



Washington Update

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1. NASEMSO Announces 2010 Mid-Year Meeting Dates

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) announces plans to hold a joint Mid-Year meeting in conjunction with the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, May 25-27, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bethesda, Md. Councils and committees are currently slated to meet on May 25 followed by combined general sessions on May 26. The remainder of the EMSC grantee meeting will be held on May 27, 2010. More information will be posted on the [NASEMSO web site](#), as it becomes available.

2. NASEMSO Launches New Education Agenda Implementation List Serve

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) announces the availability of a new list serve open to all EMS stakeholders to learn more about national implementation efforts related to the *Education Agenda*. Although anyone will be able to subscribe to the list serve to receive information, NASEMSO will facilitate all postings and requests to minimize the ability for "phishers" and spammers to access the list. The goal is to help connect individuals and organizations with resources and to provide access to information related to the *Education Agenda* such as new documents, survey results, best practices, and other materials *as they become available*. Individuals and organizational representatives, including those who are not members of NASEMSO, are invited to subscribe to NASEMSO's EMS Education Agenda Implementation List Serve. To subscribe to the list, users will have

to send an email to lyris@lists.nasemso.org with the subject of the email containing "subscribe emseducationagendaimplementation nasemso2009" (without the quotation marks.) When you send an email, you will get a reply email asking to confirm your email address. (If a password is requested to join the list, please use nasemso2009.) The subscribing member MUST reply to the email in order to be added. For more information, or to submit content to be included, please contact NASEMSO Program Manager, [Kathy Robinson](#).

3. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for New Year

It's that time of year again!!! NASEMSO welcomes the submission of statewide and national conferences or programs of interest to the EMS community for posting on our web site and in Washington Update! Descriptions should include the title, sponsor, location, date(s), contact information, and web site (if applicable.) Please send these items to NASEMSO Webmaster Karen Thompson-- Thompson@nasemso.org and/or WU Editor Kathy Robinson-- robinson@nasemso.org.

4. NASEMSO Launches Education Agenda Needs Assessment Surveys

NASEMSO is conducting needs assessment surveys of EMS educators, EMS programs, and state EMS training coordinators to determine how the EMS community is progressing with implementation of the EMS Education Agenda. An instructional cover letter and the survey SAMPLE is now available on our [web site](#). Links to the surveys are imbedded within these documents. NASEMSO encourages participants to review the pdf files to read the survey and think about their answers in advance of logging in to the web site because once an individual starts the survey, they will not be able to exit and return to view or edit their answers. The results will be used to determine the need for resources to support implementation of the Education Agenda. The deadline for the surveys has been extended to December 31, 2009.

5. NASEMSO Joins ITS America in Transportation Letter to President Obama

NASEMSO has signed onto a letter proposed by Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) America to President Barack Obama, applauding his proposal to accelerate job creation and economic recovery through the modernization of our nation's transportation and communications infrastructure. "As you work with Congress to draft a jobs bill," states the letter, "we urge you to invest in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and operational improvements that will expand green jobs, small businesses and the smart-tech industry while also saving lives, time and money by preventing traffic accidents, improving emergency response, reducing congestion, fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, improving transportation system performance, and creating more livable, sustainable communities." The letter is posted on our web site at www.nasemso.org.

6. NASEMSO's McGinnis Testifies Before FCC on Public Safety Communications

Program Advisor Kevin McGinnis recently represented NASEMSO as a panelist at an FCC hearing on "*The Role of Broadband in Improving Public Safety Communications and Emergency Response*." The hearing focused on the specific broadband requirements for America's first responders and emergency medical personnel, as well as the use of particular technologies and applications to maximize use of broadband, the cost of implementing such communications technologies, and how the National Broadband Plan now being developed by the Commission can help bring attention to, and address, these critical public safety issues. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting was broadcast live and is now archived for viewing from the FCC's web page at http://www.fcc.gov/live/2009_11_12-workshop.html.

In related news, NASEMSO provided written comments to Public Notice (WC Docket No. 02-60) on the health care delivery elements of the national broadband plan. The FCC was seeking input related to the universal service rural

health care support mechanism and the rural health care Pilot Program and opportunities for such programs to assist in the deployment and adoption of broadband services. For more information, please contact NASEMSO Program Advisor, [Kevin McGinnis](#).

