



Washington Update

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15. NIOSH Science Blog Focuses on Respiratory Protection for Responders Since 9/11
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11. DHS Announces Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Learning Series
12. FEMA Announces Creation of Children's Working Group
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27. CMS Revises Mileage Processing on Ambulance Claims

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29. NAEMSE to Induct New Officers
30. NREMT Associate Director Participates in DC Fellowship
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9. RFID Chips in Official ID's Raise Privacy Fears
10. USDA and HHS Praise Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response
11. SCRATCHbot Developed to Find Disaster Survivors
12. DHS, FEMA, and Citizen Corps Participate in "United We Serve"
13. FEMA Releases Results of Citizen Corps Survey
14. Battery Storage Systems: Inherent Hazards for Emergency Responders

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15. Learn to Prevent & Recognize Concussions Toolkit Available from CDC
16. E-cigarettes Deliver Nicotine Without Tobacco

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18. AEMS Encourages Stakeholders to Support PSOB Language for Non-Profit Employees
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21. NHTSA Releases Online Child Passenger Safety Week Planner
22. QuickStats: Motor-Vehicle Traffic and Poisoning Death Rates, by Age --- United States, 2005—2006
23. NHTSA Data Indicates Record Low Traffic Fatalities in 2008

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24. Rural Tour Highlights Federal Efforts to Rebuild and Revitalize America

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25. HHS Releases New Nationwide Emergency Department Sample Data
26. Voluntary Recall of Concentrated Acetaminophen Drops in Effect
27. FDA Approves Fentanyl Buccal Soluble Film

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30. Vaccine Refusal Increases Risk for Pertussis in Unvaccinated Children

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3. NEMSIS Task Force Announces New Representatives

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4. State-Level Stakeholder Dialogue on FEMA Preparedness Integration Study Now Open
5. ADA Emergency Preparedness Guide for Local Governments Useful to EMS
6. DHS Exercises Federal COOP Plans
7. FEMA Encourages Participation in National Preparedness Month Coalition
8. Novel H1N1 Now Spreading in Southern Hemisphere
9. FEMA Research Provides Insights on Personal Preparedness
10. New GAO Report Addresses Impact of FTCA on Volunteers in Health Centers
11. New Emergency Use Authorization Online Course

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12. CDC Revises Hepatitis B Vaccine Schedule for Kids
13. FDA Seeks Public Input on Tobacco Regulation
14. Broselow Info Now Posted on NASEMSO Web Site

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15. Senator Leahy Introduces Bill Extending Death Benefits to Non-Profit EMS
16. House Passes Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Including EMS Language

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17. New NIOSH Publication Highlights Worker Safety

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18. New GAO Report Outlines Status of Highway Trust Fund

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19. CDC Publishes Updated Quick Stat Data on Top 3 Injury Deaths

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20. CDC Publishes New General Workplace Guidelines for H1N1
21. FDA Panel Votes to Ban Vicodin, Percocet, and Other Combination Analgesics

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2. NASEMSO to Preview New Comparison Document for Education Agenda
3. State EMS Directors Participate in IOM Sponsored National Emergency Care Enterprise Summit
4. NASEMSO "Just in Time" Primer for Pan Flu Revised

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5. FY 2009 H1N1 Supplemental Includes \$350 Million for States
6. HHS Announces Release of \$6 Billion in New CHIP Funds to Insure Children

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7. NEMSIS Version 3 Draft Available for Comment

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8. EMR-ISAC Recommends CSB Web Site and Videos
9. New EMI Courses Launched
10. FEMA Notice Regarding Exam Submissions for IS-100a and IS 200.a
11. DHS Announces Nearly \$1.8 Billion in Fiscal Year 2009 Preparedness Grants

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12. New Mexico Releases Online Pediatric Emergency Training Modules

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13. AEMS Provides Update on Emergency Care Regionalization Pilot Projects
14. USDA Community Facilities Loans and Grants May Benefit Rural Emergency Medical Services

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15. CDC Updates Information on H1N1 Infections Among Health-Care Personnel
16. NIOSH Announces Meeting to Discuss Respirator Standards
17. TFAH Provides "Lessons Learned" Report on H1N1 Outbreak

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18. ECCC and ECE Web Sites Now Available
19. FDA Issues Public Health Advisory Regarding Levemir Insulin

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20. New GAO Reports Highlight Several Topics of Interest
21. NEMSAC Statement Lists Principles for Health Care Reform Discussion
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NASEMSO NEWS

1. Registration Still Open for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
2. JEMS Honors NASEMSO Member for EMS Innovations
3. CDC Assisted by NASEMSO in EMS Guidance for Pandemic Influenza

COMMUNICATIONS

4. FCC Moving Towards Increased Broadband Service in Rural Areas; DTV Nears Full Implementation

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. W. Craig Fugate is Sworn-In as FEMA's New Administrator
6. President Announces White House Organization for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
7. New Online Course Highlights Forensic Epidemiology
8. Freeway Complex Fire AAR Shows Self-Dispatching Still a Problem
9. Mask and Respirator Shortfalls Predicted if True Influenza Pandemic Occurs
10. New GAO Report Highlights National Preparedness
11. Emergency Responder ID Program Progresses
12. IOM to Host Medical Surge Forum

EMSC

13. CMS Seeks Nominations for CHIP Working Group
14. Well Water Should Be Tested Annually to Reduce Health Risks to Children

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

15. CMS Provides Advice on ABN for Uncovered Ambulance Services
16. NIOSH Re-opens Public Comment Period for Closed-Circuit Respirators

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. UPDATED: Interim Guidance for Facemask and Respirator Use to Reduce H1N1 Virus Transmission
18. NIOSH Occupational Safety "Prevention Through Design" Plan Posted for Public Comment

HIGHWAY SAFETY

19. Vehicle Telematics Initiative Will Provide Needed Research for EMS Trauma Triage Protocols

FEDERAL PARTNERS

20. CDC to Offer Immunization Update
21. To Boldly Go Where No Medical Response Has Gone Before
22. USFA Highlights Medical Facility Fires in TFRS
23. CMS Posts Q & A Regarding H1N1 and EMTALA Requirements

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

24. ISMP Safety Brief: Dosing mistake on 2007 Broselow Tape

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

25. Research Links Vaccine Refusal to Increased Risk for Pertussis

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide EMS Conferences

National Conferences and Special Meetings

[May 15, 2009](#)

NAEMSO NEWS

1. Registration Still Open for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
2. NASEMSO Provides Testimony at House HEMS Subcommittee Hearing

FOR THE STATES

3. Influenza Update
 - I. NASEMSO Responds to H1N1 Influenza Crisis; Reminds Members of EMS and 9-1-1 Guidelines
 - II. NASEMSO Members Help Develop CDC Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection
 - III. Link to Interim Guidance for Cleaning Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Transport Vehicles during an Influenza Pandemic
 - IV. Link to EMS Checklist for Pandemic Planning
 - V. Link to Additional NASEMSO Resources for H1N1
 - VI. EMS Best Practices
 - VII. Clarification Related to Facemasks and N-95 Respirators Related to H1N1 Influenza Virus
 - VIII. WHO Publishes Revised World Pandemic Guidance

COMMUNICATIONS

4. FCC Adopts Rules to Expand First Responders' Use of 4.9 GHz Broadband Communications

DATA

5. HHS Publishes Guidance for Breach Notification
6. FTC Publishes Proposed Breach Notification Rule for Electronic Health Information

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

7. FEMA Announces Release of Final Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101
8. Independent FEMA Hearings Held by CTI
9. NIOSH Issues New Guidance on PPE and Respirators for Biological Agents
10. New CDC Director Appointed
11. Federal Court Rules in Favor of US Government in Tort Claims Involving Hurricane Katrina

EMSC

12. State Children's Health Legislation Report Now Available from AAP
13. AAP Feature's EMSC Day on its Website

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

14. Emergency Supplemental Bill Addresses Pan Flu Funding

HIGHWAY SAFETY

15. IntelliDriveSM Proof of Concept (POC) Results -- Coming Soon to an Ambulance Near You?

FEDERAL PARTNERS

16. CMS Provides IG Supporting EMS Participation in Protocol Development
17. FDA Approval of Expanded Age Indication for Tdap Vaccine
18. AFG and JAG Application Periods Open --Deadline May 20

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

19. Job Announcement: Deputy Director for Field Operations Maryland Institute for EMS Systems
20. Geriatrics Society Changes Its Pain Management Guidelines

