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## **1. NFPA Releases New and Revised Standards Related to EMS**

NEW:

- [NFPA 1584: Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises](#) outlines the responsibilities for responders at fires (and other incidents) by specifying the standards for rehabilitation (also referred to as "rehab") to preserve continuity of operations. According to the NFPA, rehab should occur whenever on-scene activities pose the risk of emergency personnel exceeding a safe level of physical or mental endurance. The types of incidents will vary from structural and wildland fires, hazmat incidents, multiple casualty

incidents, and any prolonged operation during bad weather. The standard specifies that fire and emergency medical services are expected to take the lead in sharing the rehab concept with law enforcement and other emergency departments and agencies that take part at the scene. The new standard defines eight key objectives for rehab. These include relief from environmental conditions, rest and recovery, and active or passive cooling or warming as needed. They also include rehydration, calorie and electrolyte replacement, medical monitoring, member accountability, and release for return to duty. Hot conditions will require shelter from the sun, sunscreen, hydration, and prevention of burns from contacting hot asphalt. Cold weather priorities may include shelter from wind and snow, frostbite prevention, increased caloric intake, and methods for thawing gear. A PowerPoint overview of NFPA 1584 (Recommended Practice on the Rehabilitation of Members Operating at Incident Scene Operations and Training Exercises) can be downloaded [here](#).

REVISED:

- [NFPA 450: Guide for Emergency Medical Services and Systems](#), 2009 version is designed to assist individuals, agencies, organizations, or systems as well as those interested or involved in emergency medical services (EMS) system design.
- [NFPA 473: Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/WMD Incidents](#), this standard identifies the levels of competence required of emergency medical services (EMS) personnel who respond to incidents involving hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction (WMD). It specifically covers the requirements for basic life support and advanced life support personnel in the pre-hospital setting and is based on the premise that all EMS responders are trained to meet at least the core competencies of the operations level responders as defined in Chapter 5 of [NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents](#).
- [NFPA 1026: Standard for Incident Management Personnel Professional Qualifications](#) identifies the minimum job performance requirements for personnel performing roles within an all hazard incident management system.

## 2. NFPA Standards Related to EMS Currently Available for Comment

- [NFPA 1071: Standard for Emergency Vehicle Technician Professional Qualifications](#) is now available for public comment. This standard shall identify and define the minimum job performance requirements (JPRs) for a person to be considered qualified as an emergency vehicle technician (EVT) and shall apply to personnel who are engaged in the inspection, diagnosis, maintenance, repair, and testing of emergency response vehicles. Comment Closing Date: 9/4/2009
- [NFPA 1201: Standard for Providing Emergency Services to the Public](#) contains requirements on the structure and operations of emergency service organizations (ESOs). Comment Closing Date: 3/6/2009
- [NFPA 1250: Recommended Practice in Emergency Service Organization Risk Management](#) establishes minimum criteria to develop, implement, or evaluate an emergency service organization risk management program for effective risk identification, control, and financing. Comment Closing Date: 3/6/2009

To download the required comment form, go to <http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/CodesStandards/NFPACommentForm.doc> .

In related news, the comment period for the following standards discussed during the September 22, 2008 meeting of the NASEMSO Executive Committee Meeting has expired.

- [NFPA 1710 Standard](#) for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments

- [NFPA 1720 Standard](#) for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments

NFPA is expected to distribute the “Report on Comments” for these standards on 2/20/2009 and revised editions will be available in 2010.

### **3. NFPA Seeking Members for Technical Committees Related to EMS**

The Committee on Emergency Services Organization Risk Management is seeking individuals in all categories except enforcer and special expert. This Committee is responsible for NFPA 1201, Standard for Providing Emergency Services to the Public and NFPA 1250, Recommended Practice in Emergency Service Organization Risk Management.

The Committee on Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment—Emergency Medical Services Protective Clothing and Equipment is seeking members in the following interest categories: enforcer, labor and user. This Committee is responsible for NFPA 1999, Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations.

