The NASEMSO Annual Meeting: Assessing the Benefit to Program Staff

National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) members are responsible for state level policy, EMS program management, and grant administration that augments EMS equipment and service needs at the local, regional, and statewide levels. To address these needs, the NASEMSO Annual Meeting includes EMS topics that are contemporary and dynamic while providing an opportunity for individual members to collaborate with their peers to identify solutions for common issues. Concurrent and general sessions highlight EMS leadership and state system development in a variety of EMS program areas. Unlike other national conferences, NASEMSO focuses on EMS from the STATE perspective. State EMS administrators are provided several opportunities to collaborate and share ideas. The organization also consists of 5 unique Councils that meet during the Annual Meeting:

- Data Management
- EMS Education
- Medical Direction
- Pediatric Emergency Care
- Trauma

...as well as several active committees:

- Agency Vehicle & Licensure
- Air Medical
- Domestic Preparedness
- Highway Incident & Transportation Systems
- Mobile Integrated Healthcare /Comm. Paramedicine
- Rural EMS

The primary responsibility of NASEMSO members is to “protect the public” through oversight and leadership of the nation’s prehospital care system. Ongoing program needs sometimes make it difficult for multiple persons from the same office to attend simultaneously, but there are three compelling reasons to support multidisciplinary travel:

- Information and opportunities at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting are not available at any other venue.
- The majority of sessions are presented BY government officials FOR government officials.
- The meeting provides a professional setting to meet and engage colleagues who will be vital contacts.

As the respected voice for national EMS policy, NASEMSO achieves its mission through the participation of all fifty states and six US territories. NASEMSO is proud to be a leader in developing and disseminating evidence-based decisions that touches, day in and day out, the care provided by EMS personnel on the streets of America.