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

21. Reversal of Profound Neuromuscular Block by Sugammadex
22. Courts Rule in Favor of the State in DUI Cases

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

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

[Apr. 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. State Spotlight Profiles Virginia
2. 2009 NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting Agenda and Registration Form Now Posted
3. NASEMSO Joins Coalition Support of CDC Core Programs
4. New Banner Ads to Appear on NASEMSO Web Site

DATA

5. Free Software Helps Federal Health Architecture Deliver Scalable IT Solution to NHIN

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. New CDC Video Shows How to Use Hand-held Radiation Survey Equipment
7. FEMA Publishes Final Rule To Reflect Current Organizational Structure
8. DHS Announces Nearly \$970 Million in Preparedness Grant Final Allocations
9. New NIOSH Documents Available on Protection from Biological Agents
10. EMR-ISAC Highlights ESS Resources for Radiological Dispersal Devices

EMSC

11. NRC Releases EMSC Day Toolkit
12. Child Care and Vaccination Programs to Benefit from Recovery Act
13. Head Start Programs to Receive Over \$2 Billion in Recovery Act Funding
14. Help GASP Stop the Choking Game
15. Senate Passes Budget Amendment to Fully Fund MCH Block Grants in FFY2010

HEALTH

16. FDA Clears Rapid Test for Avian Influenza A Virus in Humans
17. CNET News Recommends New Twitter Application for Predicting Pan Flu
18. NPHIC Provides Pan Flu Materials for Communications Partners

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

19. Zoll Defibrillators Require 'Urgent Medical Device Correction'
20. ACC/AHA Release Consensus Document on Pulmonary Hypertension

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[March 31, 2009](#)

BREAKING NEWS... Please note that H.R. 479, the Wakefield Act, is #12 on the House suspension calendar for today, Monday, March 30. Legislative business begins at 2:30pm, with votes after 6:30pm. If you have letters ready urging House members to vote for the bill, please send them ASAP!

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Releases New Tools to Aid Education Agenda Implementation
2. NASEMSO Features State Spotlight Profiles
3. NASEMSO Supports PSOB Benefits for EMS
4. NASEMSO Joins Partner Organizations to Support Function 550 Health Spending
5. Call for Speakers at Alaska State EMS Conference

FOR THE STATES

6. New NGA State Workforce Best Practices Document Now Available
7. US District Court Dismisses Eagle Air Lawsuit Against Colorado CDPHE
8. HHS Launches New Office of Recovery Act Coordination
9. New Funds for 1,128 Health Centers- Additional 2 Million Patients Will Receive Care
10. New TFAH Report Focuses on Public Health Funding
11. 6th Annual TFAH Report on State Preparedness Now Available Online

CLINICAL (Information Related to Patient Care)

12. IOM Releases HIPAA Privacy Rule Report
13. Updated AHA Clinical Practice Guideline Describes Heart Failure Treatment for Adults
14. NHLBI Halts Study of Concentrated Saline for Patients with Shock Due to Lack of Survival Benefit
15. New GAO Report Finds Unethical Practices in IRB System

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

16. Fugate Nominated as FEMA Administrator
17. NASEMSO Adds Decontamination Resource to Web Site
18. AHRQ Releases Recommendations for a National Emergency Evacuation System
19. FEMA Announces NLE 2009
20. New GAO Report Focuses on Disaster Recovery
21. CHEMTREC DVD Now Available
22. New GAO Report Reflects DHS Progress Since 2006

EMSC

23. New AHRQ Tools Focus on Care of Children
24. National Heroes Award Nominations Due April 3

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

25. Guidebook Available on Stimulus Funds
26. National Trauma Center Stabilization Act Introduced in Senate

HEALTH

27. New GAO Report Focuses on Pan Flu Preparedness Efforts

HIGHWAY SAFETY

28. Comments Sought on Road Safety White Paper
29. UM Proposes Improvements in Analysis of Crash Data

TRAUMA

30. Rethinking Drinking Offers Tools to Assess and Change Risky Drinking Habits
31. Preventable Injuries Burden State Budgets

FEDERAL PARTNERS

32. SAMHSA Accepting Applications for \$1.5 Million in Grants for Supportive Housing Services
33. President Nominates HHS Secretary
34. CDC Releases Data from NVDRS
35. HHS Issues Special Report on Health Reform and Launches New Web Site
36. HHS Names National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

37. Landmark FEMA Firefighter Health Study Results Released
38. Kidde Recalls to Replace Fire Extinguishers Due to Failure to Operate
39. Power Through It All™ Materials Now Available
40. IHI Announces New Patient Safety Tool
41. Last Call for EMS Week Toolkit Orders

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

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[Feb. 28, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Signs Letter to Support EMSC Reauthorization
2. NASEMSO Advocates for HMS Safety Bill

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

3. Diverse National Organizations Form Interoperability Council
4. NENA Releases Updated E9-1-1 Model Legislation

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. AHRQ Releases Recommendations for a National Emergency Evacuation System
6. Downloadable Materials Available for IS-700a Group Training
7. ASPR-ASTHO Webcast: Mental Health in Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery
8. Preparedness Resources for Healthcare Facilities Launched by CDC
9. Electronic Version of NIPP Now Available
10. PPE Web Site Offers Safety Resources

EMSC

11. NRC Hiring for New Director Position

HIGHWAY SAFETY

12. NASEMSO Members Invited to TSAG Webinar

TRAUMA

13. Arkansas Legislature Approves Tax to Fund Trauma
14. MMWR Publishes Motor Vehicle Related Deaths

FEDERAL PARTNERS

15. President Obama Picks Prominent Nurse to Lead HRSA
16. HHS Seeks Feedback on Pandemicflu.gov
17. FDA Issues New Warning for Healthcare Professionals on Zonisamide
18. CMS Report: Growth in National Health Expenditures Expected to Slow in 2009
19. Public Health Law 101 Now Available from CDC
20. CDC Releases Annual Health Impact Report

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

21. Advocates for EMS Elects New Officers
22. Overton Named President/CEO of Road Safety International, Inc.
23. IAFC and Physio-Control Call for Award Nominations
24. New Suicide Trend Could Pose Risk to EMS Responders

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

25. Cognitive impairments in survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest
26. Sorry to Say, Folks! None of Us Are Getting Any Younger!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Feb. 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Endorses Altmire HEMS Bill
2. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Director

3. NASEMSO Signs Letter to Support Increased Health and Wellness Funding
4. NASEMSO Provides Witness Testimony at NTSB Hearings
5. NASEMSO Briefs DHS on Disaster Concerns
6. State Spotlight Profiles Still Needed

FOR THE STATES

7. GAO Report Outlines State Medicaid Funding in Stimulus Package
8. Bad Economy Could Incentivize States to Adopt Primary Seat Belt Laws
9. Draft Accreditation Standards for Health Boards Available for Comment

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

10. Public Safety Groups Disappointed by Delay for Digital TV Transition
11. FEMA Posts Telecommunicator Emergency Response Strategies
12. 95 Percent of Americans Now Reside in Areas Covered by Phase II Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. New Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation Available from EPA
14. New Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Product Posted to NRC Website
15. New FEMA Independent Study Program Courses Available
16. New Anthrax Vaccination Q&A Available from CDC
17. National Disaster Housing Strategy Released

EMSC

18. Congress Passes SCHIP Bill

EMS EDUCATION AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

19. National EMS Education Standards and Instructor Guidelines Now Available

EMS SAFETY

20. USFA Releases Health and Wellness Guide

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

21. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
22. AEMS Announces Legislative Priorities for 111th Congress

HEALTH

23. Minnesota Engages Citizens in Pan Flu Ethics Discussion
24. Flu News

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. National Auto Safety Database Rolls Out
26. Seat Belt Manual Launched by UN Road Safety Group

RURAL EMS

27. AHA Rural Healthcare Forum Presentations Now Available

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. CDC Releases Annual Health Report
29. FDA Advisory Panel Votes to Ban Painkillers Darvon and Darvocet
30. Important Notice Regarding Grants.gov
31. Emergency Preparedness Chief Named Acting CDC Director
32. FDA to Tighten Opioid Restrictions

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

33. America's 911 Systems in Crisis
34. AHA Advisory Recommends Prudent Use of Heart-Imaging Exams
35. Guidelines on Opioids in Noncancer Pain Issued

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

36. Prevention of IV Catheter Related Infections
37. Chances of Surviving Cardiac Arrest Depend On Where Patients Are Treated
38. Laryngoscopy Requires More Force When Manual In-Line Stabilization Is Used

[Jan. 31, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Releases Issue Brief on the Need for Shared Regulation of Air Medical Services
2. NASEMSO Comments on Activation and Reimbursement Concerns for EMS Disaster Response

