



Washington Update

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17. White House Announces National Strategy for Counterterrorism
18. Bipartisan House Bill Aims at Bioterrorism and Support for First Responders
19. New NIH Web Site Provides Information on Chemical Emergencies
20. FEMA Continuity of Operations Webinar Series Available
21. DHS Communities of Practice Network Connects Homeland Security Disciplines

22. CDC Public Health Emergency Response Guide Version 2.0 Now Available
23. FDA Develops Tools for Food-Emergency Readiness
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36. HHS and IOM Address Open Data Solutions
37. HHS Office of Women's Health Focuses on Women and Heart Attacks
38. Public Comment Now Open – NQF - Regionalized Emergency Medical Care Services
39. Obama Administration Releases National Prevention Strategy
40. CMS Seeks Comment on Ambulance Fee Schedule
41. Geographic Databases for 2011 Released
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43. IOM Recommends Revised Regulatory Framework for Approval of Medical Devices
44. New EMS Research Course at the National Fire Academy

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47. NFPA Highlights Electric Vehicle Safety Training
48. Maximum Daily Dose of Tylenol Lowered by Manufacturer
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51. Model Uniform Core Criteria for Mass Casualty Triage
52. Association Between Ambulance Diversion And Survival Among Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction
53. Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Surveillance — Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)
54. Perishock Pause: An Independent Predictor of Survival From Out-of-Hospital Shockable Cardiac Arrest
55. Prehospital Notification by Emergency Medical Services Reduces Delays in Stroke Evaluation
56. Validation of the Simplified Motor Score in the Out-of-Hospital Setting for the Prediction of Outcomes After Traumatic Brain Injury

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2. Plans Gearing Up for 2011 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
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5. NASEMSO Joins Radiological Readiness Alliance

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7. HRSA Announces HRSA in Your State
8. RWJF and University of Wisconsin Pair to Provide County Health Rankings
9. ASTHO Report Highlights Effects of State Budget Cuts
10. Accreditation of Health Departments Ready for Fall Launch

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11. NTSB Issues Safety Alert for Unmarked Weather Observation Towers

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12. FCC Establishes Deadline for Public Safety Radio Transition
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17. FEMA Updates NIMS Compliance Assistant Support Tool
18. SAMHSA Provides Toolkit on Mental Health Awareness for Disasters
19. Psychological First Aid Training Available Online
20. Building Community Disaster Resilience through Private-Public Collaboration
21. AHRQ Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Announces Reorganization
22. NLE 2011 Used to Evaluate Earthquake Response
23. WISER 4.4 Now Available
24. ASPR Report Focuses on Progress of HPP and Healthcare Coalitions
25. CDC Announces National Standards for PHP Capabilities
26. CDC Provides Hospital Preparedness Report
27. HHS Hospital Preparedness Report Highlights State Efforts
28. 3E Reference Card/Job Aid for "Post Blast/Active Shooter" Scenarios

29. EMI Revises Notice Regarding the Retirement of Opscan and Scantron Forms

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30. NASEMSO I-Team Releases Transition Templates

31. Video on Program Accreditation Premieres on CoAEMSP Web Site

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32. Spikes in Pertussis in Three States; Vaccine Rates Extremely Low Among Adults

33. Report Tracks Progress of Effective PPE in Emergency Response Situations

34. NIOSH Provides Draft Guidance on Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance

35. New OSHA-NIOSH INFO SHEET: Protecting Workers from Heat Illness

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36. Nation's Highway Traffic Reaches Highest Level Since 2007

37. NCIPC Provides Road Safety Fact Sheets

38. ITS Focus in Proposed Legislation

39. FMCSA Strike Force Inspections Remove 289 Unsafe Passenger Buses and Drivers

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41. Increasing Drug Shortages Concern Entire Healthcare Community

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44. CDC Webcast Highlights Pediatric Emergency Preparedness

45. AAP Recommends Children Sit in Rear-Facing Car Seats Until Age 2

46. New Children and Disasters Resource Webpage Launched

47. Partnering with Patients and Families in the Medical Home

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49. Webinars, Toolkit Provide Tips on Incorporating EMS Projects into Flex Proposals

50. HRSA Launches Emergency Medical Services Website

51. National EMS Culture of Safety Conference Announced

52. NIOSH Expresses Appreciation to IOM for Electronic Records Study

53. HHS Announces Proposed Changes to HIPAA Privacy Rule

54. CDC Reports Unhealthy Sleep Behaviors

55. CDC Provides New Guidelines to Prevent IV Catheter Infection

56. GAO Report Highlights Medicare/Medicaid Fraud, Waste and Abuse

57. NIH Report Could Lead to Improved Strategies for Pain Management

58. NQF Steering Committee to Examine Regionalized Quality Measures

59. USFA Releases Firefighter Injury Report

60. IOM Publishes Reports on Health Care Standards and Clinical Guidelines

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61. IAEMSC Announces Open Enrollment in EMS Surveillance System

62. New BLS for Healthcare Providers Classroom Course Materials Now Available

63. NAEMT's EMS Safety Course Wins National Award

64. Volunteer Fire Council Publishes Grant Writing Guide

65. Urgent Matters Final Report and Toolkit Shares Results, Success and Lessons Learned
66. Schumer Introduces Ambulance Reimbursement Bill in Senate
67. Ambulance Fee Schedule Fact Sheet Revised
68. NREMT Announces Integration of 2010 AHA Guidelines
69. LODD Handbook Published
70. Passive Safety Device Features 10 Times More Effective in Preventing Needlesticks*

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5. State of the States: Early Achievements in Implementing the Affordable Care Act
6. CDC Describes Use of a Registry to Improve Acute Stroke Care --- Seven States, 2005–2009
7. Introduction to Public Health Surveillance Course Offered for State and Local Officials
8. New Report Details Affordable Care Act Resources and Flexibility for States

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9. FAA Reauthorization Act Passes Senate

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. FEMA Seeks Comments on Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide
11. ESF 9 Revised and Now Available for Download
12. National Commission on Children and Disasters Scheduled to Meet
13. FEMA, NCCD Announce New Partnership to Promote Fire Safety Awareness for Families
14. FEMA Training Center Celebrates a Significant Milestone in Emergency Management Training

HIGHWAY SAFETY

15. IOM Report Highlights Mass Casualty Response in Rural Communities

TRAUMA

16. Release of New WISQARS Cost of Injury Reports

FEDERAL PARTNERS

17. "Faces of Distracted Driving" Videos Address Texting and Cell Phone Use While Driving
18. USFA Releases Fire-Related Firefighter Injuries Report
19. Medicare Fraud Strike Force Charges 111 Individuals for more than \$225 Million in False Billing
20. PSOB Provisions for Volunteer or Nonprofit EMS Passes in Senate

INDUSTRY NEWS

21. PA Mourns Loss of Paramedic to H1N1
22. AEMS to Host EMS Summit to Discuss Field EMS Bill
23. Urgent Matters Toolkit Addresses ED Crowding
24. Registration Opens for National EMS Memorial Bike Ride
25. FHWA Seeks Qualified Candidates for Three Positions

26. Severe Shortage of Surgical Specialists Plagues Nation's Emergency Departments

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

27. Proposed Kidney Transplant Rules Favor Younger, Healthier Recipients

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Leadership Outlines Vision and Executive Reorganization
2. NASEMSO Members Invited to Rural Traffic Safety Webinar
3. NASEMSO Highlights State EMS Office Involvement in Domestic Preparedness Efforts

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4. Federal Budget Update
5. NQF Prepares for Phase II of REMC Project
6. NCSL Posts Traffic Safety State Legislative Action
7. Communities Receive CDC Health Grants

AIR MEDICAL

8. FAA Opinion Supports State EMS Office in Proposed Air Ambulance Climate Control Regulation

COMMUNICATIONS

9. Rockefeller Broadband Bill Gains Support of Every Major National Public Safety Organization
10. FCC Moves Ahead on Nationwide Broadband System for First Responders
11. FCC to Host Interoperability Forum
12. NIFOG Now Available from DHS Office of Emergency Communications