7. FEMA/FCC Announce Standards for Wireless Carriers to Receive and Deliver Emergency Alerts

As part of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), the nation's next generation of emergency alert and warning networks, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced the adoption of the design specifications for the development of a gateway interface that will enable wireless carriers to provide its customers with timely and accurate emergency alerts and warnings via their cell phones and other mobile devices. The Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) is one of many projects within IPAWS intended to provide emergency managers and the President of the United States a means to send alerts and warnings to the public. Specifically, CMAS provides Federal, state, territorial, tribal and local government officials the ability to send 90 character geographically targeted text messages to the public regarding emergency alert and warning of imminent threats to life and property, Amber alerts, and Presidential emergency messages. The CMAS is a combined effort of the federal government and cellular providers to define a common standard for cellular alerts. [Read the full press release...](#)

8. GAO Reports on Sustainability of Health Resources Following Hurricane Katrina

In 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded the \$100 million Primary Care Access and Stabilization Grant (PCASG) to Louisiana to help restore primary care services to the low-income population. Louisiana gave PCASG funds to 25 outpatient provider organizations in the greater New Orleans area. GAO was asked to testify on (1) how PCASG fund recipients used the PCASG funds, (2) how recipients used and benefited from other federal hurricane relief funds, and (3) challenges recipients faced and recipients' plans for sustaining services after PCASG funds are no longer available. The results are available in a new report available from the Government Accounting Office—"Hurricane Katrina: Federal Grants Have Helped Health Care Organizations Provide Primary Care, but Sustaining Services Will Be a Challenge." Click for the full report [GAO-10-273T](#), December 3 or [Highlights](#).

9. Resolve to be Ready Campaign Kicks Off for 2010

The New Year is fast approaching and for the sixth year the *Ready* Campaign is encouraging Americans to *Resolve to be Ready* by making a New Year's resolution to get prepared for emergencies. We hope you will join us in this effort. To help assist you in your outreach, please find the toolkit with helpful resources to promote *Resolve to be Ready* 2010 at <http://www.ready.gov/america/about/resolve2010.html>.

10. Fugate Announces FEMA Reorganization

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate recently announced reorganization efforts in progress at FEMA headquarters. The new structure will "more closely align FEMA's form with its functions, grouping various programs together based on the nature of their mission" and will "decrease the number of direct reports to the Administrator." The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has posted related information on its web site.

- [Memo from FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate to All FEMA Employees](#)
- [New FEMA Organizational Chart Effective Dec. 3, 2009](#)
- [FEMA Reorganization: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

11. DHS Unveils "Virtual USA" Information-Sharing Initiative

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano recently officially launched Virtual USA, an innovative information-sharing initiative—developed in collaboration with the emergency response community and state and local governments across the nation—that helps federal, state, local and tribal first responders communicate during emergencies. Virtual USA links disparate tools and technologies in order to share the location and status of critical assets and information—such as power and water lines, flood detectors, helicopter-capable landing sites, emergency vehicle and ambulance locations, weather and traffic conditions, evacuation routes, and school and government building floor plans—across federal, state, local and tribal governments. [More information on Virtual USA...](#)

12. Disaster Case Managers to Assist Children and Families

To better assist individuals recover from disasters, the Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration on Children and Families (ACF) and the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have signed an interagency agreement to implement an improved coordinated disaster case management program. FEMA Assistant Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Beth Zimmerman, and HHS Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, David Hansell, announced the agreement while testifying before the Senate Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery. [Read the full press release...](#)

13. REAL ID Falls Short of Its Goals

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 9, Secretary Napolitano acknowledged attempts to establish federal standards for secure identification have not been successful. States have rejected REAL ID due to their concern about exorbitant costs, unrealistic timelines, and impractical requirements. She noted that 13 states are prohibited by state statute from implementing REAL ID and that only nine of 56 jurisdictions have indicated that they have achieved all 18 benchmarks necessary to demonstrate material compliance by the December 31, 2009 deadline. According to the REAL ID regulations, driver's licenses may not be accepted for federal purposes – such as boarding an aircraft – from states that cannot achieve material compliance by this deadline. The Secretary did advocate for the passage of PASS ID (alternate legislation favored by the National Governors Association) by the end of 2009 but notes that DHS has contingency plans to deal with the upcoming deadline should Congress fail to act. PASS ID keeps the strong security standards of REAL ID but gives states flexibility in achieving them. It requires states to ensure the physical security of driver's license production process, including the ability to secure the physical premises and document materials, background checks on employees dealing with driver's licenses, and fraudulent document identification training for employees. It also requires states to validate the legitimacy of underlying "source" documents, such as birth certificates, and requires electronic verification of Social Security numbers and lawful immigration status. It also retains requirements to ensure that federal agencies may only accept PASS IDs for official purposes, such as accessing sensitive federal facilities or boarding commercial airplanes. [For more information on REAL ID deadline...](#)