The Committee on Professional Qualifications—Emergency Vehicle Mechanic Technicians Professional Qualifications is seeking members in all interest categories. This Committee is responsible for NFPA 1071, Standard for Emergency Vehicle Technician Professional Qualifications.

Anyone interested in serving on any NFPA Technical Committee(s) should contact NFPA by either:

▶ [downloading an application form](#)

▶ [sending an e-mail for more information](#)

▶ writing to: NFPA Codes and Standards Administration, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

### **4. NGA Assesses Pan Flu Preparedness in States**

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices has issued a paper summarizing an overall assessment of the current level of pandemic preparedness. It focuses on the four preparedness sectors of healthcare, commerce, education, and public safety and also identifies the following five areas in need of improvement: 1) Workforce Policies, 2) Schools, 3) Situational Awareness, 4) Public Involvement, and 5) Public-Private Sector Engagement. The NGA Press Release can be found [here](#) and the document can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **5. UN Releases World Report on Pan Flu**

The 2008 UN-World Bank Global Progress Reports on responses to highly pathogenic avian influenza and the state of pandemic influenza readiness is now available. The report focuses on progress with responses to avian influenza and with pandemic preparedness between June 2007 and June 2008. A synopsis of the report can be downloaded [here](#). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of September 10, 2008, is 387 cases and 245 deaths. This is associated with a case fatality rate of 63%. Indonesia and Viet Nam report the largest number of cases. To see a breakdown by country, please visit [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/country/cases\\_table\\_2008\\_09\\_10/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/country/cases_table_2008_09_10/en/index.html).

### **6. Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act Q&A Available**

The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (“PREP Act”) enacted as Division C of the Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-148, added new authorities under the Public Health Service (PHS) Act to alleviate concerns about liability related to the manufacture, testing, development, distribution, administration and use of countermeasures against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear agents of terrorism, epidemics, and pandemics. Questions have arisen from the manufacturing industry and the healthcare community regarding the scope of protections available under the PREP Act. For more information, click [here](#).

## **7. New GAO Reports Pertain to Public Health**

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has released several new reports pertaining to public health. Influenza Pandemic: HHS Needs to Continue Its Actions and Finalize Guidance for Pharmaceutical Interventions is available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08671.pdf>; Health-Care-Associated Infections in Hospitals: Number Associated with Medical Devices Unknown, but Experts Report Provider Practices as a Significant Factor is available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d081091r.pdf>; Health-Care-Associated Infections in Hospitals: An Overview of State Reporting Programs and Individual Hospital Initiatives to Reduce Certain Infections is available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08808.pdf>; and Health Information Technology: HHS Has Taken Important Steps to Address Privacy Principles and Challenges, Although More Work Remains is available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d081138.pdf>.

## **8. CDC Reviews Effectiveness of DNB List**

In June 2007, federal agencies developed a public health Do Not Board (DNB) list, enabling domestic and international public health officials to request that persons with communicable diseases who meet specific criteria and pose a serious threat to the public be restricted from boarding commercial aircraft departing from or arriving in the United States. The public health DNB list is managed by CDC and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). To describe the experience with the public health DNB list since its inception, CDC analyzed data from June 2007 to May 2008. This report summarizes the results of that analysis, which indicated that CDC received requests for inclusion of 42 persons on the public health DNB list, all with suspected or confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis (TB). From the requests, 33 (79%) persons were included on the list. The public health DNB list enables public health officials to prevent travel on commercial aircraft by persons who pose a risk for infection to other travelers. State and local health departments in the United States and other countries should be aware of this new public health tool. To download "Federal Air Travel Restrictions for Public Health Purposes Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5737a1.htm>.

