMSO Supported Paulison Nomination

In May 2006, NASEMSO signed on to a letter of support organized by AEMS. The letter was sent to the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committees in support of R. David Paulison's nomination as Under Secretary for FEMA.

NASEMSO Participated in NREMT ADA Review Panel Meeting

On May 13-14, 2006, NASEMSO representatives participated in the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ADA Review Panel. The meeting was searching

for a uniform answer to properly respond to the ADA so there is a proper balance between the rights of the individual ADA applicant and the rights of the general public as to their expectations of EMTs and their ability to perform the job.

NASEMSO Applauded Homeland Security Appropriations Language

On May 16, 2006, AEMS, including NASEMSO, sent a letter applauding the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee for its inclusion of report language that would increase federal support for emergency medical services in their FY 2007 Appropriations bill.

NASEMSO Urged Funding for Local Public Health Preparedness

On May 19, 2006, 18 organizations, including NASEMSO, sent a letter to Senators Spector and Harkin and Representatives Regula and Obey calling for Congress to fully restore funding for state and local public health preparedness in FY 2007 appropriations for the CDC.

NASEMSO Represented at U.S.-Canada Summit

On May 23, 2006, NASEMSO President Bass represented NASEMSO at Disease, Disaster and Democracy: Citizen Engagement in Health Emergency Planning, a U.S.-Canada Summit.

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