DATA

3. HHS Issues Final ICD-10 Code Sets and Updated Electronic Transaction Standards Rules
4. HHS Releases New Report on Medical Identity Theft

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. New Administration Announces Plans to Support Emergency Responders
6. New DHS Secretary Outlines Priorities for FEMA
7. IOM Hosts Regional Forums on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events
8. CDC Publishes Report on Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response Activities
9. AHRQ Public Health Emergency Preparedness Webcast Scheduled
10. Keep It With You: Personal Medical Information Form Available from CDC
11. CDC Provides New Guidance on Handling of Suspicious Packages or Envelopes

EMS-C

12. House Supports Children's Health in Two New Bills
13. NRC Seeks Nominations for 2009 National Heroes Awards

EMS SAFETY

14. NIOSH Blog Reviews Improved Criteria for Emergency Medical Protective Clothing
15. OSHA QuickCards Available
16. NIOSH to Hold NPPTL Stakeholders Meeting

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

17. FTC Will Grant Six-Month Delay of Enforcement of 'Red Flags' Rule
18. House Releases Economic Stimulus Package

HEALTH

19. Getting Beyond Getting Ready for Pandemic Influenza

HIGHWAY SAFETY

20. Call for 2009 National Roadway Safety Awards Nominations
21. Drinking Age Laws and Driving Report Now Available

TRAUMA

22. Field Triage Materials Now Available from the CDC

FEDERAL PARTNERS

23. NHTSA Fall/Winter EMS Update Newsletter Now Available
24. New GAO Report Highlights Process for Class III Medical Devices
25. CDC Publishes Interim Guidance for Smallpox Vaccines

ORGANIZATION AND INDUSTRY NEWS

26. IOM Plans Workshop on Emergency Care
27. NREMT Seeks Item Writers
28. 2009 AHA Environmental Scan Webcast is Now Available
29. The National Academies Need Your Help!
30. IAFC Reflects on Economic Challenges for Fire and EMS

31. US District Court Denies Motion for Class Certification in FEMA Emergency Housing Case

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

32. Gasping During Cardiac Arrest Is Associated with Improved Survival

33. Half-a-Million Strong: The Emergency Medical Services Response to a Single-Day, Mass-Gathering Event

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Jan. 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Seeks State Spotlight Profiles

AIR MEDICAL

2. Safety of Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) Operations Hearing Nears

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

3. NCTC Releases 2009 Counterterrorism Calendar

4. Evacuation Distances for Bomb Threats

5. Update to IS-700 Now Available

EMS SAFETY

6. Healthcare Employment Linked With Increased Bloodborne Pathogen Mortality

7. It Is Not Too Late to Get Your Flu Shot!

8. Safety Notice Issued on Air Mask Couplings

HEALTH

9. Antiviral Resistance Among Influenza A(H1N1) and Interim Guidance for Antivirals

10. Recommended Adult Vaccination Schedules Published in MMWR

11. New Computer Simulation Shows Movement of Population Using Navteq

HIGHWAY SAFETY

12. Study Focuses on Washington Trucking Industry

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. FDA Approves BioThrax Supplemental Biologics License Application

14. HHS Announces New Resource for Medical Countermeasures

15. Snap Shots of State Population Data Version 1.5 Now Available

16. HHS Issues Action Plan to Prevent Health Care-Associated Infections

17. HHS Releases Sixth Pandemic Planning Update

18. USFA Releases Provisional 2008 Firefighter Fatality Statistics

ORGANIZATION AND INDUSTRY NEWS

19. NEMSMA Makes Recommendations to Obama Transition Team

20. OIG Issues Advisory Opinions on Tax Payments as Revenue to Fund EMS Transportation

21. Fire Service Organizations Want FEMA to Stay at DHS

22. AHA Publishes Appropriateness Criteria for Coronary Revascularization

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

23. Excessive Use of Antiviral Drugs Could Aid Deadly Flu

24. PTSD Symptomology Associated with Witnessing Unsuccessful Out-of-Hospital CPR

25. Survival with Emergency Tourniquet Use to Stop Bleeding in Major Limb Trauma

26. Let the Surgeon Sleep: Trauma Team Activation for Severe Hypotension

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide EMS Conferences

National Conferences and Special Meetings

[Dec. 31, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Releases New Communications Monograph

2. Presentations from EMS Program Accreditation Webinar Now Available

3. Researchers Seek Participants in First Responder Survey on Peds Resuscitation

4. DHS Announces Revised National Incident Management System

5. FEMA Releases Draft Credentialing Guideline; Seeks Comment
6. FEMA Releases Draft NIMS I&I; Seeks Comment
7. Domestic Bombing Medical Form Now Available from CDC
8. NIPP Update Now Available from DHS
9. NIOSH Issues Safety Notice Concerning HUD Quick Disconnect
10. New Model Estimates Emergency Evacuation Needs for Health Care Facilities
11. NEMSIS Procedure Code Update for Version 2.2.1
12. New EMR-ISAC Bulletins Now Available Online
13. HHS Releases Guidance for Use and Stockpiling of Antiviral Drugs for Pandemic Influenza
14. Early Reports Indicate This Season's Flu Virus Largely Resistant to Oseltamivir
15. NFID Finds Mid-Season Flu Immunization Rates Too Low
16. 2009 Pediatric Immunization Schedules Approved
17. WISER 4.2 Now Available from NIH
18. State Budget Cuts Jeopardize America's Health
19. California Good Samaritan Can Be Sued for Non-Medical Care
20. DHS Develops Privacy Guidelines for S & T Directorate
21. FEMA Launches New Website for Disaster Assistance
22. Upcoming Events

[Dec. 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO to Host December 19 Webinar on EMS Education Agenda
2. NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Data Now Available
3. NASEMSO Members and Partners Asked to Provide Conference Dates for 2009
4. CDC Rollout of Trauma Field Triage Decision Scheme Announced
5. NTSB Calls on States to Continue Adopting "Most Wanted" Highway Safety Items
6. SAMHSA Releases New Data on Drug-related Hospital Emergency Department Visits
7. 2009 Emergency Medicine Report Card Now Available
8. TFAH Announces 6th Annual Survey Now Available
9. Patterns of Abuse Among Unintentional Pharmaceutical Overdose Fatalities Available
10. CMS Approves New ICD-9 V-Code for Certain Stroke Patients
11. Presentations from NIOSH Respiratory Standards Meeting Now Available
12. Rural AED Grant Application Now Available
13. New Reports on Child Injury Now Available
14. IOM Reflects on Health Care Workforce and Aging America in New Publication
15. IOM Committee Provides Final Report on HHS Ability to Lead
16. DC Policy Summit Discusses Ordinary Security Dangers for New Administration
17. Mobile Version of REMM Website Now Available
18. New Study Examines Impact Of 7.7 Magnitude Earthquake on Central U.S.
19. FDA Panel Votes to Ban Two Drugs for Asthma
20. CDP Offers Leadership Course Geared for EMS Interests
21. New WHO Manual for the Healthcare of Children in Humanitarian Emergencies Released
22. HHS Announces PlanFirst Webcast on Antiviral Use and Stockpiling
23. DHS Provides Revised Infrastructure Taxonomy
24. New Literature Review Reveals Myths in Emergency Care for the Uninsured
25. IRMRC Ambulance Transport Safety Webinar and Handout Provided
26. GAO Reports Commercial Terrorism Insurance Still Hard to Find
27. NFPA Approves Technical Committee to Develop Ambulance Standards
28. NEMSIS Software Developers Conference Rescheduled
29. Resolve to be Ready in 2009
30. Upcoming Events

Nov. 30, 2008

1. Deadline Extended for WU Survey
2. NASEMSO HITS Committee Promotes New Transportation Campaign
3. NASEMSO Joins Organizations in Support for Trauma Systems Funding
4. CDC Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities Now Available
5. NHTSA Announces Upcoming FICEMS Meeting
6. New High Visibility Rule Now in Effect
7. Medical Fitness to Drive Report Available from AAA Foundation
8. ENA Releases National Scorecard on State Roadway Laws
9. NIOSH Respirator Approvals to be Revoked
10. Medical Oversight in FY2009 MMRS Grants Requires Conformity with State Requirements
11. TRB Ambulance Transport Safety Summit Info and Recording Available
12. FDA Approves New Synthetic Analgesic
13. Updated NSTEMI/STEMI Performance Measures Released
14. Annual Honesty and Ethics Poll Rates Nurses Best of 21 Professions
15. Upcoming Events

