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**1. New NFPA 1999 Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations Released**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1999: Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations, 2008 edition is now available. This edition has been revised to address changes requested by end users and the industry and specifies minimum documentation, design, performance, testing, and certification requirements for new-single use and new multiple-use emergency medical operations protective clothing used by emergency medical responders prior to arrival at medical care facilities, and used by medical first receivers at medical care facilities during emergency medical operations. The new standard is available for purchase and download at <http://www.nfpa.org> .

**2. New FEMA Courses Launched**

FEMA announces the release of new courses available through the Emergency Management Institute. To view descriptions of the courses or to complete the online, please click on the following links--

[IS-800.B National Response Framework, An Introduction](#)

[IS120.A: An Introduction to Exercises](#)

[IS130: Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning](#)

**3. CDC Releases New Report on the Public Health Emergency Preparedness**

CDC's Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (COTPER) has released its inaugural report on public health emergency preparedness. The report, *Public Health Preparedness: Mobilizing State by State*, highlights the progress that has been made in state and local preparedness and response, identifies preparedness challenges

facing public health departments, and outlines CDC's efforts to address those challenges. Designed to increase accountability regarding the country's investment in preparedness activities, the report presents national data as well as state-specific snapshots for all 50 states and four directly funded localities: Chicago; Los Angeles County; New York City; and Washington, DC. Download the complete report at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/publications/feb08phprep/> .

#### **4. IAFC Seeks Best Practices in Critical-Infrastructure Protection**

The IAFC, in coordination with its public-safety partners on the Emergency Services Sector Coordinating Council and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is seeking model practices in emergency-services critical-infrastructure protection and resilience efforts. Infrastructure protection for the emergency-service sector comprises the protection of human, physical and cyber elements that maintain and improve the ability of the sector to protect and preserve its own integrity in an imminent or ongoing emergency. The goal of this project is to provide models that will help local and regional entities develop effective and comprehensive emergency plans that include how best to protect the protectors. Please email reference documents to NASEMSO Program Advisor Leslee Stein-Spencer at [lesleess@aol.com](mailto:lesleess@aol.com) by February 29, 2008 to be included in NASEMSO's submission to the project.

#### **5. NASEMSO Among 450 Health Organizations to Sign Appropriations Letter**

In an unprecedented move among the Nation's health care organizations, NASEMSO was among nearly 450 organizations that joined forces in a letter circulated to Congress by the Coalition for Health Funding to support a \$5.3 billion increase for health discretionary spending in the FY 2009 budget. To view the letter and its signatories, go to <http://www.nasemso.org> .

#### **6. EMS.Gov Goes Live!!**

The Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) at NHTSA is pleased to announce the launch of EMS.gov. This innovative Web site, developed to meet the varied needs of the EMS community, contains not only the latest news from OEMS – but also functions as a portal to other EMS Web sites and resources. Here you'll find background and updates on groundbreaking Federal initiatives and programs, including Emergency Medical Services for Children, the National EMS Information System, the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS, Enhanced 9-1-1 and Next Generation 9-1-1, the National EMS Advisory Council, and more. To visit the web site, go to [www.ems.gov](http://www.ems.gov) .

#### **7. Nominate Your Colleague Today for an EMSC National Heroes Award**

The EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) is currently seeking nominations for the 2008 EMSC National Heroes Awards (NHA). These awards are presented to individuals who make an outstanding contribution to the EMSC program. Nomination forms and an informational brochure are available for download via [www.nasemso.org](http://www.nasemso.org) for this year's award categories, which include: EMSC Project Coordinator/ Manager of Distinction, EMSC Provider Leadership, EMSC Family Representative Volunteer of the Year, EMSC Advisory Committee Member, Outstanding EMSC Research Project, State EMSC Policy Leader of Distinction, and EMSC Lifetime Achievement. Nominations are due Friday, April 4, 2008. Winners will be announced at the 2008 Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting in June. Note that one person can make multiple nominations.

## **8. California to Honor EMS Professionals**

The California Emergency Medical Services Authority is developing a specialty license plate to honor EMS professionals in California. Anyone who owns a car in California will be able to get the EMS License Plate and funds collected in the sale of the plates funds will be used in the following areas: public information and prevention, recognition program, a memorial fund, charitable programs or programs to enhance EMT applicants statewide. EMSA is currently soliciting ideas for the design of the EMS plate. For more information, go to <http://www.emsa.ca.gov/aboutemsa/LicensePlate1.asp>

## **9. Now Archived: EMSC Interfacility Transfer Webcast**

The EMSC webcast "When Minutes Count: Making Transfers Work for Critically Ill and Injured Children" which took place on February 13, has been archived and is available at <http://www.mchcom.com>. (Once here, go to "Recent Events" in the right-hand column and scroll down to "Introduction to Interfacility Transfer Agreements and Guidelines.") The webcast focused on EMSC performance measures 66d and 66e.

## **10. FEMA Accepting Applications for National Advisory Committee**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is requesting individuals who are interested in serving on the National Advisory Council (NAC) to apply for appointment. One position is currently vacant and all future appointments will be for three-year terms. Resumes must be received on or before 5:00 pm EST on Friday, March 14, 2008. For more information, go to <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=42647>.