14. \$2.7B Available in 2010 Preparedness Grants from DHS

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the release of fiscal year 2010 grant application guidance kits for 13 DHS grant programs totaling more than \$2.7 billion—funds for state, local, tribal and territorial governments and private sector entities to strengthen our nation’s ability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies. The guidance expands FY09 language with references to FICEMS priorities such as medical direction and NEMSIS and specifically references the Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment target capability (which addresses several EMS system issues.) NASEMSO strongly recommends that state EMS offices get in touch with the managers of the Homeland Security Grant Program in their individual states to discuss opportunities for EMS. Note especially that the State EMS Director

and State Trauma System Manager are to be included on the “Senior Advisory Committee” for the statewide preparedness program. [More information on HSGP Opportunities...](#)

15. AHRQ Study Finds Telemedicine Reduces Children’s Emergency Department Visits

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has published information from the study “Acute Illness Care Patterns Change with Use of Telemedicine,” which finds that when telemedicine is available in child care centers and schools for urban children with acute illnesses, the use of emergency departments (EDs) decreases substantially. In their study, researchers from the University of Rochester examined use of telemedicine access at 22 child care and school sites, office visits, and ED care. Children at telemedicine access sites had 22.2 percent fewer visits to EDs than those without access. For more information, visit: <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/dec09/1209RA19.htm>.

16. NRC and NEDARC Publish Manual on Non-competing Continuation Grant Guidance

The EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) and the National EMS Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) are happy to announce two new resources to help State Partnership grantees during the 2010 application season. Grantees completing either the “non-competing” or the “new/competing” EMSC State Partnership applications are required to complete the SF424 form in Grants.gov. Helpful instructions to assist with this portion of the application are now available at http://ora.stanford.edu/supporting_files/gg_SF424_Instructions.pdf. The NRC and NEDARC have created a new “EHB Instructions Manual” with step-by-step instructions to assist with the re-designed EHB pages required with the grant submission. Please note that the manual includes live links from the Table of Contents to the content described. Go to http://www.childrensnational.org/files/PDF/EMSC/ForGrantees/EHB_Template_instructions_FINAL.pdf.

17. FICEMS Releases Report on State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

“[State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness](#)” has been published by the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS). The FICEMS prepared this report to improve coordination among its member agencies on EMS system pandemic influenza preparedness. The report provides further detailed analysis of EMS and 9-1-1 pandemic influenza preparedness gaps. This analysis serves as the basis for five recommended strategies and associated action steps to be taken by FICEMS member agencies in improving EMS system preparedness nationally.

18. CDC Warns of H1N1 “Swine Flu” Phishing Scam

The Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO) at the CDC, with the Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) have received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program for the H1N1 “Swine Flu” contagion. CDC has NOT implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration on www.cdc.gov. Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. OCISO would like to remind users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

1. Do not follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
2. Use caution when visiting un-trusted websites.
3. Use caution when entering personal information online.

For an example of a phishing email, please see the CDC website on Health Related Hoaxes and Rumors at http://www.cdc.gov/hoaxes_rumors.html

19. New from the CDC: H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Preparedness Tools for Professionals

Info on the following pages provides resources to help hospital administrators and state and local health officials respond to the H1N1 flu pandemic.

- [Software: Impact2009 v 1.0](#)
Impact2009 is a spreadsheet-based program to estimate the human health burden of 2009 H1N1 influenza in a population by adjusting the number of reported laboratory-confirmed cases for several sources of under-detection.
- [Software: FluAid Special Edition](#)
This newly adapted FluAid is a spreadsheet-based software program that is designed to assist states and local level planners with estimating the state level impact of 2009 H1N1 Influenza.
- [Software: FluSurge Special Edition](#)
This newly adapted FluSurge Special Edition is a spreadsheet-based software program that provides hospital administrators and public health officials' estimates of the surge demand for hospital-based services during a 2009 H1N1 Influenza event.
- [Software: FluWorkLoss Special Edition](#)
This newly adapted FluWorkLoss Special Edition is a spreadsheet-based software program that estimates the potential number of days lost from work due to an influenza pandemic, specifically H1N1 Influenza A.