Nov. 15, 2008

1. WU Survey Now Available-- Please Tell Us What You Think!
2. PDF Version and WU Table of Contents Available on NASEMSO Website
3. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Director from Minnesota
4. NASEMSO State Spotlight Profiles Colorado
5. TRB Releases Presentations from Ambulance Safety Summit
6. NTSB to Hold Three-Day Hearing on EMS Operations
7. NHTSA Project to Focus on Children in Emergency Vehicles
8. AEMS Circulates First Health Reform White Paper
9. New PREP Act Emergency Declarations Available from HHS
10. TFAH Issues Newest Report on Global ID
11. New CDC Fact Sheets Available on Blast Injuries
12. FDA Hears Testimony on Home Stockpiling of Flu "MedKits"
13. SAMHSA Provides Resources for Responders and Health Professionals
14. AHRQ Lists and Solicits Applications from PSOs
15. EMS Implications Exist for New Medicaid Rules
16. HHS Quality Measures Released to Improve Performance Measurement Efforts
17. New Data Show Drinking Age Laws Saved 4,441 Lives Over 5 Years
18. DHS Announces National Preparedness Grants for 2009
19. CRS Briefs Congress and New Administration on the Stafford Act and Pan Flu
20. GAO Urges Congress to Prioritize Emergency Preparedness
21. UMich Releases Results of Non-Pharmaceutical Flu Prevention Research
22. CDC Offers New Travelers Advisories on H5N1 Virus
23. FDA Provides Information on Product Recalls That Could Impact EMS
24. Google Unveils New Web-Based Surveillance Tool
25. National EMS Week Dates and Logo Announced for 2009
26. New NAS Resource Evaluates Relationship Between Cyanide and Carbon Monoxide
27. Upcoming Events

Oct. 31, 2008

1. NFPA Releases New and Revised Standards Related to EMS
2. NFPA Standards Related to EMS Currently Available for Comment
3. NFPA Seeking Members for Technical Committees Related to EMS
4. NGA Assesses Pan Flu Preparedness in States
5. UN Releases World Report on Pan Flu

6. Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act Q&A Available
7. New GAO Reports Pertain to Public Health
8. CDC Reviews Effectiveness of DNB List
9. Manufacturer Provides Updated Maintenance Info on PAPR Battery Packs
10. Disaster Aid Doesn't Impact Taxes
11. NIAC Brochure Updated
12. Adverse Drug Reactions Involving Heparin and Chantix Surge
13. AHRQ Emergency Planning Webcast Announced
14. WHO Guidance on PI Preparedness and Response-Request for Comments
15. Donations for Disaster Victims Made Easy
16. Flu Models Help Determine Food Distribution and School Closing Strategies
17. Civil Engineers Design Disaster Evacuation System
18. CDC's FluView Reports Weekly Influenza Surveillance
19. TFAH Releases Blueprint Document on Public Health Needs
20. NAEMT Elects New Officers at 2008 Annual Meeting
21. House Study Group Announces Public Health Meetings
22. NRC Welcomes Jeffrey Barbers
23. Early Pandemic Flu Wave May Protect Against Worse One Later
24. FEMA to Dispose of Damaged, Uninhabitable Temporary Housing Units
25. Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning Released by FEMA
26. Ambulance Safety Subcommittee to Hold Summit and Live Webinar
27. Dr. Krohmer Featured in Current DHS Article on Common Sense Flu Prevention
28. New Articles of Interest Provided by Objective Safety Foundation
29. Upcoming Events

[Oct. 13, 2008](#)

1. 2008 NASEMSO Resolutions Now Posted
2. NASEMSO Comments on ESS Chapter to NIPP
3. NASEMSO Comments on AAP Joint Position Statement
4. Corrected Info on EMSC Grant Guidance Provided
5. AEMS Announces Advocacy Opportunities at EMS Expo
6. CPSC Provides Mechanism for EMS to Report Unsafe Products
7. 110TH Congress Adjourns Without Funding Transportation Programs
8. NHTSA and NTIA Unveil Grant Program to Help States Upgrade 9-1-1 Services
9. NHTSA Proposes New Safety Rules for Motorcycle Helmets
10. CHPA Voluntarily Relabeling OTC Cough and Cold Medicines for Children
11. Flu Shot: What Are You Waiting For?
12. DoD Incorporates Altered Standards of Care into Mass Casualty Planning
13. FCC to Host Speaker Series for Nation's First Responders
14. CMS Announces National Provider Call on ICD-10
15. Pre-Event Flu Pandemic Community Mitigation Fact Sheets Now Available
16. Mental Health Parity Legislation Attached to Economic Bailout
17. LAFD Reveals Formula for Deploying Resources to Wildfires
18. EMS Study Tour Concludes This Week at EMS Expo
19. New GAO Report on IT Now Available
20. Upcoming Events

[Oct. 3, 2008](#)

1. New NASEMSO Officers Elected; 2008 Annual Meeting Hailed As "One of the Best"
2. NASEMSO Passes Resolutions at 2008 Annual Meeting
3. NASEMSO Supports Approved House Resolution on Disease Prevention
4. NASEMSO Participates in FCC Summit as a Panelist
5. NASEMSO Members Asked for Guidelines on Safer Handoff of Older Adult Patients

6. CDC PHLP Program Offers Range of Resources for EMS Officials
7. Important Info from EMI on Recent Exam Submissions and OpScan Answer Sheets
8. CBO Releases New Report on U.S. Policy Regarding Pandemic Influenza Vaccines
9. WHO Posts Revised Timeline for H5N1 Progression
10. HHS Announces New Steps in Anthrax Preparedness
11. FDA Clears New CDC Test to Detect Human Influenza
12. CDC Awards \$24 Million for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Projects
13. NIOSH-Administered WTC Grant Announced
14. CIP Process and NIST Web-Based Tools Now Available to Aid Emergency Services Sector
15. DHS Strategic Plan Now Available
16. New GAO Reports on Mass Care Capabilities of Voluntary Organizations
17. AHRQ Webcast to Address "Lessons Learned in Emergency Preparedness"
18. STOP Stroke Act Stalls in 110th Congress
19. Senate Bill Clears the Way for USFA Reauthorization
20. Funding Bills for Other Federal Agencies Postponed Until After Election
21. Healthfinder.gov Makes Health Information Quicker and Easier to Use
22. FEMA Awards \$17.6 M to Smaller Emergency Response Agencies
23. New GAO Report Highlights Efforts on Disaster Recovery
24. Industry Develops Profile for Use in Broadcast EAS
25. Schedule Your Flu Shot Now!
26. AEMS Announces Advocacy Opportunities at EMS Expo
27. 2009 EMSC State Partnership Grant Guidance Now Available

28. Upcoming Events

[Sept. 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Encourages Funding for Trauma and EMS
2. CDC Issue Brief Available on Youth Violence and Electronic Aggression
3. Pennsylvania Reconsiders CON Process
4. New AHRQ Tool Estimates Resources Needed for Emergency Response
5. Baylor Partners with AMA to Develop New Disaster Triage Tool for the Elderly
6. Video and Presentation Now Available Online For Recent Webinar on High Vis Garments
7. Results Published on GWTG Quality Improvement Program
8. Baltimore 911 Program Reduces ER visits, Connects People to Care
9. Non-profit EMS Agencies Eligible to Apply for HeartRescue Grants
10. Improved Criteria for Emergency Medical Protective Clothing Now Available
11. National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System Resource Now Available
12. DHS Awards \$63 Million in Emergency Preparedness Grants
13. Donations for Hurricane Victims Are Needed
14. NIOSH Storm and Flood Cleanup Topic Page Provides Resources for Hurricane Response Workers
15. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
16. Upcoming Events

[Aug. 31, 2008](#)

1. HHS Proposes New ICD Codes in 2011
2. New AHRQ Tool Helps Hospitals Evaluate Disaster Drills
3. CDC Provides New Blast Injury Fact Sheets
4. NIOSH Issues Warning on Misleading Representation of the Mainstays Respirator
5. CDC Issues Report of Public Perceptions to Community Mitigation Strategies
6. Bacterial Pneumonia Caused Most Deaths in 1918 Influenza Pandemic
7. Researchers Find Long Immunity to 1918 Pandemic Virus
8. Pennsylvania Provides New EMS Recruitment Website
9. SOPHE/CDC Fellowships Now Available
10. New Statistician Joins NEDARC
11. New Project Assistant Joins the NRC