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. US Senate Releases Report on Fort Hood Shooting
14. Napolitano Announces New Terrorist Advisory System
15. EMI Offers Course on EMAC
16. EmForum Hosts Discussion on Mass Shootings
17. FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council
18. EMCAPS Model Estimates Casualties from CBRNE Attacks

EDUCATION AGENDA

19. ASPA Highlights the Benefits of Specialized and Professional Accreditation in Promotional Video
20. IOM to Host Workshop on Allied Health Professions

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

21. NIOSH Launches Online Health and Safety Practices Survey of Healthcare Workers
22. NIOSH Seeks Comment on Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance
23. TRB EMS Safety Subcommittee Holds Annual Meeting
24. NIOSH Announces Virtual Center for Vehicle Safety Research

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. RITA Identifies High-Priority Applications and Development Approach

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

26. Pediatric Resuscitation Guidelines Announced by ILCOR

TRAUMA

27. ACS-COT Solicits Comments for Revision of "Green Book"

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. Edgerton Named Branch Chief for EMSC and Injury Prevention
29. HHS OIG to Provide Compliance Training Session
30. FDA Reviews Classification of Automated External Defibrillators
31. NIH Study Reinforces Need for Public AED Programs
32. IOM Issues Consensus Report on PPE
33. IOM Issues Workshop Summary on Using Clinical Data
34. National Fire Academy Completes New Emergency Medical Services Courses
35. NTSB to Host International Family Assistance Conference
36. HHS National Vaccine Plan Now Available
37. HHS Provides Evaluation and Capacity Review Tools

INDUSTRY NEWS

38. Settlement Reached in EMS Employee Fired for Facebook Comment
39. National EMS Memorial Service Releases Names of 2011 Honorees
40. New NAEMT EMS Safety Course to Debut March 1
41. OSH Internships Now Available
42. Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets Recalled
43. American Regent Issues Voluntary Recalls for Certain Injection Products
44. Class 1 Recall: Medtronic SynchroMed II and SynchroMed EL Implantable Infusion Pump and Refill Kits
45. IDSA Issues Practice Guidelines for MRSA
46. Report Available from the Initiative on the Future of Nursing
47. Registration Now Open for EMS on the Hill Day
48. DOJ Aggressively Pursuing Cases of Health Care Fraud

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

49. Many Consumers Unaware Of AED Use, Availability
50. AEDs Appear To Give Accurate Readings in Moving Helicopters
51. HHS Launches Campaign to Urge Women to Call 911 At Heart Attack Warning Signs
52. S. Side Trauma Care Ignored Long Enough

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. JCREC Publishes Discussion Paper on Community Paramedicine
2. NASEMSO Member Loses Home in Fire

FOR THE STATES

3. PECARN Announces Funding Opportunity
4. HRSA Announces RAED Grants
5. HRSA Announces Health Center Planning Grants

AIR MEDICAL

6. FAA Announces Record Number of Laser Events in 2010

COMMUNICATIONS

7. Nomination Deadline Extended for 9-1-1 Heroes Awards

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. FEMA Seeks Comments on NIMS Training Plan
9. CDC Launches NPHRN to Enhance State Communications Capabilities
10. AHRQ Highlights Hospital Preparedness Resources
11. NIOSH Releases Final HHE Deepwater Horizon Response
12. CDC Posts Updated Guidance on Influenza Antiviral Agents
13. NFA Promotes Leadership Strategies for Community Risk Reduction

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

14. ACIP Updates Recommendations for Use of Tdap Vaccine

HIGHWAY SAFETY

15. DOT to Implement New Rules to Decrease Occupant Ejections

FEDERAL PARTNERS

16. CDC Updates Influenza Guidance in Healthcare Settings
17. NIOSH Requests Public Comment
18. Health Community Embraces EHR for Federal Incentive Payments
19. FDA Limits Maximum Dose of Acetaminophen in Prescription Drug Products

INDUSTRY NEWS

20. NFPA Technical Committee on EMS Meets
21. Morphine Oral Solution Could Lead to Medication Errors
22. Solution Offered to Auxiliary AC System Control in Specific 2011 Ford Models to Comply with KKK Specs
23. Controversy over Ambulance Disinfectant Isolated to Single Service
24. Geriatrics Society Updates Fall Prevention Guidelines

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

25. Aerosol inhalation from spacers and valved holding chambers requires few tidal breaths for children
26. NPR "Talk of the Nation" Highlights Challenges of Field Triage
27. MMR Scare Fraught With Misconduct
28. Assessing the Impact of Prehospital Intubation on Survival in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
29. Predictors of Influenza Vaccination among Emergency Medical Services Personnel
30. Effect of high flow oxygen on mortality in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in prehospital setting: randomised controlled trial

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[January 7, 2011](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Seeks New Calendar Items for 2011
2. NASEMSO Warns National EMS Community of 4G Coalition's Efforts to Rebrand Itself as "Public Safety"
3. NASEMSO HITS Committee Encourages State Membership in TIM Network
4. NASEMSO Congratulates Litza on NREMT Appointment
5. NASEMSO Past President to Chair IOM Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Countermeasures

AIR MEDICAL

6. CMS Implements Clarification on Air and Ground Ambulance Reimbursement

COMMUNICATIONS

7. NHSC Updates White Paper on Protecting Americans in 21st Century
8. SAFECOM Elects McGinnis as New Chairman
9. FCC to Hold Workshop on VHF/UHF Narrowbanding

DATA

10. New NEMSIS Web Site Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. 2010 Risk Lexicon Now Available from DHS
12. FEMA Posts ICS Forms Booklet
13. CDC Provides Interim Planning Guidance on MCE from Explosives
14. New NGA Report Orients Governors to Homeland Security Issues
15. Challenge.Gov: Sharing the Responsibility to Protect Communities Against the Impacts of Disasters
16. TFAH and RWJF Provide 2010 "Ready or Not?" Report on State Preparedness Efforts
17. ACEP Launches Integrative Training Program on Disaster Planning

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

18. NIOSH Publication Focuses on Workplace Injuries
19. NIOSH to Host PPT Update
20. NIOSH Seeks Comment on CBRN Combination Respirator Unit
21. IOM Outlines Strategy for Improving Worker Safety in New Report
22. NIOSH Works to Reduce Ambulance Crashes
23. NJC PHP Provides Guidebook on Respiratory Protection

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

24. NIOSH Seeks Comment on ERE Provisions for Infectious Disease Exposures
25. Field EMS Bill Introduced in Congress

HIGHWAY SAFETY

26. CDC Highlights "Drowsy Driving" as Public Health Issue

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. AHRQ Seeks Comment on Pediatric Quality Measures

TRAUMA

28. NTSB Publishes "Most Wanted" List

FEDERAL PARTNERS

29. GAO Provides Letter Report on FDA Handling of Heparin Contamination
30. MCHB to Offer Research Webinar
31. FDA Announces Sodium Bicarbonate Injection and Albuterol Sulfate Recalls
32. OIG Posts Advisory Opinion on Medical Transports from SNFs
33. Darvon/Darvocet Pulled from US Market

INDUSTRY NEWS

34. MN Seeks State EMS Director
35. DomesticPreparedness.com Survey on Medical Countermeasures for Large-Scale Biological Attacks

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

36. Out-of-hospital Hypertonic Resuscitation Following Severe Traumatic Brain Injury
37. Mechanical Ventilators in US Acute Care Hospitals
38. Alignment of Cricoid Cartilage and Esophagus and its Potential Influence on the Effectiveness of Sellick Maneuver in Children
39. Clinical Practice Guidelines by IDSA for the Treatment of MRSA