For more information, go to <http://www.flu.gov/professional/planningtools.html>.

20. GAO Report Focuses on Implementation of National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza

The previous administration’s Homeland Security Council (HSC) issued the *Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza* (Plan) in May 2006 to help address a pandemic. GAO was asked to (1) determine how the HSC and responsible federal agencies monitor the progress and completion of the Plan’s action items; and (2) assess the extent to which selected action items have been completed. To do this, GAO interviewed officials from the HSC and the six federal agencies responsible for implementing most of the Plan, and analyzed a random sample of 60 action items. To view “*Influenza Pandemic: Monitoring and Assessing the Status of the National Pandemic Implementation Plan Needs Improvement*,” go to [GAO-10-73](#), or click here to view [Highlights](#).

21. New York Autopsies Show 2009 H1N1 Influenza Virus Damages Entire Airway

In fatal cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza, the virus can damage cells throughout the respiratory airway, much like the viruses that caused the 1918 and 1957 influenza pandemics, report researchers from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner. The scientists reviewed autopsy reports, hospital records and other clinical data from 34 people who died of 2009 H1N1 influenza infection between May 15 and July 9, 2009. All but two of the deaths occurred in New York City. A microscopic examination of tissues throughout the airways revealed that the virus caused damage primarily to the upper airway — the trachea and bronchial tubes — but tissue damage in the lower airway, including deep in the lungs, was present as well. Evidence of secondary bacterial infection was seen in more than half of the victims. For more information, please go to <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/dec2009/niid-07.htm>.

22. WHO Addresses Mutation; Antiviral Resistance Issues

The World Health Organization (WHO) is awaiting more details on clusters of oseltamivir-resistant pandemic H1N1 cases in the United States and Wales, but doesn't think they signal a major shift in the virus, Keiji Fukuda, MD, pandemic adviser to the director-general, said at a recent briefing. He pointed out that the clusters involved

severely immunocompromised patients. He added that it's not clear if recently reported mutations are linked to more severe disease. [\[Nov 26 WHO media briefing transcript\]](#)

23. New NIOSH Respirator 'One-Stop-Shop' Web Resource

NIOSH has developed a new respirator web page containing information that should be regarded as a reliable source to identify NIOSH-approved respirators; how to obtain products; and how to use them. The page will be dynamic; information will be added as it becomes available. For more information, go to http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/RespSource.html.

24. OSHA's Emphasizes Fall 2009 Regulatory Priorities

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration's (OSHA) regulatory program is designed to help workers and employers identify and control hazards in the workplace and prevent injuries, illnesses and fatalities. OSHA's current regulatory program demonstrates a renewed commitment to worker protection. OSHA's major projects that potentially impact EMS include:

- **Airborne Infectious Diseases**
Airborne infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), and influenza can be spread from person-to-person. OSHA is interested in protecting the nation's 13 million healthcare workers from airborne infectious diseases. Healthcare-acquired infections are on the rise and there are also increasing levels of drug-resistant microorganisms in healthcare settings. Most current infection control efforts are intended primarily for patient protection and not for worker protection. In March 2010, OSHA intends to publish a Request for Information to help examine how to improve worker protection from exposure to airborne diseases.
- **Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Requirements (Musculoskeletal Disorders)**
OSHA is proposing to revise its regulation on Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (Recordkeeping) to restore a column on the OSHA 300 Injury and Illness Log that employers will check when recording work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). The MSD data from the column will help about 750,000 employers and 40 million workers track injuries at individual workplaces, and improve the Nation's occupational injury and illness information data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The MSD column was removed from the OSHA 300 Log in 2003. The Agency will issue a proposed rule in January 2010.

For more information on the Agency's regulatory priorities, go to <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/2009regulatory-priorities.html>.