12. NASN Launches Back-to-School Anaphylaxis Awareness Campaign
13. FEMA Updates National Response Framework
14. CDC Releases 1918 Pandemic Flu Storybook
15. Most U. S. Measles Cases Reported since 1996
16. DHS Sponsors 5th Annual National Preparedness Month
17. CMS Releases Guide to Improve Innovative Technologies
18. FCC Reminds Communications Providers to Register for DIRS
19. FCC Seeks Comment on Implementation of NET 911 Improvement Act
20. Free Webinar Offered on New Regulation Regarding High Visibility Clothing
21. City of Boise Seeks New Division Chief/Emergency Medical Services
22. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
23. Upcoming Events

[Aug. 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Mourns the Tragic Loss of Former Member
2. NASEMSO Implements State Spotlight Feature
3. State Issues Warning on Ambulance Stretchers
4. NAEMSO 2008 Annual Meeting Update
5. NASEMSO Survey Results Available on Web Site
6. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Runge on Successful Tenure at DHS
7. US District Court Reaches Decision in Eagle Air Case
8. DHS Releases National Emergency Communications Plan
9. DHS Awards \$1.8 Billion in Preparedness Grants
10. NRC Hosts Series of State Best Practices Conference Calls
11. Public Meeting to Provide Input to NIOSH Respiratory Standards
12. National Situation Updates Available from FEMA
13. Advocates for EMS Work Towards Reinstatement of Ryan White Provisions
14. NEMSIS Software Developers Meeting Scheduled
15. Final Draft 1.0 of the EMS Education Standards Now Available
16. NCHS Publishes 2006 Ambulatory Data
17. CDC Announces Conference Call on Bioterrorism Agents
18. EMS Providers Warned of Dangers Involving Meth Labs
19. NFPA Proposes Technical Committee for Ambulance Standards
20. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
21. HHS Convenes Panel for Advice on Mental Health Implications of Public Health Disasters
22. AHHA Provides New Resource for Community Pan-Flu Preparedness
23. National Medical Association Issues White Paper on Sudden Cardiac Arrest
24. CDC Publishes Recommendations to Protect Wounded Persons from Bloodborne Pathogens
25. New Volunteerism Website: Volunteering in America
26. NHTSA Announces RFA for 9-1-1 Technical Assistance Center
27. NIOSH Provides Emergency Responder Information for Exposure Control Plans
28. NIAC Report Addresses Critical Infrastructures
29. September Is National Preparedness Month
30. Upcoming Events

[July 31, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Calendar Page Enhanced
2. SAMHSA Launches New Homelessness Resource Center Web Site
3. HHS and DHS Announce Guidance on Pandemic Vaccination Allocation

4. Influenza Vaccination Toolkit Created by HHS
5. FEMA Urban Hazards Conference on Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs Populations
6. US DOT Next Generation 9-1-1 Initiative Proof of Concept Goes Live
7. Health Effects of Wildfires Using the BioSense System
8. HHS Announces PHEMCE Stakeholders Workshop
9. President Signs H.R. 3403 Into Law
10. FCC Announces Public Safety Clearinghouse
11. NASEMSO Withdraws from COMCARE
12. CDC Provides New Shelter Assessment Tool
13. TFAH Releases Report on Community Based Prevention Programs
14. University of Kentucky Looks for Participants to Study EMS Crew Staffing
15. EMS Workforce Draft Now Available for Comment
16. States Welcome Additional Federal Support to Assist Pan Flu Planning
17. EMS Study Tour to Visit Ambulance Services Across the Western U.S.
18. FEMA Advisory Council to Reconvene
19. USFA Releases Special Report on After Action Critiques
20. Upcoming Events

[July 16, 2008](#)

1. Congress Overrides President's Veto to Pass Medicare Relief for Ambulance Services
2. NASEMSO Comments on Proposed Antiviral Guidance
3. New NIOSH Publication "Attention Emergency Responders" Focuses on PPE Standards
4. NIOSH to Host Public Meeting on Respiratory Standards
5. NIOSH to Host "No Fit Test" Respirator Workshop
6. NIOSH Launches Online Global Road Safety at Work Resource Library
7. GAO Summarizes Emergency Management Issues in New Documents
8. AHRQ Report Offers Resources for Home Health Care Response During Pandemic
9. HHS Releases Project BioShield Annual Report to Congress
10. New NRC Website Goes Live
11. NRC Releases New Fact Sheet on Interfacility Transfer
12. Joint Commission Releases Critical Access Hospital Standards Online
13. NIH Solicits Input on Current Needs in Emergency Medicine Research
14. MN Seeks Qualified Candidate for Position of Executive Director for EMSRB
15. ASTHO Releases Planning Document for At-Risk Populations
16. Readers Advised of Changes to Ready Campaign Server
17. Upcoming Events

[June 30, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Hosts Successful 2008 Mid-Year Meeting in Bethesda
2. NASEMSO Submits Comments on National Broadband Network to FCC
3. NHTSA Publishes Assessment of National EMS Workforce
4. CDC Issues 2008 Call for Model Communities
5. New Resource on Evidence in Health Care Now Available from NAS
6. FEMA Releases 2008 Disaster Housing Plan
7. ACCP Publishes Definitive Care Guide for the Critically Ill During a Disaster
8. CDC Announces SNS Conference Call for July 1
9. Senate passes NET 911 Improvement Act
10. DHS Warns of Increased Use of Backyard Fireworks

11. Medicare Improves Access to Health Care in Rural Areas
12. New HHS Subcommittee to Look at Mental Health Consequences of Disasters
13. New SAMSHA Report Estimates that Underage Drinkers Received Alcohol from Adults Over 21
14. DHS Announces TCL Implementation Project
15. AHA Opposes State Matching for Hospital Preparedness Program
16. Applicants Should Be Encouraged to Ask for FEMA Identification Badge
17. CMS Releases Final Rule on Appeal Rights of Providers and Suppliers
18. HHS Declares Health Emergency in Flood Ravaged Areas, Grants Waivers to CMS Providers
19. Upcoming Events

[June 15, 2008](#)

1. PSAG Changes Name
2. CDC Provides Annual Report on US Health Trends
3. AHRQ Report: Low-income children more likely to visit ED
4. New Study Discusses Safety of Rescuers During Biphasic External Defibrillation
5. FDA Advises Patients to Switch to HFA-Propelled Albuterol Inhalers Now
6. CDC Offers New Chemical Terrorism Resource on the COCA Webpage
7. HHS Provides Request for Comment on New Influenza Pandemic Guidances
8. USDA Offers New Weather-Related Food Safety Resources
9. Disaster Preparedness and Response Course on Meeting the Needs of Persons with Disabilities
10. North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness Training Web Site
11. New CVVFA Resources Available on High Visibility Safety Standard
12. New HHS Fact Sheet on Control of Influenza Virus on Environmental Surfaces
13. EMI Offers Train-the-Trainer for State EMAC Officers
14. GAO Report Reinforces Need to Register Emergency Responders During Disasters
15. US DOT Next Generation 9-1-1 Initiative Proof of Concept Begins
16. CDC Finds Some North American Bird Flu Strains That Might Infect Humans
17. Web Site Provides Career Opportunities for Returning Veterans and Public Safety Professionals
18. AHRQ Guide for Establishing a Patient Safety Advisory Council Now Available
19. New AHRQ Web Page Highlights Tools for Hurricane Readiness
20. DHS Information Sharing Strategy Now Posted
21. USFA Critical Infrastructure Protection Warns of Active Hurricane Season Predicted in 2008
22. EMR-ISAC Provides First Responder Hot Weather Awareness Resources
23. ESS-SSA Announces E-Plan Implementation for First Responders on Chemical Hazards
24. AAP to Offer Neonatal/Pediatric Critical Care Transport Medicine Course
25. HHS Posts ECCC Position for Supervisory Medical Officer
26. IDSA Seeking Program Officer for Science and Research
27. HHS Announces Webcast on Home Care During an Influenza Pandemic
28. Upcoming Events

[May 27, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Mourns Loss of MO State EMS Medical Director
2. Pennsylvania Proposes Legislation Supporting Levels in EMS Education Agenda
3. USFA Releases TIMS Report for Fire and Emergency Responders
4. USFA Releases Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Manual
5. Needle-Free Powder Lidocaine System Provides Rapid Effective Analgesia in Children
6. Medication Errors Among Most Common Causes of Adverse Events in Hospitalized Children
7. DHS' Ready Campaign Releases Preparedness Ads for Business

8. Honoring Fallen Colleagues—Annual National EMS Memorial Service Convenes in Roanoke
9. Coalition Sends Letter to Congress Urging \$20M for National Trauma Research Agenda
10. FDA's Proposed Sentinel System Will Strengthen Monitoring of Drugs and Medical Products
11. Preparedness Stressed for 2008 Hurricane Season
12. The National Children's Study Research Plan: A Review Now Available
13. Upcoming Events

