Activation of National Ambulance Contract
Notification Procedures
Recommended by the National Association of State EMS Officials

Background
Following the 2005 Hurricane season, FEMA sought to establish a comprehensive EMS response to federally declared disasters. The government solicited proposals and AMR was awarded the exclusive contract to provide a full array of ground ambulance, air ambulance and para-transit services to supplement the federal and military response to a disaster, act of terrorism or other public health emergency. The national contract currently covers 21 states on the Gulf coast and Atlantic coast, and is under development for all 48 states. There may be times when simultaneous response is needed to multiple catastrophic disasters.

The following notification procedures are recommended so that deployment does not occur without awareness of the state from which the EMS assets are coming from or to which they are being relocated.

Recommendations
Pre-Deployment: Potential that the National Ambulance Contract will be activated:
- FEMA contacts the NASEMSO Executive Director and NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Program Manager via email and telephone (both business and mobile numbers will be provided)
- NASEMSO will arrange a conference call bridge and convene a conference call of the Notification Group within 3 hours of notification by FEMA
- The following members will be notified to participate on the call:
  - NASEMSO Executive Director,
  - NASEMSO President,
  - NASEMSO President-Elect,
  - NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Committee Chair,
  - NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Program Manager,
  - NASEMSO Regional Representative from the affected region,
  - EMS Directors from affected states,
  - FEMA official(s),
  - AMR official(s)
- After the conference call, all the NASEMSO Regional Representatives will receive information to update all EMS Directors in their regions.

Deployment/Activation of the National Ambulance Contract:
- The same steps as above will be followed
- Additional conference calls and updates will be scheduled as needed by NASEMSO leadership until the situation resolves.

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