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Joins BAC Letter to CMS

FOR THE STATES

2. DHHS Awards \$20 Million to Help Rural Hospitals Switch to EHR

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

3. New FEMA Report Focuses on National Preparedness System
4. GAO Letter Report Highlights FEMA Progress in Assessing National Preparedness Capabilities
5. EMI Posts New and Revised Offerings

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

6. Pertussis Cases on the Rise; Practitioners Encouraged to Check Immunization Status!
7. NIOSH Announces Public Meeting to Discuss Respirator Standards Development Efforts

FEDERAL PARTNERS

8. CMS Solicits Comments on Proposed Rules Establishing Risk Levels Including EMS
9. NTSB Transportation Response Course Still Has Openings
10. USFA Adds Program Offerings to Regular Schedule
11. HRSA Offers Grant Competition through PECARN
12. NIH Funds Four Clinical Trials to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance
13. CMS Publishes Toolkit to Assist Development of Written Materials
14. NIH Introduces Database of Images in Biomedical Literature

INDUSTRY NEWS

15. NFPA Ambulance Proposed Draft Standard Released for Public Review
16. Fentanyl Pain Patches Recalled

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

17. Advanced Computer Simulations Lead to New Understanding of Blasts

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2. NASEMSO Elects New Officers at 2010 Annual Meeting
3. NASEMSO Adopts Resolutions Related to Trauma, EMS Reimbursement, and Education Agenda
4. NASEMSO Supports S.3756: Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010
5. EMS Insider Discounted for NASEMSO Members

FOR THE STATES

6. HHS Announces \$42.5M for Public Health Improvement Programs through the Affordable Care Act
7. CDC Provides Update on Public Health Preparedness by States
8. News Locator Service Now Available from NACCHO

AIR MEDICAL

9. FAA Publishes Proposed Rulemaking for Medical Helicopters
10. New GAO Report Reflects Status of Air Medical Industry

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. HSIN Provides Opportunities for State Officials to Exchange Information
12. CQ Homeland Security Reports Imminent Changes Possible for HPP
13. GAO Report Addresses Management Coordination Within DHS
14. BARDA Funds Development of Next-Generation Portable Ventilators
15. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Book Focuses on State and Local Government
16. EMR-ISAC Offers Access to ESS Services
17. New Threat Scenarios Added to Emergency Surge Modeling Tool
18. National Commission on Children and Disasters Delivers 2010 Report to Congress

HEALTH AND SAFETY

19. New Resources Available on Seasonal Influenza (Flu) in the Workplace
20. Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings Includes EMS
21. NIH Study Models H1N1 Flu Spread
22. IOM Releases Workshop Summary on EUA and Using Postal Workers to Deliver Countermeasures

HIGHWAY SAFETY

23. NTSB Offering Course for Emergency Responders to Transportation Accidents
24. Distracted Driving Summit Convened in Washington
25. NIOSH Focuses on Distracted Driving as Occupational Hazard

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

26. New Child Traffic Safety Publication Available from NHTSA
27. NHLBI Launches Body Cooling Treatment Study for Pediatric Cardiac Arrest

TRAUMA

28. DOT Announces Lowest Traffic Fatality Rate in Six Decades
29. Unpublished Army Research Shows Promise for Diagnosing Mild Head Injury
30. Several TBI Resources Available from AANA

FEDERAL PARTNERS

31. NHTSA Awards EMS Safety Grant to ACEP
32. AHRQ Study Recommends Disclosure of Medical Mistakes That Affect Multiple Patients
33. New CDC Report Analyzes Adult Depression
34. FDA Announces Prefilled Saline Flush Syringes: Recall - Potential Loss of Sterility

INDUSTRY NEWS

35. 72 Days Left to Apply for Time Extension Offered by CoAEMSP to EMS Program Directors
36. Kavanaugh Changes Positions Within HRSA

37. AHA Announces New CPR & ECC Guidelines
38. EMS Approved as an Emergency Medicine Subspecialty
39. IOM Releases Study on the Future of Nursing
40. GAO Reports on Business Practices of Group Purchasing Organizations
41. USFA Releases Annual Fire Fighter Fatality Report
42. Data from EMS Deployment Field Experiments Now Available from IAFC
43. IOM Releases Workshop Report on Public Health Effectiveness of the FDA 510(k) Clearance Process

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

44. Expanding Practitioner Scopes of Practice During Public Health Emergencies: Experiences from the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Vaccination Efforts.

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Draws Near—Register Now!!
2. NASEMSO Nominates McGinnis to FCC Public Safety Advisory Committee
3. NASEMSO Welcomes NAEMSE Representative to Education Agenda I-Team

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. Plain Language FAQs Now Supplement Transition Guide
5. NEMSIS TAC Provides Public-Release Research Dataset

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. Review Calls for New Federal Approach to Medical Countermeasures
7. HHS Unveils New ESAR-VHP Web Site
8. COCA Calls Focus on Range of Preparedness Topics
9. Swine as Intermediate Hosts for H5N1 (Avian Influenza) Provides Implications for Future
10. FDA Approves Pediatric Use of 2-PAM
11. Emergency Response Publication Addresses Identification of Homemade Explosives
12. President Proposes Changes to HHS Appropriations for FY 2011
13. Free Emergency Planning Exercises Available from FEMA

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

14. AEMS Highlights Veteran to EMS Transition Bill
15. Federal Register 2.0 Debuts as Web-Based Prototype
16. Legislation Addresses Loss of Emergency Personnel to Military Call Ups

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. CDC Provides New Fact Sheet on Flu Vaccine for Health Care Workers
18. SHEA Position Paper Highlights Need for Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel

HIGHWAY SAFETY

19. DOT Announces Proposal to Require Seatbelts on All New Motorcoaches
20. USFA Partners with Fire Organizations to Publish Emergency Vehicle Safety Guide

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

21. NIDA and Federal Partners to Launch National Drug Facts Week

22. HHS Awards \$17 Million for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
23. FEMA Releases Course on Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters
24. CDC and AAP Publish Recommendations for Seasonal Flu Vaccine in Children

TRAUMA

25. Secretary Sebelius Delegates Trauma and Emergency Care Authorities to ASPR
26. PTSF Releases White Paper on Optimal Trauma System Development in PA

FEDERAL PARTNERS

27. CDC Creates New Tools on Concussion
28. Emergency Care Regionalization Grants Cancelled
29. CDC Releases Quick Stat and Graphic on Opioid Analgesic Deaths
30. DEA Heads First-Ever Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
31. CDC Releases National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2007 ED Summary
32. CDC Reorganizes MRSA Web Site
33. NHTSA Releases Public Meeting Information on Safe Transportation of Children
34. CDC Warns of Disease Transmission Risks Associated with Glucose Monitoring
35. USDOT Secretary Announces Lowest Traffic Fatalities in Six Decades
36. Weik Accepts Position in HRSA

INDUSTRY NEWS

37. IOM Publishes New Report on the Future of Nursing Education
38. VA Recruiting for Chief Consultant, Emergency Management Strategic Health Care Group (EMSHG)
39. NVFC Offers Membership in New EMS/Rescue Section
40. NOSORH Submits Comments on CMS Proposed Rule

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

41. Prediction of Critical Illness During Out-of-Hospital Emergency Care
42. Assessing Critical Illness During Emergency Medical Services Care
43. Noninvasive Continuous Positive Airway Pressure in Acute Respiratory Failure: Helmet Versus Facial Mask

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Members Appointed to National EMS Advisory Council
2. NASEMSO Joins EMS Associations in Support of Allocation of 700MHzD to Public Safety
3. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Draft Recommendations for Transporting Children in Ambulances
4. NASEMSO Partners with CLIR on Voluntary Reporting System for EMS

FOR THE STATES

5. Senate Committee on Appropriations Passes FY2011 HHS Bill
6. HRSA Reports HIPDB/NPDB Compliance Status of Government Agencies
7. HHS Provides \$390.5 Million to Improve Hospital Preparedness and Emergency Response
8. President Signs Package to Give States \$16B in Medicaid Funds