## **9. Manufacturer Provides Updated Maintenance Info on PAPR Battery Packs**

Bullard has issued a Technical Bulletin regarding the maintenance of battery packs used on Bullard Powered Air-Purifying Respirators. More information is available on the NIOSH website at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/default.html>

## **10. Disaster Aid Doesn't Impact Taxes**

Some Indiana residents recently expressed concern that state and federal grants might cause them to sacrifice Social Security benefits, pay additional taxes, or give up income-based benefit programs, but state and federal officials say that concern is unfounded. As a result of these concerns, FEMA has issued a press release reassuring disaster victims that disaster aid does not impact Social Security benefits or taxes and encouraging public officials to share this information to communities and victims. View the press release [here](#).

## **11. NIAC Brochure Updated**

The National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) provides the President, through the Secretary of Homeland Security with advice on the security of critical infrastructure supporting sectors of the economy. Current issues being addressed by NIAC include Frameworks for Dealing with Disasters and Related Interdependencies and a Resiliency Study. More information about NIAC is now available via their revised brochure at [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/niac/niac\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/niac/niac_brochure.pdf). Resources from the most recent NIAC (October 14, 2008) Meeting are also available online:

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [NIAC Frameworks for Dealing with Disasters and Related Interdependencies Working Group Slides](#)
- [NIAC Critical Infrastructure Partnership Strategic Assessment Working Group](#)

## **12. Adverse Drug Reactions Involving Heparin and Chantix Surge**

According to an analysis of federal data by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), the Food and Drug Administration received nearly 21,000 reports of serious drug reactions, including more than 4,800 deaths, while two drugs accounted for a large share of the latest reports: heparin and Chantix (a

new antismoking drug from Pfizer.) The FDA defines serious drug reactions as ones that cause hospitalization, require medical intervention, or place a life in jeopardy, while the agency's monitoring system relies on voluntary reports from physicians and is believed to capture only a fraction of overall problems. For more information, click [here](#).

### **13. AHRQ Emergency Planning Webcast Announced**

A free webcast is being held by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on Nov. 6, 2008, 12-1:30 PM EST. Presenters will offer diverse perspectives on emergency planning and the use of AHRQ tools in order to enhance surge capacity, medical supply allocation planning and resource inventories reporting systems. Participants will receive key insight on customizing AHRQ tools in order to address the distinct needs of their communities. Emergency preparedness planners as well as federal, state and local community health planners, providers and first-responders are invited to attend. AHRQ tools to be discussed include:

- [Rocky Mountain Regional Care Model for Bioterrorist Events: Locate Alternate Care Sites During an Emergency](#)
- [Mass Medical Care with Scarce Resources](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory \(EPRI\)](#)

Registration is required. [Register online](#) or for more information about this event, please e-mail [emergencypreparedness@academyhealth.org](mailto:emergencypreparedness@academyhealth.org).

### **14. WHO Guidance on PI Preparedness and Response-Request for Comments**

WHO invites Member States, technical institutions, subregional, regional and international organizations, whether governmental or nongovernmental, and all experts concerned with pandemic influenza preparedness to participate in a web-based review of draft *WHO Guidance on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response (2008)*. The revised draft updates the definitions of pandemic phases and puts more emphasis on the social and economic effects of a global epidemic, among other changes. For more information, go to [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/EN\\_guidancereview/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/EN_guidancereview/en/index.html).

### **15. Donations for Disaster Victims Made Easy**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is urging people who want to help disaster victims to make donations through voluntary organizations that are active in ongoing disaster operations. For those who don't know who to reach, there is an easy way to provide financial support, donate time and skills or donate needed products. The National Donations Management Network is a Web-based system where individuals and the private sector can offer their support online to the voluntary organizations that are actively engaged in the ongoing disaster. The National Donations Management Network is located at [www.fema.gov/donations](http://www.fema.gov/donations). Visitors to this site have the option to direct their donation to national level voluntary agencies or directly to the affected states who are managing their own state aid portals.