[May 13, 2008](#)

1. Reminder! Last Chance to Comment on EMS Education Standards
2. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Director for California
3. NASEMSO Welcomes Colorado's New State EMS Medical Director
4. NASEMSO Wishes Mary Hedges Well on Her Retirement
5. Inaugural Meeting for EMSC Council Planned for June 24
6. NASEMSO Provides Table of Contents Reference for Past WU Issues
7. NASEMSO Contributes to New IOM Antivirals Report
8. House Passes U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Bill
9. 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) Now Available
10. 2008 ERG Included in Expanded WISER Now Available from NLM
11. Secretary Leavitt Outlines Suggested Strategies to Protect Medicare
12. Disaster Site Worker Course Workshop Offered by NIEHS
13. WHO to Update Guidelines for Possible Flu Pandemic
14. NRC Releases EMSC Day Toolkit
15. 15. CDR Webcast „Is it Injury or Neglect?“ Now Archived
16. NRC Issues Call for Poster Presentations
17. Proposed Rules Would Update EMTALA Requirements; TAG Provides Final Recommendations
18. New Disaster Preparedness/Critical Care Strategy Announced
19. New ABN Form in Effect
20. NIOSH Seeks Comment on Surveys of Healthcare Safety, Health
21. Bipartisan Legislation to Help Veterans Become Civilian Paramedics
22. FDA Update on Heparin
23. NHTSA Office of EMS Vacancy Announcement
24. EIIP Announces Interactive Q&A Session Scheduled for May 14th
25. Consortium Release Clinical Guideline on SCI
26. ACEP Releases New Report on Boarding
27. Specific Safety Vests Required for all Roadside Workers by November 24, 2008
28. FCC to Hold Open Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 14

[April 30, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Adds State EMS Contact Info to Web Site
2. NASEMSO Endorses AAP Policy Statement on Management of Pediatric Trauma
3. PSST Optimistic About National Broadband Network for Public Safety
4. EMS/Trauma Bills Make Progress in Congress
5. HHS Releases New Emergency Response Guide
6. EMSC Annual Grantee Meeting Update
7. NRC Issues Call for Poster Presentations
8. NRC Releases EMSC Day Toolkit
9. EMS "Best Practices" and "Lessons Learned" Included in New USFA Report
10. Prehospital Emergency Care Implements Online Submission Website
11. AHRQ'S 2007 State Snapshots Provide Broad Portraits of State-by-State Health Care Performance
12. ASTHO Announces Public Comment Period for New Planning Document
13. CDC Releases Data from 16 States Participating in the National Violent Death Reporting System

14. National Consortium Outlines Vision for Homeland Security
15. New IOM Report Outlines Concerns of Aging Health Care Workforce
16. CDC Publishes Conference Report on Public Health and Clinical Guidelines for Anthrax
17. Firefighter Fatality Reduction Act Looks to Improve Compliance with Safety Standards
18. EMSNetwork Announces New Public Affairs Clearinghouse
19. FCC Announces Agenda for Emergency Alerting System Summit
20. FDA Clears Glove Made from New Type of Latex
21. New SAMHSA Report Provides Alarming Statistics on DUI
22. NIAID Describes Research Priorities to Fight Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis
23. EMS Chiefs Establish New National Organization
24. News Agency Reports 200% Increase in Hospital Infections Caused by C. Difficile
25. May is Trauma Awareness Month

April 15, 2008

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Dia Gainor as 1st NEMSAC Chair
2. NASEMSO Endorses "Plain Language" White Paper
3. House of Representatives Vote Overwhelmingly to Support EMSC
4. WHO Confirms Cases of H5N1 Human-to-Human Transmission in Pakistan
5. New 9-1-1 Study Identifies Top Priorities for First Responders
6. NIOSH Document Includes EMS Research Goals for Public Review and Comment
7. TFAH Releases New Report on Public Health Spending
8. CDC Releases Data Set on Child Maltreatment Surveillance
9. ePCRs Saving Time for Emergency Responders
10. FEMA for Kids: Preparing Kids and their Families
11. NIAC Releases Critical Infrastructure Workforce Report
12. Job Openings in CDC Injury Center's Division of Violence Prevention
13. TIIDE Web Pages Now Live
14. Toolbox on Coalition Building Added to EMSC Website
15. HHS Releases ESF #8 Hurricane Playbook
16. CDC Works with States to Implement Health Alerting Service
17. FCC Approves Text Message Alerting System
18. American Red Cross Announces the Appointment of New CEO
19. HHS Releases New Emergency Response Guide
20. New Version of WISER Now Available from NLM
21. New FEMA Course Describes ESF #8--Public Health and Medical Functions
22. Paramedic Salaries Described in Online MSN Article as "Surprising"
23. April is "National 9-1-1 Education Month"

March 31, 2008

1. NASEMSO Provides Issue Brief on Repeal of Emergency Responder Provisions in Ryan White Act
2. Florida Promoting State Bill Protecting Emergency Health Care Workers from Large Legal Claims
3. New Journal Article Outlines Factors in Paramedic Pass Rates
4. Registration Open for NEDARC EMSC State Partnership Proposal Writing Workshop
5. Submit Comments for the NEMSIS Dataset Revision
6. NHTSA's "EMS Update" Available for Download
7. Draft 3.0 EMS Education Standards Now Available for Comment
8. National Response Framework Now in Effect
9. New Guidelines for State Pandemic Planning Available from HHS
10. HHS Releases Pandemic Planning Update V
11. Myths on Real ID Discussed in DHS Leadership Journal
12. United Nations Approves First Ministerial Summit on Global Road Safety
13. New Stroke Awareness Campaign Launches

14. Second HHS Webcast to Promote Statewide Pandemic Influenza Planning
15. New Journal Article Details Out-of-Hospital DNR Orders
16. Maternal Child Health Bureau Announces Child Death Review Web Cast
17. AHA to Host Special Stakeholder's Discussion on Health Care Surveillance Issues
18. New Ruling Affirms Standards for Public Safety Vests
19. AAA Unveils New Online Resource
20. Inaugural EMS Policy Summit a "Huge Success"
21. CDC Releases New Training Materials on Public Health Emergency Law and Forensic Epidemiology
22. New Bystander CPR Guidelines Focus on Chest Compressions

March 15, 2008

1. Registration Form Now Posted for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
2. NASEMSO Provides Access to Report to Congress on DHS Funding for Emergency Medical Services
3. Advocates for EMS to Host EMS Policy Summit at EMS Today
4. EMSC Programs One Step Closer to Reauthorization
5. NIMS Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS-IRIS) Update Released
6. 2008 NIMS Compliance Objectives Available for States and Territories
7. New NIMS Five-Year Training Plan Available from FEMA
8. FEMA Announces Resident Course on Disaster Recovery
9. Senate VoIP 9-1-1 Bill Passes
10. New GAO Disaster Response Documents Available
11. New NIPP Resources Available
12. CDC OPHR Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Now Available
13. New Webcast Series on Pandemic Influenza
14. Baxter Expands Recall of Its Heparin Products
15. DHS Announces Application Period for FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants
16. NREMT Seeks Item Writers
17. CDC Releases New Fall Prevention Materials
18. Nominate Your Colleague Today for an EMSC National Hero Award
19. DHHS Announces Regional Meeting Schedule for Healthy People 2020
20. REAL ID Extensions Granted to States by DHS
21. NGA Surveys States for Pandemic Preparedness
22. California Releases Healthcare Surge Guidelines
23. New Out-of-Hospital CPR Protocol Increases Survival
24. NASEMSO Associates Included in JEMS "Words from the Wise"

February 29, 2008

1. New NFPA 1999 Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations Released
2. New FEMA Courses Launched
3. CDC Releases New Report on the Public Health Emergency Preparedness
4. IAFC Seeks Best Practices in Critical-Infrastructure Protection
5. NASEMSO Among 450 Health Organizations to Sign Appropriations Letter
6. EMS.Gov Goes Live!!
7. Nominate Your Colleague Today for an EMSC National Heroes Award
8. California to Honor EMS Professionals
9. Now Archived: EMSC Interfacility Transfer Webcast
10. FEMA Accepting Applications for National Advisory Committee

February 15, 2008

1. 2008 NASEMSO Meeting Information Available
2. Rural FLEX Grant Guidance Released
3. NASEMSO Signs EMSC Appropriations Letter

4. NASEMSO Expresses Sympathy to Gary Brown
5. Follow-up Conference Call Scheduled for Interfacility Transfer Webcast
6. New EMSC Targeted Issues and NDDP Information Available
7. New Report Calls for Better Communication between First Responders, Health Facilities
8. Vaccine Mismatch May Compromise Flu Protection
9. WHO Launches Virus Tracking System
10. NHTSA Receives Prestigious International Road Safety Award
11. 2008 Preparedness Grant Program Announced by DHS
12. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Directors in Kentucky and Louisiana
13. FEMA Provides Review of 2007 Activities and Accomplishments
14. New Patient Safety Proposed Regulation Aims to Improve Health Care Quality and Patient Safety
15. Trafficland Provides Free Camera “Widget” to Home Pages
16. CDC-TIIDE Partnership Results in Assistance During Sugar Refinery Explosion
17. CDC Draft Guidance on Postexposure Interventions to Prevent Infection Available for Public Comment
18. IOM Recommends New National Program to Evaluate Effectiveness of Health Care Products and Services
19. Happy Birthday 9-1-1!!