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. FCC Program to Expand Investment in Broadband Health Care Technology
10. HHS Announces Final Rules to Support 'Meaningful Use' of Electronic Health Records
11. NEMESIS Version 3 Data Dictionary Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

12. WHO Declares End to 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic
13. DHS Hosts National Dialogue on Preparedness
14. FEMA Seeking Comments on Proposed Stafford Revisions
15. H1N1 Policy Barriers Reported by ASTHO and NACCHO
16. DHS Launches "Blue Campaign" to Prevent Human Trafficking
17. ACIP Updates Recommendations on Anthrax Vaccine in Response to Terrorism
18. ACEP and Legacy Interactive® to Develop Web Based Emergency Preparedness Game
19. NIOSH Issues Report on 3M Model 8000 Respirator
20. ASPR Seeks Comments on NHSS Implementation Guide
21. WISER for Blackberry Now Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

22. NIH Scientists Advance Universal Flu Vaccine
23. Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines Updated by CDC
24. Staying Safe in Extreme Heat Conditions...NIOSH Resources Provide Help

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. DSWW Provides Opportunity to Encourage Safe EMS Operations
26. Transportation Secretary Announces Second National Distracted Driving Summit

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. CDC Publishes Data on Children's Health
28. EMSC and NRC Transition State Partnership Technical Assistance Responsibilities

TRAUMA

29. CDC Seeks Opinions on National Trauma Triage Protocol

FEDERAL PARTNERS

30. NTSB Releases 2009 Annual Report to Congress
31. NHTSA Calls for Comments on Rear Seat Belt Mandate
32. HHS Panel Grapples with Patient Consent
33. Several Federal Agencies Engaged in Battling Prescription Drug Abuse
34. FDA Updates Information on Drug Shortages
35. Gulf Oil Spill Clinical Guidance Now Available
36. CMS Invites Comments on Ambulance Reimbursement Rates
37. CMS to Host Educational Call on Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Implementation

INDUSTRY NEWS

38. CoAEMSP Offers Time Extension to Program Directors Needing Degree for Accreditation
39. "Vince and Larry" Become Permanent Additions to Smithsonian
40. Grant from Duke Endowment Provides Critical Ambulance Cardiac Resuscitation Equipment
41. Input on Design of New National Memorial Sought

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

42. Trends and Characteristics of US Emergency Department Visits, 1997-2007
43. Just one drop: the significance of a single hypotensive blood pressure reading during trauma resuscitations
44. Tracheal intubation in daylight and in the dark: a randomised comparison of the Airway Scope®, Airtraq®, and Macintosh laryngoscope in a manikin
45. Comparison of Flexiblade™ and Macintosh laryngoscopes: cervical extension angles during orotracheal intubation
46. Comparison of two instructional modalities for nursing student CPR skill acquisition

47. Mobile Messaging as Surveillance Tool during Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, Mexico
48. Prehospital Ultrasound by Paramedics: Results of Field Trial
49. Hazardous Use of Car Seats Outside the Car in the United States, 2003–2007

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Survey Report Now Available

FOR THE STATES

2. California Seeing Possibly Worst Pertussis Epidemic in 50 Years

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

3. FCC Releases Comprehensive Analysis on Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

4. CDC Announces Opportunity to Comment on 2010-2011 Influenza Guidance
5. RAND Proposes New Tool to Promote Civilian and Military Disaster Preparedness
6. ASPR Launches New Public Health Emergency Portal
7. AHRQ Releases Decisionmaking Guides to Support Hospital Evacuation and Reoccupation
8. HHS Public Health Emergency Determination for H1N1 Influenza Expired on June 23
9. Pilot Recruitment for New EMS Course

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

10. Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security Holds Mark-Up on FY2011 Spending Bill

HEALTH AND SAFETY

11. FDA Approves Rapid Test for Antibodies to Hepatitis C Virus

TRAUMA

12. OnStar Creates Injury Severity Prediction to Improve Automatic Crash Response

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. ASPR Reorganization Outlined in Federal Register
14. HHS Posts New OIG Advisory Opinions Related to EMS
15. NHLBI Funds Research to Improve Safety/Storage of Red Blood Cells

INDUSTRY NEWS

16. Wyoming Seeks EMS Program Manager
17. HealthGrades Evaluates Hospital Emergency Medicine for the First Time
18. NFPA Announces Sharp Drop in Firefighter Fatalities In 2009

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

19. ADA: New Inhaled Insulin Matches Injections for Type 2 Diabetes
20. Ingestion of “Button Batteries” More Serious Than Originally Thought

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Elizabeth Armstrong on Appointment to FEMA Advisory Committee
2. NASEMSO Assists in Public Safety Video Quality Effort
3. NASEMSO Coordinating Comment on Proposed Exam Integration
4. NASEMSO Joins EMS Organizations in Support of Allocating 700 MHz D Block to Public Safety
5. NASEMSO Responds to Request for Endorsement on MUCC for Mass Casualty Triage
6. NASEMSO Releases Education Agenda Implementation Report to NEMSAC

FOR THE STATES

7. HHS Announces \$250 Million Investment in Prevention and Public Health

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. ONC Issues Final Rule to Establish the Temporary Certification Program for EHR Technology

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. AHRQ Mass Evacuation Planning Tools Available
10. FDA Warns of Counterfeit "Tamiflu"
11. Multiple Groups Working on Health Effects of Gulf Oil Spill
12. Federal Agencies Introduce Online Mapping Tool to Track Gulf Response
13. Weather Extremes Could Lead to Busy Summer for EMS Providers
14. WISER Now Available for Apple Products
15. DHS Announces New Standards for Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness

TRANSPORTATION

16. Louisiana Toughens Texting Ban

TRAUMA

17. CDC Features New Articles and Statistics on TBI

FEDERAL PARTNERS

18. CDC Highlights Data on Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs
19. HHS Announces Patient Safety and Medical Liability Demonstration Projects
20. HHS Announces Health Workforce Funding to Improve Access to Primary Care
21. IOM Announces New Workshop Summary on Healthcare Leadership
22. New Videos Reveal How NIH Identifies the Most Promising Research Applications

INDUSTRY NEWS

23. Current Epinephrine Shortages Has Potential to Impact EMS
24. Much Ado About Physician Signatures for CMS Documentation
25. NEMSMS Announces Live Streaming of Memorial Service
26. McNeil Expands Consumer Products on Recall
27. CAAS Panel of Commissioners Seeks New Medical Representative
28. Senate Aims to Remove 'Retardation' Terminology from Federal Health Laws

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

29. Association of Corticosteroid Dose and Route of Administration in Acute COPD
30. A Randomized Trial Comparing Two Cuffed Emergency Cricothyrotomy Devices
31. Use of Novel Biomarkers in AMI

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Invites President Obama to Deliver Keynote Address at 2010 Annual Meeting
2. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Mid-Year Meeting
3. NASEMSO Leadership Meets with ACS Committee on Trauma
4. NASEMSO Releases Education Agenda Implementation Report to NEMSAC
5. NASEMSO Comments on Proposed EMS Medical Director Qualifications
6. NASEMSO Training Coordinators Council Votes to Change Name to Reflect Broader Mission
7. NASEMSO Comments at IOM Forum on PPE for Healthcare Workers
8. NASEMSO Congratulates NEMSIS Colleagues on Recent HL7 Success!!

