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## National Association of State EMS Officials

*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, 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 & Services

*NASEMSO membership affords a variety of opportunities to participate in activities with state EMS directors, medical directors, training coordinators, data managers, trauma managers and EMSC coordinators. 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.*

### **Mentor Program**

The mentor program provides support to state EMS officials by matching them with experienced colleagues. All forms for mentor requests are available on the NASEMSO Web site and the program includes remote information exchange and advice as well as in-person meetings and site visits upon request.

### **NASEMSO Washington Update**

NASEMSO prepares and electronically disseminates the Washington Update to NASEMSO membership, Federal partners, and other interested parties twice monthly. The updates include information on EMS-related legislation, regulations, grant announcements, and other matters of special interest.

### **NASEMSO Web Site**

NASEMSO has retained Web Content Manager Karen Thompson and has re-organized and enhanced the content and functionality of the NASEMSO Web site to assure that it is an effective tool to support the membership and the Councils operating within the NASEMSO structure. All NASEMSO members 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.

### **Council Support**

NASEMSO provides support for the five councils operating within the NASEMSO structure. Support includes staff assistance, Web site and discussion lists, and travel support to assure participation of each Council's leadership in national-level forums to address matters of relevance to each council.

### **Government Affairs**

The Government Affairs Committee actively tracks legislation introduced in Congress and provides periodic analysis and issue papers to the membership. EMS interests in legislative and regulatory issues also have been well represented through the Advocates for EMS effort.

### **NASEMSO Positions and Policies**

NASEMSO regularly takes positions on various EMS issues and writes policies as well. All position and policy statements are housed on the NASEMSO website and are updated regularly. When necessary, NASEMSO officials and staff use these position and policy statements to educate government officials.

### **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.

### **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, Finance, Government Affairs, Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS), 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, trauma managers and EMSC coordinators on current EMS issues. Exhibits of equipment, technology, and services are part of the meeting.

## NASEMSO Council Achievements

*During the past year, NASEMSO established a new Council for EMSC making five councils. The new council together with the Training Coordinators, Medical Directors, Data Managers, and Trauma Managers has been involved in many activities. They have met via conference call and at the NASEMSO Annual and Mid-Year meetings. Each council is represented on the Executive Committee and exchanges information on matters of interest to each constituency. 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 following are highlights of each council's mission and activities throughout the past year:*

### EMS Training Coordinators Council

The mission of the Training Coordinators Council is to continually develop and improve research-driven education and training; standardize credentialing and accreditation to improve the quality and availability of emergency medical services; and to promote public health.

During the past year, the Training Coordinators Council conducted several polls as follows:

1. Certification and licensure, education, and pass/fail rates required of EMS Instructors (initiated by David Taylor, Arkansas).
2. License/Certification Exams – NREMT/Other exam (initiated by Donna Tidwell).
3. The Training Coordinators Council Members were also polled on their State refresher training requirements (initiated by Liz Burrill).

They are also assisting the Implementation Work Group for the EMS Education Agenda.

### EMS Medical Directors Council

The EMS Medical Directors Council provides medical expertise and leadership to promote and advance the provision of the highest quality EMS care.

During the past year, the Council met via conference call and at the

NASEMSO annual meeting. The Council Participated in the review and commented on National Education Standards as well as the Model State Plan. The Council is committed to assist CoAEMSP acquire additional physician site visitors.

With the completion of a survey of demographics and job description/activities of State EMS Medical Directors, the survey results were used to create a model job description for a State EMS Medical Director.

### EMS Data Managers Council

The Data Managers Council promotes the development, standardization, and improvement of state and national EMS data systems.

During the past year, the Council, with the assistance of the National EMS Information System's Technical Advisory Center (NEMSIS TAC), took on the task of developing consensus common English definitions for the NEMSIS Data Dictionary. This will help to standardize the reporting of EMS data to the NEMSIS system. The data definitions project task force has completed its work. The product has been turned over to NEMSIS TAC for publication. The issue of developing a state minimum data set is in progress. The data manager's council will then refine that set. They are also addressing data collection issues around cross-border (state) EMS operations.