January 31, 2008

1. Wall Street Journal Publishes NASEMSO President's Letter
2. ACLU Report Critical of Current Approach to Pandemic Influenza
3. FDA Announces Nationwide Recall of Heparin and Saline Pre-filled Flushes
4. DHS Releases National Response Framework
5. AAA Seeking Qualified Candidates for Director of Special Projects
6. DHEC Receives Grant to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services in South Carolina
7. Protective Action Guides and Radiation Exposure Resources Available from EPA
8. STOP Stroke Coalition Sponsors Hill Briefing
9. New Biomedical Reports Available from DHHS
10. New GAO Report Available on Antivirals and Vaccines in an Influenza Pandemic
11. NASEMSO Program Advisor Listed as Panelist in New Institute of Medicine Report
12. AHA's “Mission: Lifeline” to Conduct Survey of EMS Resources for STEMI Patients
13. EMS-C National Resource Center Updates Email System; Staff Issued New Addresses
14. States Turning to U.S. Senate for Financial Support

January 15, 2008

1. National EMS Advisory Committee Named
2. EMS-C Program to Release Grant Guidance; 2008 Grantee Meeting Dates Announced
3. “Stay at Home Toolkit for Influenza” Available from Montgomery County Health Dept
4. Deadline Announced for ASTHO-NACCHO Joint Conference Session Proposals
5. NCOEMS Receives \$1.6 Million to Fund Statewide PI Activities
6. NASEMSO Representatives Appointed to Advocates for EMS and CoAEMSP Boards
7. Medtronic Foundation Announces 2008 HeartRescue Funding Available
8. FDA Approves Rapid Test for 12 Different Respiratory Viral Infections
9. FDA Clears First Quick Test for Drug-Resistant Staph Infections
10. “Blueprint” Document Focuses on Key Public Health Areas
11. CDC Releases Study on Effectiveness on BTF Guidelines
12. NCSL Publishes Report on EMS in Rural America
13. New Domestic Preparedness Documents or Guides Available
14. E9-1-1 Institute Announces 9-1-1 Honor Awards Categories and Calls for Nominations
15. Advocates for EMS Elects New Officers
16. NASEMSO Provides Comment on Sector Specific Plan
17. NASEMSO Provides Testimony on Research Priorities at IOM Meeting
18. AHRQ Releases New Toolkits for Reducing Medical Errors

December 31, 2007

1. Minnesota Hires State EMS Medical Director
2. TFAH Releases Annual Public Health Preparedness Report
3. CAAS Names New Executive Director
4. IOM Announces 2nd Meeting for the Committee on Implementation of Antiviral Medication Strategies for an Influenza Pandemic
5. CDC Disaster Surveillance Presentations Now Posted
6. New CDC Study Finds 5.5 Percent Increase in Injury Mortality from 1999 to 2004
7. Senate Committee Confirms Dr. Jeff Runge as Assistant Secretary for OHA
8. Prefilled Heparin Lock Flush Solution Recalled Due to Contamination
9. New Pandemic Flu Toolkit for Community Leaders Available from HHS
10. Annex to HSPD-8 Establishes U.S. National Planning System
11. DHS Releases REAL ID Grant Guidance
12. CDC Winter Weather Website Redesigned
13. Merck Announces Voluntary Recall of Certain Lots of PEDVAXHIB® and COMVAX®
14. Chertoff's Leadership Journal Entry Provides DHS "Year in Review"
15. North Central EMS Institute to Establish EMS Performance Academy
16. Heritage Foundation Outlines Burdens and Solutions to Sagging Emergency Medical System
17. Omnibus Appropriations Bill Signed by President Bush

December 15, 2007

1. NRC Conducts Survey on Interest in NASEMSO's EMSC Council
2. NIMS Compliance Materials Expected in January 2008
3. HHS and DHS Seek Comment on Medical and Public Health Credentialing
4. Gainor Named Chair of ITS America's Public Safety Advisory Group
5. IRCP List Changes Name and Moves to Google Groups
6. Satellite Broadcast: Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases 2007
7. New Report Suggests H5N1 Virus Will More Likely Be Imported to the US on Birds by Brought By Humans
8. Physical Interventions May be Most Effective in Controlling Respiratory Viruses
9. NASEMSO Provides Testimony on Outbreak Prophylaxis and Antivirals and at IOM Meeting
10. HHS Releases New Guide on Public Health Emergency Response
11. Trohanis Announces Retirement from MIEMSS Following 32 Years of Service
12. The Immunization Action Coalition Announces List Subscription Opportunities
13. Aristeiguieta Resigns as Director of California Emergency Medical Services Authority
14. EMS Week May 18-24, 2008 -- Planning Guides Now Available
15. Don't wait. Set a date. Resolve to be Ready in 2008
16. Year End Negotiations Attempt to Increase Federal Support to EMS

November 30, 2007

1. New CMS Signature Requirements for Emergency Ambulance Transports
2. FCC Announces \$417 Million in Grants to Help Rural Health Care Groups Build High-Speed Internet Networks
3. FCC Clarifies E911 Location Accuracy Requirements for Wireless Carriers
4. Report Suggests Laboratory Preparedness for Pandemic Influenza Is Not Optimal
5. OIG Provides Advisory Opinion on County Contract for Emergency Ambulance Services
6. FEMA Announces Web Site for National Advisory Council; Holds Inaugural Meeting
7. New AHRQ Report Recommends Use of Existing Call Centers to Expand Communications in Public Health Emergencies
8. "Slow Down, Move Over" Campaign Moves into Full Swing
9. U.S. Chemical Safety Board Videos Available Free on Website

November 15, 2007

1. House Unable to Override Presidential Veto on Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill
2. EMS Leaders Adopt New Resolutions at 2007 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
3. NEMSIS Update
4. NASEMSO's EMS Leadership Skills Workshop a Success
5. DHS Awards \$1.8 Million for Emergency Response Security and Video Quality Research
6. OASIS Announces Second Public Review Period for HAVE Standard
7. Congress Establishes Joint Advisory Committee for Emergency Medical and Public Health Care
8. Facilities Communications
8. NASEMSO's McGinnis Elected to Post on PSST Executive Committee
9. Class I Recall --Welch Allyn AED 10 Automatic External Defibrillators
10. NCCUSL Finalizes Model Legislation--Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
11. SCA-Aware Invites Informational Exchange with NASEMSO Members

October 31, 2007

1. NASEMSO Explores Forming EMSC Council
2. NRC Completes Updates to Pediatric Toolboxes
3. 2008 EMSC State Partnership Grant Guidance Released
4. NRC Publishes Four New Fact Sheets Targeting CSHCN
5. Emergency Response and Preparedness RFI Issued
6. AHRQ Releases Report on Using Existing Call Centers to Expand Communications in Public Health Emergencies
7. DHS Contracts for Presidential Transition Plan
8. NHTSA Releases Pandemic Influenza Guidelines and Recommendations
9. HHS Releases Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Progress Report
10. National Strategy for Public Health and Medical Preparedness Released
11. NPHPSP Version 2.0 Released
12. DHS Urges School Preparedness
13. NVAC Receives Key Report on Pandemic Flu Vaccine Distribution
14. Influenza Pandemic Drive-Through Triage Explored
15. Projected Supply of Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Sharply Increases
16. Vaccine Allocations for Pandemic Influenza Explored
17. NIOSH Issues Interim Guidance on Health and Safety Issues
18. Report Issued on Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Fire Fighters and EMS Responders
19. Adult Automated External Defibrillators Can Save Children's Lives Too