FOR THE STATES

9. DHS Announces Nearly \$790 Million in 2010 Preparedness Grants

AIR MEDICAL

10. NTSB Offers New Course in Rotorcraft Accident Investigation

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Technology Needs Focus of New Telecommunications Survey
12. FCC Requests Public Comments on Public Safety Band for First Responders

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. MMWR Reports Public Health Surveillance Using Emergency Medical Service Logs
14. Federal Mobile Medical Unit Arrives in Louisiana
15. Louisiana Announces EMS Reciprocity Process Related to the Gulf Oil Spill Cleanup
16. GAO Issues Letter Report on Tsunami Preparedness
17. New Hospital Evacuation Guidance Available from AHRQ
18. New NLM Releases Highlighted
19. FCC and FEMA Announce Workshop on 21st Century Emergency Alerting
20. AHRQ Tools and Resources to Help Communities Prepare for Hurricane Season
21. CDC Provides Resources on 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill
22. H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza Resources and Updates
23. WHO Updates International H1N1 Situation
24. NACCHO Launches Emergency Dark Site Toolkit

EDUCATION AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

25. CoAEMSP Releases Revised Accreditation Policies and Procedures
26. EMS Accreditation Fact Sheet Now Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

27. New NIOSH Report: Preventing Exposures to Bloodborne Pathogens among Paramedics
28. NIOSH Provides Fast Facts to Prevent Worker Illness and Injury
29. CDC and OSHA Provides Information to Emergency Workers on Effects of Gulf Oil Spill
30. New Screening Tool to Protect Workers from Skin Allergies
31. Protecting Healthcare Staff From Risks Associated With Disinfectants and Cleaners

TRANSPORTATION

32. Three More States Pass Texting Ban for All Drivers
33. APHA Releases New Report on Hidden Health Costs of Transportation

34. TZD Provides Vision for Highway Safety

FEDERAL PARTNERS

35. NHTSA Announces RFP for Safety Initiative
36. HRSA Announces Plans to Establish FACA Committee to Address Rural Health Designations
37. CDC Surveillance for Violent Deaths Now Available
38. HRSA Conducts Customer Satisfaction Survey of EMSC Resource Centers
39. US Fire Administration Launches New Research Website

INDUSTRY NEWS

40. Chief Medical Officer Designation Supported by NEMSMA and IAFC (BEMS Section)
41. 2009 National EMS Practice Analysis Now Available
42. NRC and George Washington University Release Interfacility Transfer Issue Brief
43. NRC Releases New Public Policy Guide
44. AHA Announces Strategic Partnership with Nintendo
45. Nominations Sought for National EMS Awards of Excellence

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

46. Americans May Give Health Care Law a Chance
47. The Potential for Airborne Dispersal of *Clostridium difficile* from Symptomatic Patients
48. The LA story: What happened after a new policy allowing paramedics to forgo resuscitation attempts in prehospital cardiac arrest

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NAEMSO NEWS

1. NAEMSO Offers One-Day Registration for Mid-Year Council Meetings
2. Next NAEMSO Webinar to Discuss Potential Instructor Qualifications Related to Education Standards
3. Two New NAEMSO Position Statements on State EMS Medical Direction Now Available
4. IEMTG Adopts NAEMSO Recommendations for Wildland Fire Incidents
5. NAEMSO Supports Increasing EMSC funding to \$26.250 million for FY2011
6. NAEMSO Joins SCCA and NAEMT in New Resource That Addresses School Sports

FOR THE STATES

7. Federal Bankruptcy Court Upholds State Regulatory Authority in EMS Case

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Bill Introduced to Reallocate D Block to Public Safety

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. Las Vegas Exercise Cancelled; Future of NLE Remains Undecided
10. At-Risk Populations Focus of New Preparedness Report
11. GAO Report Focuses on Update to NIPP
12. Audit of DHS Grant Program Focus of New OIG Report
13. CDC and ASPR Develop H1N1 Hospital Readiness Review Checklist
14. PHEMCE Releases Workshop Summary on Emergency Medical Countermeasures

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

15. Washington State Toughens Cell Phone and Texting Ban

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

16. Children with Food Allergies Should Carry Two Doses of Epinephrine
17. AAP Provides Revised Resources on Emergency Preparedness
18. CDC Releases Hospital Workbook for Pediatric Care During an Influenza Pandemic
19. FDA Requires Device Manufacturers to Include Information on Pediatric Populations

FEDERAL PARTNERS

20. Berwick Nominated to Head CMS
21. FDA Announces Public Workshop on Medical Device Use in the Home
22. AHRQ Releases 2009 National Healthcare Quality Report
23. CDC Releases New Estimates of H1N1 Infections
24. HHS Panel Endorses Patient Safety Database
25. ECCO Announces Availability of Regionalization Grants

INDUSTRY NEWS

26. Senate Resolution Congratulates Colorado Springs as New Home to NEMSMS
27. NAEMT Publishes Position Statement on EMS Medical Direction
28. EMS Week Fan Page Now on Facebook

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

30. Fatality Management Focus of New Webcast Available at EMForum
31. Hydroxocobalamin and Sodium Thiosulfate Versus Sodium Nitrite and Sodium Thiosulfate in the Treatment of Acute Cyanide Toxicity
32. Health Care Workers in ED Were Most Affected During the Spring 2009 H1N1 Pandemic
33. Practice Parameter update: Evaluation and Management of Driving Risk in Dementia

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Statewide EMS Conferences**
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March 23, 2010

1. WARNING to EMS First Responders: Self-Inflicted Hydrogen Sulfide Suicides on the Rise

NASEMSO NEWS

2. NASEMSO Congratulates Gainor on National Award
3. NASEMSO Mourns Loss of Missouri EMSC and Trauma Manager
4. NASEMSO Council Changes Name to Reflect Expanded Pediatric Focus
5. EMS Performance Measures Project Provides Final Report
6. NASEMSO Supports Funding for CDC Core Programs

FOR THE STATES

7. HHS Post Pre-solicitation Grant Notice on Regionalization Initiatives
8. ACF Announces \$42 Million in Competitive Grant Funding for Native American Projects

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. National Broadband Plan Highlights ITS Solutions
10. PSHSB Launches New Web Site
11. HHS Announces Additional Investment to Advance Widespread Meaningful Use of Health IT
12. New GAO Report Addresses DHS Emergency Communications

13. Proposed Rule for the Establishment of Certification Programs for Health IT
14. TEP Steering Committee Seeks Comment on Draft Standards

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

15. DOJ and FBI Announce Formal Conclusion of Investigation into 2001 Anthrax Attacks
16. GAO Reports Testimony on Security Protection at Federal Facilities
17. IOM Medical Surge Capacity Workshop Summary Now Available
18. Pennsylvania Legal Preparedness Toolkit Released
19. Oregon Isolation and Quarantine Bench Book Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

20. OSHA Publishes Overview of Medical Screening and Surveillance Requirements

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

21. Safety Coalition Urges Congress to Help Cut Highway Deaths
22. Clarus Initiative Provides Promising Tool for Highway Safety
23. Traffic Fatalities for 2009 Reach Record Low
24. Wyoming Becomes the 20th State to Ban Texting While Driving
25. Fatigue Endangers Transportation Workers and Passengers Across All Modes
26. EMS Safety Foundation November Webinar Recording and Handout Links Now Available

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. EMSC Releases Targeted Issues Grant Guidance
28. State Children's Health Legislation Report Available
29. FDA Issues Final Rule on Access/Marketing of Tobacco Products to Youth
30. North Carolina EMSC Releases Emergency Care Guidelines for Schools
31. Childhood Asthma Treatment: One-Size-Does- NOT- Fit-All
32. Warning Issued on Using Sling Carriers for Babies Under 4 Months of Age

TRAUMA

33. New WISQARS Fatal Injury Mapping Module Available

FEDERAL PARTNERS

34. GAO Reports Findings on Group Purchasing
35. HHS Advisory Group Proposes Safety Data Base
36. IOM Hosts Regional Meetings on H1N1 Vaccination Strategies
37. New Issue Brief from CDC: Unintentional Drug Poisoning in the United States
38. Latest Report on Nation's Health Shows Growing Medical Technology Use
39. Nipro Huber Needle Products Recalled
40. AFG Grant Workshops Now Available
41. Several New Cybersecurity Resources Available from DHS