### **16. Flu Models Help Determine Food Distribution and School Closing Strategies**

While it is difficult to predict when the next influenza pandemic will occur or how severe it will be, researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology have developed models to help organizations like the American Red Cross and Georgia Department of Education prepare emergency response plans. Knowing how many people will need food, how many food distribution facilities will be necessary, where the facilities should be located and how the resources should be allocated among the facilities are addressed in this model. School closures and their impact on vital emergency workers are also addressed. The researchers plan to conduct future work in two areas – developing models for other states and extending the model to also include vaccine distribution. The model may also be useful for other purposes such as estimating hospital capacity needs. For more information about the project, please visit <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/10/081012164443.htm>.

### **17. Civil Engineers Design Disaster Evacuation System**

Engineers and computer scientists developed software to coordinate the movement of thousands of cars in case of an emergency evacuation. The tool is applicable to natural disasters and other events, such as the need to rapidly evacuate a sports or concert venue. It analyzes traffic flow to create an adaptable

model and adjusts routing in real time. For more information, read the story at [http://www.sciencedaily.com/videos/2008/1002-evacuation\\_routes\\_go\\_hitech.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/videos/2008/1002-evacuation_routes_go_hitech.htm) .

### **18. CDC's FluView Reports Weekly Influenza Surveillance**

NASEMSO members and the broader EMS community are reminded that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) actively maintains a web site dedicated to reporting regional influenza outbreaks across the country. This information can be used for planning purposes, prevention activities, and allocating resources. To access this information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>.

### **19. TFAH Releases Blueprint Document on Public Health Needs**

The Trust for America's Health (TFAH) released a [Blueprint for a Healthier America: Modernizing the Federal Public Health System to Focus on Prevention and Preparedness](#) with recommendations for the next Administration and Congress on ways to improve the health of Americans. More than 150 experts and organizations helped identify gaps and fixes for federal public health agencies and programs through a year-long consensus-building process. The Blueprint calls for establishing a stable, reliable funding stream for public health and provides options for funding mechanisms to make up the \$20 billion shortfall by increasing federal spending by \$12 billion and state and local spending by \$8 billion annually over the next four to five years. TFAH issued a report that found that an investment of \$10 per person per year in proven community-based programs to increase physical activity, improve nutrition, and prevent smoking and other tobacco use could save the country more than \$16 billion annually within five years. The complete report, press releases, and conference call audio are all available by clicking the above link.

### **20. NAEMT Elects New Officers at 2008 Annual Meeting**

The National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) installed its 2008 - 2009 Board of Directors, including officers and new directors, during its General Membership Meeting in Las Vegas on October 14, 2008. New officers include President Patrick F. Moore, President-Elect Connie Meyer, Treasurer Richard Ellis, Secretary Donald W. Walsh, and Immediate Past President Jerry Johnston. NASEMSO congratulates these dedicated individuals on their new roles.

### **21. House Study Group Announces Public Health Meetings**

The Congressional Study Group on Public Health is working with the Campaign for Public Health to arrange a series of meetings to discuss public health's place in the pending debate on health care reform. In order to build upon the previous discussions, the Study Group will be holding a series of meetings with public health stakeholders where specific ideas, topics and proposals can be discussed in greater detail. Additional meetings are planned between now and mid December - when the findings from this effort will be presented to the relevant House and Senate committees working on health reform.

November 12th Global health, health diplomacy and infectious diseases  
TIME: 3:30-5PM  
LOCATION: TBD

December 3rd Chronic disease, minority populations, disparities and the impact "scoring prevention" would have on public health  
TIME: 3:30-5PM  
LOCATION: TBD

Please RSVP to Lisa Salerno in Rep. McGovern's office at [lisa.salerno@mail.house.gov](mailto:lisa.salerno@mail.house.gov), Debbie Jessup in Rep. Roybal-Allard's office at [debbie.jessup@mail.house.gov](mailto:debbie.jessup@mail.house.gov), or Catherine Knowles in Rep. Granger's office at [clk.knowles@mail.house.gov](mailto:clk.knowles@mail.house.gov).