25. New Highway Technology Report Available from GAO

Legislation enacted in 2005 required the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish the Real-Time System Management Information Program, in order to provide states the capability to monitor traffic and travel conditions on major highways and share that information. As requested, this GAO report addresses, among other things, (1) how the public and private sectors disseminate real-time traffic information to the public, (2) actions DOT has taken to establish the Real-Time System Management Information Program, and (3) experts' views on the need for a nationwide real-time traffic information system and its potential characteristics. To read "*Surface Transportation: Efforts to Address Highway Congestion through Real-Time Traffic Information Systems Are Expanding but Face Implementation Challenges*" go to [GAO-10-121R](#), Click [here](#) for Highlights.

26. Over 107 Million Personal Vehicles Entered the U.S. in 2008

More than 107 million personal vehicles entered the United States in 2008, 28.7 million from Canada and 78.9 million from Mexico, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). Additionally, 10.8 million trucks, 394,000 buses, and 40,000 trains entered the U.S. in 2008. BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, recently released the data as part of the fifth annual update of the North American Transportation Statistics (NATS) online database. This fifth annual update of the

[NATS database](#) contains the most comparable transportation-related data available from the United States, Canada, and Mexico in a one-stop online resource. The NATS database is co-sponsored by BTS and the U.S. Census Bureau with the federal-level transportation and statistical agencies of Canada and Mexico. See [BTS North American Transportation Statistics](#) press release for summary tables and additional data.

27. GAO Reviews State Use of Highway Funds

Three-quarters of Recovery Act highway funds have been obligated, and reimbursements from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are increasing. As of November 16, 2009, \$20.4 billion had been obligated for just over 8,800 highway projects nationwide and \$4.2 billion had been reimbursed nationwide by FHWA. States continue to dedicate most Recovery Act highway funds for pavement projects, but use of funds may vary depending on state transportation goals. To view *“Recovery Act: States’ Use of Highway and Transit Funds and Efforts to Meet the Act’s Requirements,”* go to [GAO-10-312T](#), or click on the following links for [Summary](#) (HTML) and [Highlights Page](#) (PDF).

28. And The Winner Is...Drew Dawson!

Office of EMS Director Drew Dawson has been awarded the NHTSA Administrator’s Employee of the Year Award. Acting Deputy Administrator Ron Medford presented the award during a Dec. 3 ceremony at DOT headquarters. In accepting the award, Mr. Dawson was cheered on by a packed crowd of NHTSA employees, including the entire staff of the Office of EMS and key State and Federal EMS leaders. However, the Awards Program more specifically outlines what earned Mr. Dawson this year’s honor: “His expertise, thoughtfulness, strategic thinking, work ethic, and demeanor have given NHTSA a model EMS office that plays an outside role in developing, coordinating, and implementing national EMS policies.” NASEMSO congratulates Drew, his EMS office, and all the NHTSA award winners. [Complete details here](#) and at [www.ems.gov](#).

29. NIH to Host Regional Seminars on Grant Policy and Procedure

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be hosting two regional seminars focusing on the latest NIH grants policy and process information. Sessions will include information on federal regulations and policies, fundamentals of the grants process, peer review, and NIH initiatives. In addition, the NIH electronic Research Administration (eRA) hands-on computer workshops will be offered in conjunction with a seminar, providing attendees with experience on how to interact electronically with NIH. The seminars will take place April 14-16, 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and June 23-25, 2010 in Portland, Oregon. For more information, <http://nexus.od.nih.gov/nexus/nexus.aspx?ID=349&Month=12&Year=2009>.

30. NFA Course Applications Due December 15

Excellent opportunities exist in EMS, Health & Safety, Prevention, Arson, Hazardous Materials, Management Science, Incident Management and other programs for April-September 2010. Any person with substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services (EMS), fire-related emergency management activities, or allied professions is eligible to apply for NFA courses. Courses are free, lodging is free*, a stipend for travel is paid*. (*For eligible state and local government agency personnel. Details can be found in the Course Catalog at http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/0910_nfa_catalog.pdf or by contacting NETC Admissions at 301-447-1035 or netc-admissions@dhs.gov.) The deadline is COB Tuesday December 15, 2009. Applications must be mailed or faxed to NETC Admissions. More information on courses, application process and the application form is available on the NFA website at www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa. Please remember that all applications must be complete, including the Department Head’s signature in block 22.

31. CDC “Statcast” Highlights Fatal Poisonings Involving Opioid Analgesics

[Increase in Fatal Poisonings Involving Opioid Analgesics in the United States, 1999-2006 \[MP3 - 5.12 MB\]](#)

Margaret Warner, PhD, Injury Epidemiologist with the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, discusses the alarming surge in poisoning fatalities linked to opioid painkillers in the U.S.