INDUSTRY NEWS

42. Monroe Named CDC Deputy Director
43. NAED Releases New "Accelerator Stuck" Protocol
44. 2010 is the International Year of the Nurse
45. James Page Collection Launches at UCLA Library

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

46. Comparison of Dopamine and Norepinephrine in the Treatment of Shock
47. Glucocorticoids for the Treatment of Anaphylaxis
48. Low Yield Seen for Elective Coronary Angiography

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Feb. 28, 2010

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Endorses Highway Safety Reauthorization
2. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for 2010
3. Education Agenda Panel Added to EMS Today

FOR THE STATES

4. New Health Report Available from RWJF

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. DHS Fails to Meet Requirements for HSPD 12

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

6. New Sample Bill Will Aid States in Banning Texting While Driving

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

7. HHS Awards \$100 Million to 10 States to Test Innovations in Children's Health Care

FEDERAL PARTNERS

8. AHRQ Releases 2007 Hospital Emergency Department Data
9. AHRQ Report and Tools to Identify and Run Alternate Care Facilities
10. NTSB Issues 2010 Most Wanted List
11. New CDC Office to Draw Attention to Preventative Interventions
12. FCC's Emergency Response Interoperability Forum Rescheduled

INDUSTRY NEWS

13. New NAEMT Position Statement Opposes EMS Participation in Executions

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. TFAH—Director of Government Relations

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

15. Emergency Medical Services Intervals and Survival in Trauma: Assessment of the "Golden Hour" in a North American Prospective Cohort

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Updated Information on the Advocates for EMS Policy Summit****

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Feb. 15, 2010

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Kupas on National EMS Award
2. NASEMSO Webinar Series Addresses Education Agenda Implementation
3. NASEMSO Quick Reference Provides List of Helpful Links
4. NASEMSO Supports Passage of H.R. 2024

FOR THE STATES

5. ARRA Fund Benefits to States Outlined in New Report
6. HHS Promotes “The Secretary’s Challenge: Connecting Kids to Coverage”

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Comments Sought on NEMSIS Version 3

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. DOJ Guide Highlights Crime Scene Considerations for First Responders
9. Counterterrorism and Emergency Response Catalog Available from GPO
10. Hospital Preparedness Program Focus of New Report
11. Draft National Disaster Recovery Framework Now Available for Comment
12. NIOSH Offers Resources for Emergency Responders
13. DOD “Lessons Learned” Document on Fort Hood Shootings Now Available
14. Free Respirator Training Videos Available

EMSC

15. EMSC Announces Changes to Pediatric Equipment List
16. CHIP Partners Now on Twitter

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. NIOSH Science Blog: The Effectiveness of Workplace Training
18. TFAH/IDSA Report on Gaps in Adult Immunization System

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

19. Proceedings of the First International Conference on Road Safety at Work

TRAUMA

20. QuickStat Highlights Distribution of Injury for US 2004-2007

FEDERAL PARTNERS

21. New NIOSH Internet Site Highlights Regulatory Agenda
22. Recession Expected to Impact Growth in National Health Expenditures
23. NTSB to Reveal Annual “Most Wanted” List

INDUSTRY NEWS

24. FDA Announces Voluntary Recall of Cardiac Science Automated External Defibrillators
25. FDA Alerts Healthcare Community of Medication Use Errors Related to Maalox Total Relief
26. FDA Announces Recall of BD Q-Syte Luer Access Devices
27. SCPC Highlights National Heart Failure Awareness Week
28. Canadian Government Works to Improve Paramedic Job Mobility

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

29. WV State EMS Medical Director
30. CDC OPHPR Director

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

31. Out-of-Hospital Endotracheal Intubation Experience and Patient Outcomes
32. Doctors Develop Life-Saving, Low-Cost Ventilators for Emergency, Rural and Military Use
33. IMGs in Non-Physician Health Care Positions

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Statewide EMS Conferences**
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[January 31, 2010](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. Education Agenda: NASEMSO Provides Implementation Timeline and Textbook Publication Schedules
2. NASEMSO Provides New Issue Brief on N-95 Respirators and Fit Testing for EMS Personnel
3. NASEMSO Comments on NHTSA Strategic Plan
4. NASEMSO Supports Senate Bill to Eliminate CAH "Isolation Test"
5. Procedure for NASEMSO Roster Changes Reviewed

FOR THE STATES

6. Executive Order Establishes New Council of Governors
7. GAO Studies State Assistance Programs Receiving Medicaid and CHIP Funds

AIR MEDICAL

8. FAA's Aviation News Features Issue on Human Element Research

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. NEMSIS Version 3 Revision Process Underway

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. FEMA Announces New Membership of National Advisory Council
11. GAO Addresses Medical Surge in State Emergency Preparedness Efforts
12. House Bill Would Address the Needs of Children in Disasters
13. CDC Provides New Pediatric Pan Flu Guidance for Community Stakeholders
14. HHS Releases National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Guide
15. CDC Foundation Solicits Contributions to Global Disaster Response Fund
16. DHS Unveils "Virtual USA" Information-Sharing Initiative
17. OIG Identifies State Concerns with CHEMPACK Storage
18. Medical Surge Capacity Focus of IOM Forum Workshop Summary
19. CRS Issues H1N1 Influenza Legal Issues Report

20. First Case of XXDR TB Identified in US
21. Executive Order Identifies USPS for Delivery of Medical Countermeasures for Bio Attacks

EMSC

22. Joint Policy Statement—Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department Now Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

23. Protecting and Promoting Worker Health and Well-Being
24. What Are the Costs When a Worker Dies in the Line of Duty?

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

25. President Signs Executive Order on Distracted Driving
26. AASTHO Seeks Input on National Strategy on Highway Safety

FEDERAL PARTNERS

27. Feds Issue Regulations on 'Meaningful Use' and Setting Standards for Electronic Health Records
28. National Library of Medicine Launches Mobile MedlinePlus
29. Resources for Clinicians Treating Individuals Returning From Haiti
30. CMS Issues Annual Report on National Health Spending
31. NIH to Host Regional Seminars on Grant Policy and Procedure
32. MMWR Focuses on Revised Immunization Schedules

INDUSTRY NEWS

33. Video Addresses Bullying in the Workplace
34. McNeil Expands OTC Recall to Include More Products
35. ACEP Announces 2010 EMS Week Plans
36. New Club Drug Identified
37. PTSF Announces Position Opening
38. APHA Seeks Transportation Manager

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

39. Regional Systems of Care for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest. A Policy Statement From the AHA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[December 31, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Comments to FCC on Healthcare Broadband Deployment

FOR THE STATES

2. Senate Health Reform Package Impacts EMS
3. New GAO Report Focuses on State Government Retiree Benefits

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. HHS announces \$60M Program to Fund Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. President Obama Releases National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats
6. NIOSH Extends Comment Deadline for TIL Requirements
7. New Call Center Workbook for Pan Flu Available from CDC
8. "Ready or Not" Ready for Review
9. New GAO Report Focuses on Biosurveillance

EMSC

10. EMSC Reauthorization Included in Health Reform Legislation Passed by Senate

FEDERAL PARTNERS

11. New DOT Consumer Rule Limits Airline Tarmac Delays, Provides Other Passenger Protections
12. FDA Issues Product Recall for Popular OTC Medication

STATE JOB POSTINGS

13. Arkansas Health Department Recruiting for New Trauma Positions

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

14. IV Drug Administration During Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes Challenge ACLS Protocols

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Announces 2010 Mid-Year Meeting Dates
2. NASEMSO Launches New Education Agenda Implementation List Serve
3. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for New Year
4. NASEMSO Launches Education Agenda Needs Assessment Surveys
5. NASEMSO Joins ITS America in Transportation Letter to President Obama
6. NASEMSO's McGinnis Testifies Before FCC on Public Safety Communications

