State EMS Partnership Opportunities with State Offices of Highway Safety

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Presentation Objectives

• Describe State Highway Safety Offices
  - Describe what a SHSO partnership could mean to EMS
  - Describe what an EMS partnership could mean to SHSOs
  - Describe key highway safety programs with which EMS should be involved.
State Highway Safety Offices (SHSO)

• All 50 states & some territories have State Highway Safety Offices

• Most are within state departments of transportation; some in Public Safety

• Every SHSO has a Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC); most state EMS offices participate (major source of funding for NEMSIS improvements in state EMS offices)
“The EMS and Highway Safety Connection”

- New website devoted to promoting collaboration between State EMS Offices and State Highway Safety Offices


- Informative, easy to navigate, explains EMS & SHSO programs, provides contact information
The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a statewide-coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It is during the SHSP process that statewide goals, objectives, and key emphasis areas are established. The four E's of highway safety - engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency medical services (EMS) - must be considered during this process.

Find your state’s Highway Safety Plan

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

- State offices of EMS/Trauma should be involved in the SHSP Process.
- State DOTs are required to collaborate with the 4 E’s of highway safety (Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and EMS) when updating their SHSP.
- Involvement in SHSP process brings opportunities for leverage resources!
EMS: Become involved in SHSP process!

When Engineering, Enforcement, Education fail, EMS is the last opportunity to save lives!

- Education
- Enforcement
- Engineering
Find your state SHSP on FHWA website

Get involved

Web-links to State SHSPs

- Alabama [PDF]
- Alaska [HTML]
- Arizona [HTML]
- Arkansas [HTML]
- California [HTML]
- Colorado [HTML]
- Connecticut [HTML]
- Delaware [HTML]
- District of Columbia [PDF]
- Florida [HTML]
- Georgia [HTML]
- Hawaii [HTML]
- Idaho [HTML]
- Illinois [HTML]
- Indiana [PDF]

http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/shsp/
Potential Funding Sources for EMS

- HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program)
- NHTSA Section 402 – supports state and community programs to reduce deaths and injuries on highways
- NHTSA Section 405 - National Priority Safety Program
- NHTSA Section 405(c) - State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements (replaced section 408) and funds EMS & crash data collection improvements
NASEMSO Highway Incident & Transportation Systems Committee (HITS)

- Engages NASEMSO on highway safety issues relevant to EMS
- Collaborates with highway safety partners to promote their understanding of EMS and to identify opportunities for cooperative efforts to reduce injuries and save lives
- Provides input to NASEMSO Board of Directors on highway safety concerns
NASEMSO Highway Incident & Transportation Systems Committee (HITS)

- EIRRA – *EMS Incident Response & Readiness Assessment*
- MIECE – *Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements*
- Ambulance Safety Standards
- Towards Zero Deaths National Strategy on Highway Safety
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM)
- Promoting involvement in Traffic Records Coordination Committees and EMS/crash records data linkage
Partnering with your State Highway Safety Office

Questions or Comments
Partnering with your State Highway Safety Office

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Thank you