- [Read Transcript](#)
- [View Full Report \[PDF - 1.2 MB\]](#)

32. Implications of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) During Public Health Emergencies and on Alternate Sites of Care

Roszak AR, Wild RE, Handrigan MT. (2009) in Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness. Free download available at http://www.dmphp.org/cgi/content/full/3/Supplement_2/S172.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*****STATEWIDE EMS CONFERENCES*****

None scheduled for the remainder of 2009.

*****National Conferences and Special Meetings*****

* **NEW DATE!!** EMSC Town Hall Conference Calls 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (eastern) January 26, 2010. The local number is (202) 476-6338 or call toll-free dial (877) 355-6338 and enter EMSC (3672) for the meeting ID#.

*NAEMSP 2010 Conference -- January 7-9, 2010 Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort Phoenix, Arizona. For more information, go to <http://www.naemsp.org/meetings.html>.

Institute of Medicine Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. January 13-14, 2010 Washington, DC. See <http://www.iom.edu/en/Activities/PublicHealth/MedPrep.aspx> for more information.

*2010 Big National Conference for Leaders of Little and Medium EMS Agencies. February 1-5, 2010. East St. Louis, IL. For more information, go to <http://bnc.ncemsi.org/>.

*ENA Leadership Conference. February 17-21, 2010. Hyatt Regency Chicago. Chicago, IL. For more information, go to www.ena.org.

The NIOSH Personal Protective Technology Program will host the 3rd Annual Stakeholders’ Meeting on March 2 and 3, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Airport.

*EMS Today. JEMS Conference and Exposition. March 2-6, 2010. Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. More information at www.EMSToday.com.

*2010 AAMS Spring Conference. March 17-19, 2010 Washington Marriott at Metro Center, Washington, DC. For more information, go to www.aams.org.

* EMSC Town Hall Conference Call. April 14, 2010 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (eastern). The local number is (202) 476-6338 or call toll-free dial (877) 355-6338 and enter EMSC (3672) for the meeting ID#.

*IAFC's Fire Rescue Med Conference. May 1-5, 2010. Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. For more information, go to <http://www.iafc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=6>.

EMS ON THE HILL DAY, May 3-4, 2010, Washington, D.C. Updates and more information on the event will be posted on the NAEMT web site, www.naemt.org.

*ACEP 2010 Leadership and Advocacy Conference. May 16-19, 2010. Washington, DC. Go to www.acep.org for more information.

*Joint NASEMSO Mid-Year/EMSC Grantee Meeting. May 25-27, 2010. Doubletree Hotel, Bethesda, MD. More info at www.nasemso.org.

Institute of Medicine Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. June 9-10, 2010. Washington, DC. See <http://www.iom.edu/en/Activities/PublicHealth/MedPrep.aspx> for more information.

*EMSC Town Hall Conference Calls 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (eastern) July 14, 2010. The local number is (202) 476-6338 or call toll-free dial (877) 355-6338 and enter EMSC (3672) for the meeting ID#.

*Pinnacle 2010. July 26-30, 2010. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. San Diego, CA For more information, go to www.pinnacle-ems.com.

*15th Annual NAEMSE Symposium. September 7-12, 2010. Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL. For more information, go to <http://www.naemse.org/symposium>.

* NAEMT Annual Meeting at EMS EXPO 2010 - Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2010. Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX. For more information, go to <http://www.firehouseevents.com/>.

*ACEP Scientific Assembly 2010. September 28 - October 1, 2010. Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV. For more information, go to www.acep.org.

Institute of Medicine Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. October 6-7, 2010. Washington, DC. See <http://www.iom.edu/en/Activities/PublicHealth/MedPrep.aspx> for more information.

NASEMSO Annual Meeting. October 10-15, 2010, Norfolk Marriott Waterside/Waterside Convention Center Norfolk, Virginia. More info available at www.nasemso.org. Sponsorship and exhibitor information [now available](#).

*2010 Air Medical Transport Conference October 11-13, 2010. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For more information, go to www.aams.org.

*ECCU 2010. Emergency Cardiac Care Update, December 8-11, 2010. San Diego, CA. Sponsored by the Citizen CPR Foundation. For more information, go to <http://eccu2010.com/>.

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