



The NASEMSO Annual Meeting: Assessing the Benefit to Program Staff

National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) members are responsible for state level policy-making, EMS program management, and grant administration that augments EMS equipment and service needs at the local, regional, and statewide levels. To help meet these needs, the NASEMSO Annual Meeting is designed to include 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, we FOCUS on EMS from the STATE perspective. State EMS administrators are provided several opportunities to collaborate and share ideas. Our organization also consists of 5 unique and different Councils that meet during our Annual Meeting...

Discussion at a NASEMSO Annual Meeting typically includes:

- Federal grant funding available to states, communities, and EMS agencies
- Role of EMS in regionalization of care
- Funding opportunities for specialty centers
- Model state EMS regulations and protocols
- Federal regulations that impact the states
- EMS Scope of Practice
- Leadership skills for state EMS officials
- Licensure issues
- System benchmarking and performance improvement
- Ambulance equipment
- NEMSIS implementation
- Interoperable communications
- State regulation of air medical services
- Emerging EMS trends and products
- Drug shortages
- Role of EMS in domestic preparedness
- Patient data that supports EMS research and practice
- Institutional Review Boards and product trials
- EMS Standard of Care
- Much more...

Sample of confirmed topics in 2011:

- Ambulance safety standards
- National Strategy on Highway Safety: An opportunity for states
- Preventing EMS certification fraud
- Medical response to Joplin: Lessons Learned
- Mass casualty incidents caused by terrorists
- State EMS benchmarking data
- Mobile simulation projects
- Role of EMS in identifying human trafficking
- EMS health and wellness

FEATURED PRESENTATION:

Richard Reed

Special Assistant to the President

Senior Director for Resilience at the White House

National Security Staff

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

...as well as several active committees:

- Air Medical
- Communications
- Domestic Preparedness
- Highway Safety
- Rural EMS

NASEMSO acknowledges that the primary responsibility of their members is to “protect the public” through oversight and leadership of our 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 such multidisciplinary travel:

- ***Information and opportunities gained by attending 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 that can serve as vital points of contact.***

NASEMSO is the lead national organization for Emergency Medical Services in our nation. As the respected voice for national EMS policy with a comprehensive approach and commitment towards the development of effective and integrated EMS systems across the country, we achieve our mission through the united participation of all fifty states and six US territories. An acknowledged critical resource for EMS information and policy, 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.