### EMS Trauma Managers Council

The Trauma Managers Council promotes the advancement of statewide trauma systems through the development of state trauma system leadership and infrastructure.

During this year, The Trauma Managers Council arranged a representative for the January 28-29 "Acute Injury Care Partners Meeting" organized by CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The Council facilitated information-gathering for Idaho about other states' trauma system reports and shared information about a new American Trauma Society to improve after care of trauma survivors: the Trauma Survivors Network.

### EMS for Children Coordinators Council

NASEMSO established a new Council for EMSC this year. Headquarters worked with EMSC National Resource Center to conduct a poll of all EMSC contacts to gauge their interest in and make them aware of the initiative. The Executive Committee of the National Association of State EMS Officials approved the formation of a Council under the organizational structure to help meet the needs of State EMSC Coordinators nationwide. The new officers of the National Association of State EMSC Coordinators were elected at the inaugural meeting of the Council during the Mid year meeting (June 24) in Bethesda, MD.

## NAEMSO Deliverables

*NAEMSO has maintained the NHTSA cooperative agreement “EMS System Planning and Development” grant over the past year which makes possible a variety of tasks and services.*

### Leadership Skills Workshop

The 2007 Leadership Skills Workshop was conducted on October 28-29, 2007. The workshop curriculum was re-evaluated on the basis of survey data and input from the workshop faculty. Reference materials and presentation slides have been posted on the NAEMSO web site in a Document Download area for members called “For New State EMS Officials.” Faculty selection for the 2008 workshop is nearly complete. Presentation on Emergency Medical Services for Children has been added, and the decision has been made to combine two sessions: Communication with Elected Officials, and Dealing with the Media.

### Customer Meetings

In the past year, NAEMSO’s Executive Committee conducted its Strategic Retreat at association headquarters in Falls Church, VA (January 18-19, 2008). It included a thorough review of current activities to support effective EMS systems and policies. NHTSA participated in the Retreat. NAEMSO also coordinates the National Joint EMS Leadership Council to help NAEMSO, NAEMSP, NAEMT, NAEMSE and federal EMS partners to communicate regularly on current national policy issues. This year NAEMSO changed its Annual Meeting dates to September 21-27 in Tacoma, WA to accommodate greater likelihood of NHTSA presence.

### NAEMSO Website

NAEMSO held a Webcast on June 2, 2008. The topic was “Implementing the EMS Education Agenda: A Systems Approach.” Webcast registration and access were handled through the NAEMSO Web site. The archived Webcast remains available via the Web site.

In conjunction with the June 2 Webcast, a new section within the NAEMSO Web site, the Implementation of the National EMS Education Agenda Web Site, was rolled out to members. The new section includes an extensive toolkit and resources, as well as the latest updates from the EMS Education Agenda for the Future Implementation Committee.

The Web site Committee organized some new initiatives in regard to the Web site, which will include:

1. State EMS Home Page Listing and a State EMS Spotlight of the Month Page that will focus on one state each month and offer a profile of its EMS office.
2. “Table of Contents” reference as a service to our members and partners to make it easier to find links to document. The new WU Table of contents is available at <http://www.nasemso.org/NewsAndPublications/TheWashingtonUpdate>.
3. A new and improved on line calendar intended to assist states and other organizations to avoid conflicts in meeting and conference. Easy access to the Calendar of Events is on the NAEMSO web site. [www.nasemso.org](http://www.nasemso.org).

NAEMSO continues to use the Web site home page to feature current EMS news and resources and provide information which NAEMSO members will find useful. Attention is paid to frequent posting of news that would be of interest to both members and other visitors to the site. Content in the Members Only area continues to be expanded, with the addition of new documents for download within the Council sections.

### Communications Interoperability

The mission of the communications interoperability is to (1) maximize NAEMSO and national EMS community input in national and federal initiatives and forums which impact public safety communications systems development, resource availability and use, governance, and policy-making; (2) provide technical assistance to state EMS officials to better enable them to enhance their EMS communications systems as part of statewide interoperable systems and to take advantage of contemporary technology and system development opportunities; and (3) enhance NAEMSO’s ability to further carry out this mission.