October 15, 2007

1. NHTSA Releases National Education Standards for Review
2. National Response Framework Review Deadline Extended to Oct. 22
3. Robert Bass Receives ACEP Award
4. TOPOFF 4 Runs from Oct. 15-19
5. NASEMSO Issues 2007 Annual Report
6. NASEMSO Supports "Vision for a Healthier America"
7. CATC Sends Letter to Appropriators on Trauma-EMS Programs
8. New Study Indicates that U.S. Emergency Services Are Not Prepared to Care for Children in Disaster
9. ANA Altered Standard of Care Policy Document Available for Review
10. AHA Announces New Education Platform
11. AHA Releases New Airway Management Course Materials
12. National Preparedness Month a Success
13. New NEMSIS TAC Project Manager Named
14. DHS Adopts 11 NFPA Standards for Emergency Responders
15. National Strategy for Homeland Security Updated
16. EMSC National Resources Center Announces Two Open Positions

17. NHTSA Releases Summer Issue of EMS Update
18. MN State EMS Director Mary Hedges' Mother Passes Away

September 15, 2007

1. DHS Releases National Response Framework – NASEMSO to Comment
2. NASEMSO Adopts Strategic Plan
3. National Preparedness Month Web Site Launches New Section
4. Florida's K.I.D. Kit Available through EMSC National Resource Center
5. EMSC NRC Telephone Numbers Change Sept. 14
6. HRSA Issues Health Center Emergency Management Guidance
7. New Information on SCIP Development Posted to SAFECOM Web Site
8. CDC Issues Draft Guidelines for Population Monitoring During Radiation Emergencies
9. GAO Releases Report on Influenza Pandemic Preparedness
10. Toolbox on Facility Categorization Added to EMSC Web Site
11. CDC Announces System to Send Important Health Information
12. AHRQ Report Identifies State-Level Privacy and Security Solutions for Health Information Exchange

August 31, 2007

1. NC Medical Journal Publishes Entire Issue on EMS
2. North American Plan for Avian and Pandemic Flu Announced
3. NCCUSL Approves Two New Sections for the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
4. Work on the EMS Workforce for the 21st Century Project Continues – Blog Available to EMS Community
5. Kyle Thornton Named NM EMS Bureau Chief
6. NASEMSO Seeks Member to Be Liaison to CAMTS
7. August 31 Today Show Features Story on 911 Centers' Inability to Track Cell Phone Calls
8. HHS to Give States \$75 Million in Supplemental Funding for Pandemic Flu Preparedness
9. Reminder: Deadline for EMS Public Health Fellowship is Sept. 14
10. PSIC Grant Program Investment Justification Workshops Announced
11. Respiratory Illness Outbreaks Mistaken for Pertussis
12. NENA Commends FCC on Public Safety Broadband Rules
13. DHS Releases After-Action Report from Federal Pandemic Influenza Border Management Community of Interest Workshop
14. Reminder: NEMSIS TAC Seeks a Project Manager
15. SAFELY OUT™ Project Reports on Success after First Year Offering Solution to Evacuate the Vulnerable During Disasters
16. CAAS Executive Director Retires
17. YNH-CEPDR Releases Fall 2007 Course Guide

August 15, 2007

1. NASEMSO Responds to Draft of National EMS Education Standards
2. FEMA's ICS Division Releases Updated EMS Job Titles
3. Chairman Obey Stresses Advocacy Work During August Recess
4. Senator Obama Introduces Bill on Regionalizing Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services
5. Opinion Letter Issued Regarding Release of Information by State EMS Agencies to NEMSIS
6. NASEMSO Supports "Vision for Healthier America"
7. FCC Revises 700 MHz Rules to Advance Interoperable Public Safety Communications and Promote Wireless Broadband Deployment
8. NASEMSO Supports National First Responder Day – Others Encouraged to Sign On
9. Coalition of 18 Health Organizations Releases Recommendations for Improved Disaster Response
10. DHS Issues Fact Sheet on Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program
11. HHS Announces \$25 Million Available for Health Care Partnership Emergency Care Competitive Grants Program
12. HHS Announces \$896.7 Million in Funding to States for Public Health Preparedness and Emergency

Response

13. Community Measures Prevent Deaths During Pandemic, New Study Finds
14. HHS Releases Pandemic Planning Update IV Report
15. DHS Releases New Preparedness Resources for Seniors, People for Disabilities, and Pet Owners
16. DHS Sponsoring 4th Annual National Preparedness Month
17. 9/11 Commission Recommendations Legislation Passes in Congress
18. EMS Course Vacancies Available at the National Fire Academy
19. AHRQ Releases Resources to Help Local Communities with Disaster Preparedness Involving Nursing Homes and Hospitals
20. GAO Publishes Report on Improving National Response by Enhancing EMAC
21. Survey of Hurricane Preparedness Finds One-Third on High Risk Coast Will Refuse Evacuation Order
22. Bridge Collapse Resources Made Available by CDC
23. NIOSH 800 Number to Consolidate with CDC-INFO
24. August 2007 Draft of NIMS Posted
25. Sourcebook Published on Gender Concerns in Disaster Risk Reduction
26. NEMSIS TAC Seeks Project Manager
27. EMS Public Health Fellowship Application Period Open
28. National 9-1-1 Association Director Departs – Bob Cobb, Ph.D. Named Interim Executive Director
29. EMSC National Resource Center Announces Job Opening

July 13, 2007

1. NASEMSO Adds Pandemic Flu Page to Web Site
2. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Draft Children's Bill
3. NEMSIS Funding Language Included Appropriations Bill
4. EMSC Funding Moving in Both Houses
5. NEMSIS Software Developers Meeting Scheduled
6. Nevada Project Heartbeat Documents Lives Saved
7. FCC Issues Katrina Panel Final Rule
8. EMSC Web Site Adds New Grants Management Section
9. HHS to Give States \$430 Million for Hospital Preparedness
10. Pediatric Preparedness Implementation Kit for Hospitals Now Available
11. AAP Disaster Preparedness Presentations Available Via Web
12. NENA Announces Support of FCC's Proposed Location Accuracy Testing Rules and Its Intention to Host Summit on the Future of 9-1-1 Location Technology
13. Students' Pandemic Hotline Plan Interests Health Agency
14. National Summit on Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Scheduled for September
15. NASEMSO Learns of NJ Trauma Coordinator Barbara Hall's Death
16. Leopold Resigns from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
17. DHS Sponsors Fourth Annual National Preparedness Month
18. Novation Survey on Pandemic Flu Preparedness Examines Hospital Supplies
19. Revised Pediatric Emergency Medicine Teaching Tools are Available
20. National Junior Firefighter Program Launched
21. 2007 National EMSC Heroes Award Winners Announced
22. CAAS Accredits Twelve Agencies in June
23. CAAS Accepting Applications for New Executive Director
24. AMA Launches Preparedness Journal
25. National First Responder Appreciation Day to be September 25
26. NEMA-CDC "Incident Command System for Executives" Training Materials Available
27. Immunization Practices Recommendations Issued by ACIP
28. DVBC's Documentary on TBI Available on Internet
29. Oregon Seeks EMS Planner
30. Health First Seeks Trauma Unit Manager

June 30, 2007

1. The Government's Response to the Nation's Emergency Room Crisis Examined in a Hearing Conducted by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2. WHA Adopts Resolution on Emergency Trauma Care Systems
3. NTSB Issues Safety Recommendation I-07-3
4. "Working with People with Disabilities" Training DVD Now Available
5. HHS Awards Two Contracts to Expand Domestic Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity for a Potential Influenza Pandemic
6. Special EMS Sessions To Be Held at 5th International Bird Flu Summit
7. Public Health Advisory Board Established to Advise HHS Secretary on Chemical, Biological or Radiological Agents
8. National Emergency Number Association Swears in New Executive Board

June 15, 2007

1. Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations Bill Marked by Subcommittee
2. DHS Appropriations Bill Passed Out of Committee on June 5
3. Importance of Trauma Systems Highlighted in Congressional Record
4. CDC Issues Call for Model Communities
5. AHRQ's Annual State Snapshots Highlight States' Strengths and Weaknesses in Health Care Quality
6. NASEMSO Provides Web Page with E-Mail Survey Results
7. NASEMSO Endorses AHA Conference Proceedings
8. OSHA Issues Pandemic Influenza Guidance
9. FDA Finalizes Guidance Documents for Pandemic and Seasonal Influenza Vaccines
10. Idaho Seeks Manager of EMS Systems Development
11. NENA Expresses Concern over Consequences of ITC Decision
12. E-Newsletter Focuses on Pediatrics
13. FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division Releases Updated Public Works Credentialing Job Titles