### **22. NRC Welcomes Jeffrey Barbers**

After a year-long search, the EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) has filled its resource coordinator position. Jeffrey Barbers joined the NRC earlier this week. He hails from Towson, MD, and received his degrees from Loyola College and Towson University. Before joining the NRC, he was an epidemiologist with the Baltimore City Health Department and the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. In his new

position at the NRC, Jeffrey will be working with the State Partnership team on the 2012 performance measures, with the research team on identifying and developing new resources and communication vehicles, and with the administrative team on managing the NRC's various databases. In addition, Jeffrey will assist with the development of web-based training programs. Jeffrey can be reached at [jbarbers@cncm.org](mailto:jbarbers@cncm.org) or at (202) 476.4927.

### **23. Early Pandemic Flu Wave May Protect Against Worse One Later**

New evidence about the worldwide influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 indicates that getting the flu early protected many people against a second deadlier wave, an article co-authored by an NIH epidemiologist concludes. For people who were infected in the first wave, the risk of illness in the second wave was reduced by between 35 percent to 94 percent, about the same protection as for modern vaccines — 70 percent to 90 percent. The risk of death was reduced between 56 percent to 89 percent. For more information, read the article at <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/oct2008/fic-20.htm>.

### **24. FEMA to Dispose of Damaged, Uninhabitable Temporary Housing Units**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) just announced it would resume disposal of temporary housing units determined no longer suitable by FEMA for responses to disasters. Under the Federal Management Regulation, part 102 (Personal Property), FEMA has identified units to be sold through GSA as scrap. This criterion is used when units have been inspected using industry standards and determined to have no commercial value other than the basic material content. The GSA sales announcement states that these units are intended to be purchased as scrap units only and are not intended for habitation. View the FEMA press release [here](#) --a related Q & A is available [here](#).

### **25. Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning Released by FEMA**

The FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide, CPG 101 provides general guidelines on developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs). It promotes a common understanding of the fundamentals of planning and decision making to help emergency planners examine a hazard and produce integrated, coordinated, and synchronized plans. This Guide helps emergency managers in State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal governments in their efforts to develop and maintain a viable all-hazard EOP and is now available by clicking [here](#).

### **26. Ambulance Safety Subcommittee to Hold Summit and Live Webinar**

The EMS Safety Subcommittee of the National Academies Transportation Research Board will hold its first interdisciplinary Ambulance Transportation Safety Summit on Friday November 7, 2008, 1pm-5pm EST in Washington DC. There will be an onsite panel of invited technical experts in automotive safety and occupant protection, EMS vehicle operations, transport and fleet management, ergonomics and human factors, standards and safety data capture – in addition to policy makers and EMS leaders. This Summit will also be broadcast live via Webinar. A TRB e-circular of the Summit will be also published. Access to live participation in the Webinar requires pre-registration. To register for the Live Webinar, click [here](#) for the link for registration.

### **27. Dr. Krohmer Featured in Current DHS Article on Common Sense Flu Prevention**

As Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, EMS Colleague Dr. Jon Krohmer writes about flu prevention in the current issue of Leadership Journal at <http://www.dhs.gov/journal/leadership/>. This journal is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to provide a forum to talk about our work protecting the American people, building an effective emergency preparedness and response capability, enforcing immigration laws, and promoting economic prosperity.

### **28. New Articles of Interest Provided by Objective Safety Foundation**

Three academic papers have been identified by the Objective Safety Foundation of potential interest to EMS readers.

- Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE) Technical paper - *Ambulance Vehicle Crashworthiness and Passive Safety Design: A Comparative Evaluation*, Nadine Levick MD, MPH, Raphael Grzebieta M. Eng Sci, PhD – October 2008. Click [here](#) to read the abstract or purchase the article.
- October 2008 JEMS Ambulance Safety Article – *Rig Safety 911*, Nadine Levick MD, MPH Don't be taken for the 'Ride of Your Life' – what you need to know about ambulance safety and standards. It is a brief update on the safety of ambulance vehicles, and aspects of standard development. Click [here](#) to access this online JEMS article or here for a [pdf](#) version.
- September 2008 JAMA - *Prehospital Termination of Resuscitation in Cases of Refractory Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest* abstract, Comilla Sasson, MD, MS; A. J. Hegg, MD; Michelle Macy, MD; Allison Park, MPH; Arthur Kellermann, MD, MPH; Bryan McNally, MD, MPH; for the CARES Surveillance Group  
[Click here to access abstract of JAMA EMS article](#) . And two press releases [Click for e-science news re: JAMA EMS article](#) , and [Click here for Emory University Sept 24, 2008 Press release](#) .

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

**\*Special edition of *PlanFirst (Webinar)*, featuring HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt – October 29, 1:00 P.M. (EDT)** Secretary Leavitt will provide formal remarks regarding the Nation's pandemic planning effort. He will then join a roundtable discussion to address the Nation's level of preparedness and related issues. As always, HHS guests, including Secretary Leavitt, will take questions from the viewing audience. Registration is not required. For more info, click [here](#). E-mail your questions for the Webcast panelists before and/or during the program to [hhsstudio@hhs.gov](mailto:hhsstudio@hhs.gov). Please include your first name, state and town. Please note-- you will need [Flash](#) installed on your computer to view the live video stream.

Risk and Crisis Communication Forum. November 3, 2008. Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 393-1000. Go to <http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/Crisis-Communication-21st-Century.html>. REGISTRATION FREE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

NIOSH No Fit Respirator Workshop. November 6, 2008. Embassy Suites Airport, Pittsburgh, PA. The workshop is free but registration is required <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/mcohs/>.

The Emergency Medicine Learning Resource & Center (EMLC) and the Florida EMSC program is presenting the 2008 Prehospital Pediatric Education Symposium November 11-12, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. This symposium is designed to create an educational experience that will empower EMS and ED personnel to provide the highest quality emergency care to their pediatric patients. Paramedics, EMT's, Nurses, Physician, Physicians Assistants and other allied health professionals involved in providing pediatric emergency medical care should attend. Please go to: <http://www.emlrc.org/prepeds2008.htm> for more information.

Prepare for Accreditation Using the Revised CAAS Standards. December 4, 2008  
Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, NV. To register for the seminar, click here to access the [Seminar Registration Form](#).

\*Public Health Preparedness Summit. The Summit is the largest conference for public health and emergency preparedness professionals offering a variety of plenary, panel, and poster presentations, roundtable discussions, and interactive workshops all focused on building, enhancing, and sustaining our nation's ability to plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other public health emergencies. The 2009 Public Health Preparedness Summit will be held in San Diego, February 18-20, 2009. For more information, visit <http://www.phprep.org/2009/?CFID=1518091&CFTOKEN=15027974>.

2009 ENA Leadership Conference. March 4-8, 2009. Grand Sierra Resort Reno, NV. Additional info available at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

June 8-9, 2009, NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. For more information contact Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor at (703) 538-1799, ext 4 or email [robinson@nasemso.org](mailto:robinson@nasemso.org).

Mark Your Calendar: Rural EMS and Trauma Summit series conference-- Hosted by the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation. August 25-27, 2009. The Summit at Deer Valley Lodges Park City, UT. For more information, contact Nels Sanddal at [nsanddal@citmt.org](mailto:nsanddal@citmt.org).

2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting, September 20-25, 2009, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR  
For more information contact Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor at (703) 538-1799, ext 4 or email [robinson@nasemso.org](mailto:robinson@nasemso.org).

2009 ENA Annual Meeting. General Assembly October 7-8, 2009. Scientific Assembly October 8-10, 2009. Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. Additional info available at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

SAVE THE DATE!! Fifth Annual International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine and Rural Healthcare Delivery. October 12-17, 2009 Auckland, New Zealand. For more information go to <http://www.ircp.info/>.

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