During the past year, NAEMSO was represented at several communication interoperability meetings, provided technical assistance, and much more. The 2008 Information Communications Technology Guide for EMS Officials was largely completed and presented at the mid-year meeting during the quarter.

## NAEMSO Deliverables Continued

### **Mentor Program**

NAEMSO mentor program will fully implement and revise as necessary the mentorship program for new State EMS Directors and consider establishing a similar system for other State EMS officials now represented by NAEMSO.

This program was expanded to include requests for mentoring services from council members as well as directors. The Leadership Skills Workshop attendees were briefed on the mentor program and the program procedures.

So far, one new Director (NM) has been paired with a mentor (CO). Each state has offered assurance the mentoring experience has been beneficial.

### **Monographs**

NAEMSO's task is to produce a series of monographs to provide documentation of the status of various EMS system components and administrative elements across the States. Develop the instrument, collect and analyze data, and produce at least one such monograph each year.

The monograph project for this year is an assessment of EMS Communications Systems. As of 9/9/2008, data is being collected.

NAEMSO also completed data collection, report production and release on the monograph studying turnover in the position of State EMS Director. The report, State EMS Director Turnover: Depletion of Experience in State Emergency Medical Systems Leadership Positions, is available at [www.nasemso.org](http://www.nasemso.org).

### **Committee for Accreditation of Education Programs for EMS Professions (CoAEMSP)**

NAEMSO membership in the CoAEMSP remains in place. The CoAEMSP maintains an on-going dialogue with NAEMSO and is focusing efforts on providing technical support to state EMS offices where paramedic programs are seeking national accreditation. As part of the effort to support implementation of the EMS Agenda for the Future, A Systems Approach, the CoAEMSP leadership participates closely with NAEMSO leadership in developing and implementing strategies to support the states in their efforts to implement this important initiative.

### **Terrorism Preparedness**

In October 2007, the Domestic Preparedness committee developed and disseminated a Domestic Preparedness EMS Tool Kit CD for all State and Territory EMS Offices. The committee also developed a domestic preparedness funding and information survey, which was disseminated to all State and Territory EMS Offices.

### **Washington Update**

NAEMSO prepares a bi-monthly newsletter, the Washington Update, and electronically disseminates to NAEMSO membership, Federal partners, and other interested parties, including EMS related legislation, regulations, grant announcements, and other matters of special interest. The Washington Update is posted at [www.nasemso.org](http://www.nasemso.org).

### **EMS Cost Analysis Project (EMSCAP)**

NAEMSO has supported the EMS Cost Analysis Project (EMSCAP) through subcontract, to include conducting the tests of the EMS system costing methodology in the three identified pilot communities,

and revising the costing methodology based on input from the pilot projects. The Pilot communities selected were Livingston County EMS (NY), Richmond Ambulance Authority (VA), and Oshkosh Fire Department (WI).

The pilot site data collection was completed in September 2007. Based on the pilot site experience the directions for conducting a cost analysis were completed and locked down at the December 2007 meeting of investigators. The excel workbook was finalized based on the changes made during that meeting and completed mid-February 2008. The deliverables of this contract are complete.

### **Model EMS Planning**

NAEMSO has developed a Model EMS Planning and Evaluation Document for use by State EMS Offices.

NAEMSO disseminated the final draft of the Model EMS Planning and Evaluation Document for use by State EMS Offices to NAEMSO members. The following states were identified to pilot the implementation of the document: New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Florida and Michigan. The pilot program was completed and reported on at the mid-year meeting. Changes were made to the document based on the pilots.

### **Model EMS Legislation**

NAEMSO task is to develop Model EMS Legislation that supports implementation of the Model EMS Plan for use by the member States. Coordinate this effort with National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL), National Governors' Association (NGA), and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). A draft of model EMS legislation has been reviewed by NAEMSO and NHTSA staff during 2008 and a new task force formed.

NAEMSO Deliverables Continued**Council Support**

**Data Managers:** The Data Managers have completed the task of developing a dictionary of definitions for NEMSIS data elements. The product has been turned over to NEMSIS TAC for publication. In addition, they reviewed a request for and approved a patient tracking standards development process. The patient tracking standards process was subsequently approved by the Executive Committee and their request to utilize the process was approved by the USDHS Data Managers program.