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. GAO Reports on Sustainability of Health Resources Following Hurricane Katrina
9. Resolve to be Ready Campaign Kicks Off for 2010
10. Fugate Announces FEMA Reorganization
11. DHS Unveils "Virtual USA" Information-Sharing Initiative
12. Disaster Case Managers to Assist Children and Families
13. REAL ID Falls Short of Its Goals
14. \$2.7B Available in 2010 Preparedness Grants from DHS

EMSC

15. AHRQ Study Finds Telemedicine Reduces Children's Emergency Department Visits
16. NRC and NEDARC Publish Manual on Non-competing Continuation Grant Guidance

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

17. FICEMS Releases Report on State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
18. CDC Warns of H1N1 "Swine Flu" Phishing Scam
19. New from the CDC: H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Preparedness Tools for Professionals
20. GAO Report Focuses on Implementation of National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza
21. New York Autopsies Show 2009 H1N1 Influenza Virus Damages Entire Airway
22. WHO Addresses Mutation; Antiviral Resistance Issues
23. New NIOSH Respirator 'One-Stop-Shop' Web Resource

HEALTH AND SAFETY

24. OSHA's Emphasizes Fall 2009 Regulatory Priorities

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. New Highway Technology Report Available from GAO
26. Over 107 Million Personal Vehicles Entered the U.S. in 2008
27. GAO Reviews State Use of Highway Funds

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. And The Winner Is...Drew Dawson!
29. NIH to Host Regional Seminars on Grant Policy and Procedure
30. NFA Course Applications Due December 15

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

31. CDC Statcast Highlights Fatal Poisonings Involving Opioid Analgesics
32. Implications of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) During Public Health Emergencies and on Alternate Sites of Care

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Mourns the Loss of Arkansas State Director
2. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for 2010
3. NASEMSO Launches Education Agenda Needs Assessment Surveys
4. NASEMSO Publishes Monograph Representing Comprehensive Examination of State EMS Funding
5. NASEMSO Program Staff Participates as FCC Panelist on Broadband Field Hearing
6. NASEMSO Program Staff Participates as IOM Panelist on Workforce Needs in Health Incidents
7. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Wildland Fire Standards Document

AIR MEDICAL

8. NTSB Issues Several HEMS Safety Recommendations

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. First Ambulance-Based Wireless Medical Records System Comes to Indianapolis
10. HIT Advisory Committees Launch New Blog to Describe FACA Activities

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. NEMA TTX Available for Public Health/Medical Personnel
12. Disaster Relief Codejam Engages Software Giants in Random Hacks of Kindness
13. NIOSH Pocket Guide Now Available for the iPhone
14. IOM Forum Releases Crisis Standards of Care Workshop Series
15. WISER Update Now Available

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

16. WHO Provides Mass Gathering Guidance for H1N1
17. **NIOSH Comments on (MacIntyre) Study on Healthcare Worker Respirator Use/Fit Testing**
18. **OSHA Issues Compliance Directive for Occupational Exposure to H1N1**
19. **CMS Provides Clarification to NASEMSO Inquiry on 1135 Waiver Conditions for Ambulances**
20. NIOSH Seeks Information Associated With H1N1 and Healthcare Workers
21. CDC Issues Health Advisory on Pneumococcal Vaccination to Prevent Secondary Infections
22. WHO Issues Revised Guidance on Clinical Management for H1N1
23. CDC Issues Guidance on Emergency Shelters for 2009-10 Flu Season
24. NPPTL Launches Respirator Trusted-Source Information Page
25. NIOSH Seeks Comments on TIL Requirements for Respirators
26. Public Health Officials Monitoring H1N1 Virus Mutation Detected in Norway
27. FDA Warns of Unapproved and Illegal H1N1 Drug Products Purchased Over the Internet

HEALTH AND SAFETY

28. **Ryan White Emergency Response Provisions Reinstated**

HIGHWAY SAFETY

29. NHTSA Seeks Public Comment on Traffic Safety Problems
30. DOT Releases New Action Plan to Address Motorcoach Safety Issues
31. Newly Formed Safety Council to Take Safety Commitment to Next Level

FEDERAL PARTNERS

32. Deadline Extended for NEMSAC Applications
33. Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) from CDC's Injury Center
34. NIH Awards \$8.5 Million for Research on Pharmaceuticals for Children
35. Secretary Sebelius Announces New HHS Regional Directors
36. Senate Confirms US Surgeon General
37. NHLBI Stops Enrollment in Study on Resuscitation Methods for Cardiac Arrest
38. Journal Supplement on Developing the Public Health Workforce
39. FDA Investigates External Biphasic Defibrillators Energy Levels
40. FDA Warns of Defective Powerheart and CardioVive (AED) Display Screens
41. FDA Recalls Meconium Kits
42. Opportunity for Public Comment on Draft Healthy People 2020 Objectives

INDUSTRY NEWS

43. ACEP Issues Public Guidance on Using the ED for Influenza-Like Illness
44. AHA Launches Hands-Only CPR Web Resources
45. NAEMT Announces First EMS on the Hill Day
46. EMSsystems, LLC Acquires Med Media, Inc.

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Input Included in New Communications Guides

AIR MEDICAL

2. NTSB Faults Pilot Mismanagement in Air Medical Crash
3. NTSB Sends HEMS Safety Recommendations to FAA

COMMUNICATIONS

4. NG9-1-1 Procurement Tool Kit Now Available from DOT

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. Former EMS Chief Confirmed as FEMA Assistant Administrator
6. Secretary Napolitano Announces New Proposed Standards for Private Sector Preparedness

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

7. CDC Releases H1N1 Infection Control Guidance
8. OSHA to Conduct H1N1 Inspection Visits
9. NIOSH Revisits Science Related to Respiratory Protection; Public Invited to Comment
10. NEMSAC Advocates for Personal Safety of EMS Responders
11. U.S. Fire Administrator Urges H1N1 Vaccinations for Fire and EMS Personnel

HIGHWAY SAFETY

12. Safety Advocates File Petition to Curb Use of Electronic Devices by Truck and Bus Drivers

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. Comment Period for HIPAA Interim Rule Set to Expire
14. NIOSH Seeks to Improve Protective Clothing for Fire Fighters and Emergency Responders
15. NIOSH Offers Report on Sickness Absenteeism among Full-Time Workers
16. New Information Available at www.StopMedicareFraud.gov
17. New NIOSH Report Highlights Efforts in Workplace Safety

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Oct. 5, 2009

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Annual Meeting in Little Rock
2. NASEMSO Resolution 2009-001 Addresses Project 25 Compliance
3. NASEMSO Signs Coalition Letter to Support Funding for Health Programs
4. NASEMSO Program Advisor Named to FCC Advisory Council

FOR THE STATES

5. HHS Awards \$40 Million to States to Find, Enroll Children in CHIP, Medicaid
6. \$120 Million for States Made Available for Community Prevention and Wellness Initiatives

AIR MEDICAL

7. Aviation Blogs Point to Fatigue Expert as Possible NTSB Nominee

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. AHRQ Releases New Tools to Identify and Run Alternate Care Facilities
9. AHRQ Condenses "Scarce Resources" Guide to Aid H1N1 Planning Efforts
10. ODNI Publishes National Intelligence Strategy
11. Report of HSAS Task Force Now Available
12. GAO Releases New Report on Citizen Corps and Ready Campaign
13. IOM Provides Guidance on Standards of Health Care During Disaster Situations

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

14. H1N1 Highlights

- Info on Vaccines
- Conflicting Reports on Respiratory Protection for HCW
- Clinical Use of Diagnostic Testing for H1N1
- Bacterial Coinfections in Fatal Cases
- Tamiflu Suspension for Kids