## **11. Upcoming Events (\*denotes event is newly added)**

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference, "We are Making a Difference: Leadership, Innovation and Investment in Maternal and Child Health, March 1-5, 2008, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. Information is available at <http://www.amchp.org>.

6th Annual 9-1-1 Goes to Washington, Crystal City, VA, March 4-5. More information on the event and registration info is available at [www.nena.org/911GTW](http://www.nena.org/911GTW).

Luncheon Briefing: Wake Up, America! The Future Public Health Workforce Is At Risk. March 4, 2008 12:00-2:00 p.m., National Press Club, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the Center for State and Local Government Excellence. RSVP Requested for this luncheon event online at: [http://www.burnesscommunications.com/new/new\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=668406](http://www.burnesscommunications.com/new/new_show.htm?doc_id=668406) or through Isha Mehmood at [imehmood@burnesscommunications.com](mailto:imehmood@burnesscommunications.com) or 301-652-1558, x5796.

Emergency Services Media Relations Seminar, March 11-14, 2008, Virginia Beach, VA  
Sponsored by ESTA (Emergency Services Training Associates). For more information call 757-621-9610 or email at [esta911@hotmail.com](mailto:esta911@hotmail.com)

12th International Conference on Emergency Medicine, April 3-6, 2008, San Francisco, CA. Information is available at <http://meetings.acep.org/2008icem/EducationalPrograms/abstractprogram.htm>.

Joint Commission Resources (JCR) 2008 Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference, April 8-9, 2008, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. For more information or to register, contact Leslie LaBelle, RN, MSN, MBA, CPHQ at (630) 792-5435 or [emergprep@jcinc.com](mailto:emergprep@jcinc.com).

2008 Joint Annual Meeting of STIPDA and CDC Core State Injury Grantees, April 20-23, 2008 Oklahoma City, OK. The theme of the conference is, "Give Them Something to Talk About: Making Our Messages Stick." More information is available at <http://www.stipda.org>.

The National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) is hosting the workshop "How to Analyze EMSC Performance Measure Data" from April 23 to April 25, 2007, in San Diego, CA, and again from May 7 to May 9, 2008, in Orlando, FL. During this interactive workshop, participants will use a dataset based on the EMSC Performance Measure data to practice and learn how to properly conduct, interpret, and analyze their EMSC performance measure data to be entered in the Electronic Handbook (EHB). To register for this workshop or to check out other NEDARC workshops, go to: <http://www.nedarc.org/nedarc/workshopsTutorials/upcomingWorkshops.jsp>. Note that participants are required to bring a laptop with Microsoft Excel installed prior to arrival. The laptop should have a CD-Rom drive, a power cord, and a mouse for data manipulation.

SAVE THE DATE! The inaugural meeting of the National EMS Advisory Council will be held at the US Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. on April 24-25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Additional meeting information will be posted in the Federal Register and the NHTSA EMS web site when it becomes available.

EMS Week May 18-24, 2008. EMS: Your Life Is Our Mission. Planning Guides are available online at <http://www.acep.org/emsweek> or by contacting Denise Fecher at [dfechner@acep.org](mailto:dfechner@acep.org).

Rural and Frontier EMS and Trauma Summit at the Lake. May 21-23, 2008 Coeur D'Alene Resort - Coeur D'Alene, ID. The Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation and a host of co-sponsors including NASEMSO, are pleased to present the second installment in the Rural and Frontier EMS and Trauma Summit series: the Summit at the Lake Conference to be held May 21 to 23, 2008 at the Coeur D'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho ([www.cdaresort.com](http://www.cdaresort.com)). The goal of this conference is to continue the outstanding presentations and discussions that began at the inaugural Summit at the Summit in 2006 at Big Sky, Montana. The conference will provide an opportunity to review recent developments in policy and highlight future opportunities for rural and frontier EMS and trauma systems. Additional information may be found at <http://www.citmt.org/summit.htm>

4th Annual International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine And Rural Healthcare Delivery May 26-27, 2008 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information on EMSCC 2008, go to <http://2008.emscc.ca/>.

NASEMSO Mid-year Meeting, June 24-25, 2008, Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. For more information contact Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor at (703) 538-1799, ext 4 or email [robinson@nasemso.org](mailto:robinson@nasemso.org).

Annual EMS-C Grantee Meeting. June 25-27, 2008, Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. Additional information about the hotel and the registration process will be forthcoming.

Pinnacle 2008. July 28-30, 2008, San Diego, CA. EMS Management Forum sponsored by Fitch and Associates. Additional info is available at [www.pinnacle-ems.com](http://www.pinnacle-ems.com)

2008 NASEMSO Annual Meeting, September 21-September 25, 2008, Hotel Murano (formerly Sheraton Hotel), Tacoma, WA For more information contact Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor at (703) 538-1799, ext 4 or email [robinson@nasemso.org](mailto:robinson@nasemso.org).

2008 ENA Annual Meeting. September 24-25, 2008, General Assembly. September 25-27, 2008 Scientific Assembly. Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN. Additional info available at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

2008 NAEMT Annual Meeting October 13-17, 2008. Las Vegas, Nevada. Conference web site: <http://www.naemt.org/annualMeetingAndExpo/>.

2008 ACEP Annual Meeting. October 25-26, 2008, Council Meeting. October 27-30, 2008, Scientific Assembly. Chicago IL. See [www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org) for additional information.

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