The state minimum data set was the subject of discussion at the mid-year meeting and will continue to be worked on. They are also addressing data collection issues around cross-border (state) EMS operations.

**Training Coordinators:** The Council's mission is to continually develop and improve research-driven education and training; standardize credentialing and accreditation to improve the quality and availability of emergency medical services; and to promote public health. Training Coordinators are currently assisting the Implement Work Group for the EMS Education Agenda.

**Trauma Managers:** The Trauma Managers Council arranged a representative for the January 28-29 "Acute Injury Care Partners Meeting" organized by CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. They also actively supported trauma systems funding efforts this year. The Council facilitated information-gathering for Idaho about other states' trauma system reports and shared information about a new American Trauma Society to improve after care of trauma survivors: the Trauma Survivors Network. Council members also received information about CDC

Workgroup recommendations for improvement of external cause-of-injury coding. The Council helped Georgia poll colleagues about establishment of a state trauma care commission and about a trauma registry vendor.

**Medical Directors:** The Council continues its work on the Medical Director Job Description Position Statement. NHTSA Director Drew Dawson suggested the Council develop similar language in collaboration with the language being developed within the State EMS Model Plan on medical direction to ensure congruency. Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH) will work with NAEMSO Program Advisor, Kevin McGinnis, on the collaborative effort. The Council agreed on the following language as general requirements to hold the position of a State Medical Director; holds a valid medical license in the state in which the physician serves; a qualified physician with substantial EMS medical direction; officially designated, ideally by statute, by state authorities; reasonable and fair compensation including appropriate liability protection for the duties of the position; clearly defined job description of roles and responsibilities. The council will also provide a resource document to accompany the position statement. Council Chair Dr. Wesley (MN) and Dr. Dan O'Brien (KY) will develop the resource document and Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Waxler (NJ) will continue to edit the position statement to incorporate the Council's requests. The intention is for this position statement to be published in Pre-hospital Emergency Care.

**EMSC Coordinators:** During this reporting period the Executive Committee of the National Association of State EMS Officials approved the formation of a Council under the organizational structure to help meet the needs of State EMSC Coordinators

nationwide. The new officers of the National Association of State EMSC Coordinators were elected at the inaugural meeting of the Council during the mid year meeting (June, 24) in Bethesda, MD.

**EMS Data**

NAEMSO continues to educate State EMS officials on what NEMSIS compliance means and data definitions associated with NEMSIS. In coordination with the Data Managers' Council, NAEMSO are developing an agreed upon set of minimum State EMS data elements, including coordination with the Governors' Highway Safety Association (GHSA), and other organizations, as appropriate.

The Data Managers Council met at the mid-year meeting, (June 24) and has completed the data definitions project. It is now tackling the state minimum data set issue as well as issues about data collection for cross-border EMS operations.

**EMS Education**

NAEMSO is providing technical assistance to State EMS offices to facilitate implementation of the EMS Education Agenda by developing a toolkit to promote the Implementation Guide and by developing a roll-out plan. This requires significant leadership and input from the Training Coordinators Council.

The implementation work group met in January to establish a plan for the upcoming year. Discussion occurred with EMS publishers in March, resulting in the realization that educational products supporting the agenda will likely not be available for two years following the publication of the Education Standards. Work has begun on an implementation web site that is currently only available to committee members.

