State EMS Partnership
Opportunities with
State Offices of Rural Health

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Leadership Skills For State EMS Officials - 2014 Workshop
Presentation Objectives

• Describe State Offices of Rural Health
  o Describe what a SORH partnership could mean to EMS
  o Describe what an EMS partnership could mean to SORHs
State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

Established in 1995 to assist
State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

- All 50 states have a State Office of Rural Health (SORH)
- Most within state departments of health
- Assist rural communities build health care delivery systems
State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

- Receive funding from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy through a SORH Grant program
  - Collect and disseminate information
  - Coordinate rural health resources and activities state-wide
  - Provide technical assistance
  - Encourage recruitment and retention of health professionals
  - Strengthen state, local, and federal partnerships

- Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant – FLEX

- Workforce Activities
State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

• Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS)
  o # of CAHs designated as Trauma Centers
  o # of trained EMS medical directors
  o # of EMS recruitment/retention projects
  o # of EMS/ambulance budget model courses
  o # of ambulance services who join a network
  o # of EMS assessments
  o # of EMS leadership courses
  o # of EMS community healthcare projects
  o # of quality improvement projects implemented
Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care

JCREC

A coalition of NASEMSO and NOSORH EMS committees - formed to engage each association on topics relevant to rural and frontier emergency care.
Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care

- Strategic Plan & Workplan
- EMS Learning Session
- EMS Leadership
- Community Paramedicine
- Data Communications & Electronic Health Information
- Policy Agendas
NASEMSO Related Activities

- Rural EMS Committee
- Mobile Integrated Healthcare – Community Paramedicine Committee
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