### NASEMSO Deliverables Continued

1. **Implementation Plan with Timeline** - The Implementation Plan and timeline continue to be a work in progress. Both are regularly reviewed by the committee and modified to help meet the needs of the states in regards to implementation.
2. **Toolkit (on-line resource), includes** - The framework is completed and initial documents have been posted. The web site was officially rolled out on June 2 and additional and/or revised resources will be provided as they become available.
3. **Develop Standardized Scope of Practice Model Comparison** - This is a document that States could use to compare their current SoPs with the national model. In turn, this tool would then be used for States to determine their next steps to achieve the national model and help them (and NASEMSO) track their progress on a regular basis.
4. **Facilitate Regional meetings (in-person and/or webinars)** - The first webcast was successfully held on June 2 with approximately 50% of all states participating. The webcast was recorded and is available online.
5. **Identify and assist States with transitions to new levels** - This will be coordinated with the overall implementation plan (see item #1) and any and all steps will be closely coordinated with other national stakeholders and partners. This task is currently being developed.
6. **Conduct State Consultations to assist with implementation** - Project Manager to coordinate delivery with assistance from Implementation Team.
7. **Facilitate National Accreditation Meetings** - The council will support NAEMSE as needed to produce a series of meetings bringing key players (NASEMSO, CoAEMSP, NREMT, NAEMSE, and others) to the table to strategize and plan. It is anticipated that 2009 will focus on the Paramedic level.
8. **Continuously monitor/track progress of States and parts of the overall plan** - The council has developed milestones to continuously track and monitor State progress with the implementation plan and a secondary survey of states was implemented during the 2008 NASEMSO Mid-Year meeting.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting,**  
June 8-9, 2009  
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA

**NASEMSO Annual Meeting**  
September 20-25, 2009  
Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR

## Sign-Ons and Outreach

### **NASEMSO Responds to Draft of National EMS Education Standards**

On July 31, 2007 NASEMSO provided comments on the draft of National EMS Education Standards. NASEMSO noted that the dialogue provides a way for NASEMSO members to provide input that will impact the quality of EMS education for years to come.

### **NASEMSO Supports “Vision for a Healthier America”**

In August, NASEMSO signed onto the Vision for a Healthier America that Trust for America's Health (TFAH) drafted in partnership with several dozen national public health organizations. On Oct. 2, 2007, the most up-to-date version, with 105 signatories, together with a cover letter, was delivered to all members of Congress.

### **NASEMSO Attends CDC-Terrorism Injury Information Dissemination Exchange**

Steve Blessing represented NASEMSO at the grantee meeting on August 13, 2007 in Atlanta.

### **NASEMSO Endorses National First Responder Appreciation Day**

NASEMSO endorsed the Senate Resolution 215 designating September 25, 2007 as National First Responders Appreciation Day.

### **NASEMSO Adopts Strategic Plan**

On September 13, 2007 the NASEMSO Executive Committee adopted the “Strategic Plan 2007-08”.

### **NASEMSO Moves Forward with Education Standards Implementation Plan**

On September 13, 2007 Dan Manz, EMS state Director for Vermont, agreed to chair a special workgroup to address an implementation plan on the EMS Education Standards. The Education Standards Implementation is a national collaborative effort. NASEMSO will be developing a toolkit to assist states in implementation.

### **NASEMSO's McGinnis Elected to Post on PSST Executive Committee**

Kevin McGinnis, representing NASEMSO, was elected Vice President of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) at its inaugural Board meeting in October 2007.

### **NASEMSO Provides Testimony on Outbreak Prophylaxis and Antivirals at IOM Meeting**

In October, 2007 Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor and Principal Investigator of the EMS Pandemic Influenza Guidelines for Statewide Adoption, was invited to participate in an Emergency Services Panel supporting the IOM Committee on Implementation of Antiviral Medication Strategies for an Influenza Pandemic.

### **NASEMSO Representatives Appointed to Advocates for EMS and CoAEMSP Boards**

In January, 2008, NASEMSO appointed State EMS Director Shawn Rogers (OK) to the AEMS Board of Directors. Donna Tidwell, Tennessee's Director of EMS Personnel and Education, has also been appointed to represent NASEMSO on the Committee for Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS.

### **NASEMSO Signs EMSC Appropriations Letter**

In February, 2008 NASEMSO leadership voted to participate as a signatory to a letter that encourages Congress to provide \$25 million to the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program in the Health Resources and Services Administration for Fiscal Year 2009.

### **NASEMSO Signs Appropriations Letter**

In February, 2008, NASEMSO was among nearly 450 organizations that joined forces in a letter circulated to Congress by the Coalition for Health Funding to support a \$5.3 billion increase for health discretionary spending in the FY 2009 budget.

### **NASEMSO Endorses Efforts for Coalition of American Trauma Care (CATC)**

On February 7, 2008 NASEMSO signed on to the CATC letter supporting \$10million in appropriations to support trauma systems development.

On February 25, 2008 NASEMSO signed on to the CATC letter requesting additional funds to the previous letter supporting \$10 million in appropriations for trauma systems development in FY 2009. Additional funds will support the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Act, EMSC, Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant and the Rural EMS Training and Equipment Program.

### **NASEMSO Endorses National Homeland Security Consortium White Paper**

On February 14, 2008 NASEMSO endorsed the National Homeland Security White Paper “Protecting Americans for the 21st Century”. See [www.nemaweb.org](http://www.nemaweb.org).

### *Sign-Ons and Outreach Continued*

#### **NASEMSO Endorses Air Ambulance Medical Transport Advertising and Marketing Joint Position Statement**

On February 14, 2008 NASEMSO voted unanimously to endorse the Air Ambulance Medical Transport Advertising and Marketing Joint Position Statement.

#### **NASEMSO Endorses EMS-C Appropriations**

In February, 2008 NASEMSO endorsed a letter circulated by the American Academy of Pediatrics requesting \$25 million for the EMSC program in Fiscal Year 2008.

#### **NASEMSO Associates Included in the "Journal of Emergency Medical Services" - (JEMS): "Words from the Wise"**

In March, 2008 Ohio State EMS Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham and NASEMSO Program Advisor, Kathy Robinson were featured along with several other colleagues this month's issue of the Journal of Emergency Medical Services.

#### **NASEMSO Provides Issue Brief on Repeal of Emergency Responder Provisions in Ryan White Act**

In March, 2008, NASEMSO responded to a national "Call for Action" on the repeal of the emergency responder's provisions in the Ryan White Act by publishing an Issue Brief on the topic to inform its members of the concern.

#### **NASEMSO Endorses American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Policy Statement on Management of Pediatric Trauma**

In April, 2008 NASEMSO was one of several emergency care organizations that endorsed a new policy statement released by AAP, the "Management of Pediatric Trauma".

#### **NASEMSO Represented Implementation Strategies for EMS within Stroke Systems of Care**

In May, 2008 Sue Prentiss represented NASEMSO on the writing team for Implementation Strategies for EMS within Stroke Systems of Care by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association.

#### **NASEMSO Contributes to New IOM Antivirals Report**

In May, 2008 NASEMSO Program Advisor Kathy Robinson participated as a panelist in a pre-publication edition of "Antivirals for Pandemic Influenza: Guidance on Developing a Distribution and Dispensing Program" released by the National Academies Press.

#### **NASEMSO Mourns Loss of MO State EMS Medical Director**

In May, 2008, NASEMSO members were shocked and deeply saddened by the untimely passing of the Missouri State EMS Medical Director, Dr. Bill Jermyn, following a short illness. He will be greatly missed. A memorial service was held June 10, 2008.

#### **NASEMSO Hosts Successful 2008 Mid-Year Meeting in Bethesda**

In June, 2008 NASEMSO attendees and guests were enlightened with information on a variety of topics at the 2008 Mid-Year meeting held in Bethesda, MD.

#### **NASEMSO Submits Comments on National Broadband Network to FCC**

In June, 2008 NASEMSO submitted formal comments regarding the 700 MHz D Block, the Public/Private Partnership and the Public Safety Broadband Licensee to the Federal Communications Commission.

#### **NASEMSO Comments on Proposed Antiviral Guidance**

In July, 2008 NASEMSO submitted formal comments to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Proposed Guidance on Antiviral Drug Use during an Influenza Pandemic.

#### **NASEMSO Withdraws from COMCARE**

In July, 2008 NASEMSO Executive Committee voted to withdraw as a member of ComCARE, a national non-profit emergency response coalition. The decision was based on differences with the organization's departure from its original mission of enhancing public safety through interoperable communications.

#### **NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Runge on Successful Tenure at DHS**

In August, 2008 Dr. Jeffrey Runge resigned his post as Chief Medical Officer at the US Department of Homeland Security. NASEMSO acknowledges his leadership through the establishment of an Office for Health Affairs at DHS as well as his expert guidance as the first chair of the Federal Inter-agency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS.)

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