15. Hospital Bed Availability During Pandemic—Focus of New TFAH Report

HIGHWAY SAFETY

16. National Summit Focuses on Distracted Driving

RURAL EMS

17. Health Information Technology Strengthens Care in Rural Communities

FEDERAL PARTNERS

18. FDA Recalls Children's and Infants' Tylenol Oral Suspension
19. New GAO Report Focuses on Fraud and Abuse Related to Controlled Substances
20. Change in Reference Standard Affects Heparin Doses

INDUSTRY NEWS

21. NAEMT Responds to Members' Concerns About New NBC Show

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

22. Emergency Legal Preparedness Among Select US Local Governments

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting Program Revised
2. NASEMSO Welcomes Mary Hedges as Program Staff
3. State EMS Spotlight Profiles Needed
4. New Web Site Resource: Quality Improvement Links
5. NASEMSO Provides Comments to State Traffic Record Systems Performance Measures
6. PSST Re-Elects NASEMSO's Kevin McGinnis for Two Year Term
7. NASEMSO Member Appointed to NFPA Ambulance Standards Committee

AIR MEDICAL

8. NTSB Safety Board Issues HEMS Recommendations

DATA

9. HHS HIT Committees Scheduled to Meet
10. White House Announces Availability of Nearly \$1.2 Billion in HITECH Grants

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. Occupational Health Guidelines for Chemical Hazards Now Indexed Online
12. New NIMS Alert Encourages Use of Plain Language
13. WISER 4.3 Now Available from the National Library of Medicine
14. GAO Releases Letter Report on Disaster Recovery
15. NIOSH Science Blog Focuses on Respiratory Protection for Responders Since 9/11
16. HHS and USDA Unveil New Food Safety Consumer Web Site

EMSC

17. Utah EMSC Provides Pediatric Off-line Protocol Guidelines
18. AHRQ Addresses Children's Needs in Public Health Emergencies

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

19. HHS Conference Call - Information Sharing from HHS on H1N1
20. GSA to Allow State and Local Government Access to Federal Supply Schedules During a Pandemic
21. CMS Announces EMTALA Requirements and Options for Hospitals During a Pandemic
22. New and Updated Interim Guidance and Links to Resources for Clinicians
23. WHO Guidelines for Pharmacological Management H1N1 Influenza and other Influenza Viruses

HIGHWAY SAFETY

24. USFA Announces the Release of a Report on Emergency Vehicle Visibility and Conspicuity
25. EMS Transportation Summit Scheduled for October
26. TSAG to Convene Fall Meeting

TRAUMA

27. NIOSH Provides Public Comment Opportunity on TIIP

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. EMS Workforce Data Definitions Available for Public Comment
29. NTSB Training Available: Managing Communications During an Aircraft Disaster
30. Product Recalls Announced by the FDA
31. HHS Delegates Authority for the HIPAA Security Rule to Office for Civil Rights

INDUSTRY NEWS

32. OIG Posts Two EMS-Related Advisory Opinions
33. Grants.Gov Web Site Offers New Feature for Information on Applying for All ARRA Federal Grants

34. NECE Workshop Summary Now Available from National Academies
35. Fiscal Year 2009 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Soon Available
36. Job Posting: ASTHO Director of Public Health Preparedness

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

37. Occupational Injuries Among Emergency Medical Service Providers in the United States

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. REGISTER NOW for 2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
2. ECCO Chief to Provide Keynote Address at 2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
3. FCC Bureau Chief to Address NASEMSO at 2009 Annual Meeting
4. 2009 National EMS Education Standards Gap Analysis Template Now Available
5. NASEMSO Endorses Bill Amendment on Assisting Veterans
6. State EMS Spotlight Profiles Needed
7. New Web Site Resource: Quality Improvement Links
8. NASEMSO Joins Safety Consortium to Promote Broadband-Enabled Emergency Response

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. GAO Issues Report on Project BioShield
10. Final Report from the "No Fit Test" Respirator Research Workshop Now Available
11. DHS Announces Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Learning Series
12. FEMA Announces Creation of Children's Working Group
13. Revised CONTOMS Course Available in Fall 2009
14. National Fire Academy Training Opportunities Available for EMS
15. New Opscan Answer Sheets for EMI Independent Study Program Courses Now Available

EMSC

16. EMSC Federal Legislative Update
17. Minnesota EMSC Program Posts State Prehospital Pediatric Guidelines

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

18. AEMS to Host Town Hall Meeting at EMS Expo

HEALTH AND SAFETY

19. H1N1 Highlights
20. FDA Approves Vaccine for 2009-2010 Seasonal Influenza
21. CDC Recommends Seasonal Flu Vaccination for Children Over 6 Months and Healthcare Workers
22. CDC Features Muscle Strengthening Guidance for Adults

HIGHWAY SAFETY

23. AASHTO to Convene Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Highway Safety

RURAL EMS

24. MN Community Paramedic Program Acknowledged in NACRHHS Report

FEDERAL PARTNERS

25. Institute of Medicine to Host 2nd in Series of Workshops

26. Recovery Act Funds Could Benefit EMS Professions

27. CMS Revises Mileage Processing on Ambulance Claims

INDUSTRY NEWS

28. IAFP Releases Position Statement on Critical Care Paramedics

29. NAEMSE to Induct New Officers

30. NREMT Associate Director Participates in DC Fellowship

31. ENA Seeking Pilot Sites for New LTC Handoff Form

32. ENA Releases New Study on Workplace Violence

33. EMS Patient Communications Monograph Available

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

34. Data based integration of critical illness and injury patient care from EMS to emergency department to intensive care unit

35. Improving performance of emergency medical services personnel during resuscitation of cardiac arrest patients: the McMAID approach

36. Ventilation during resuscitation efforts for out-of-hospital primary cardiac arrest

37. Stroke: acute stroke receiving facilities and management

38. Measuring acute pain in the prehospital setting

39. Airtraq Causes Less C-Spine Movement Than Macintosh Laryngoscope

40. Crossover Comparison of the Laryngeal Mask Supreme(TM) and the i-gel(TM) in Simulated Difficult Airway Scenario in Anesthetized Patients

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2009 National EMS Education Standards Gap Analysis Template Now Available

AIR MEDICAL

2. PFAA Secures Concessions to Improve State Regulation of Air Ambulances

DATA

3. Recording of Emergency Responder Electronic Health Record (ER-EHR) Webcast Now Available

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Communications Guides Aid Statewide Communications Interoperability
5. The Plain Language Guide – Making the Transition from Ten Codes

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. Review of Homeland Security Advisory System Underway
7. PACER Consortium Revises Model MOU for Hospitals
8. FEMA Plans to Establish Emergency 'Base Camps'
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

EMSC

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

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

17. White House Announces Picks for Key Public Health and Safety Positions
18. AEMS Encourages Stakeholders to Support PSOB Language for Non-Profit Employees
19. FICEMS Adopts Position on National Health Security Strategy

HEALTH AND SAFETY

20. H1N1 HIGHLIGHTS
 - I. New or Revised Guidance Available and Applicable to EMS Planning
 - II. Flu News

HIGHWAY SAFETY

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

RURAL EMS

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

FEDERAL PARTNERS

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

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

28. Errata-WU July 2, 2009
29. Information loss in emergency medical services handover of trauma patients.
30. Vaccine Refusal Increases Risk for Pertussis in Unvaccinated Children

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Statewide EMS Conferences**
- **National Conferences and Special Meetings

[July 2, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Previews National EMS Education Standards Gap Analysis Template

FOR THE STATES

2. New State by State Reports Highlight Urgent Need for Health Reform

DATA

3. NEMSIS Task Force Announces New Representatives

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

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

EMSC

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

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. New NIOSH Publication Highlights Worker Safety

HIGHWAY SAFETY

18. New GAO Report Outlines Status of Highway Trust Fund

TRAUMA

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

FEDERAL PARTNERS

20. CDC Publishes New General Workplace Guidelines for H1N1

21. FDA Panel Votes to Ban Vicodin, Percocet, and Other Combination Analgesics

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

22. NRC Seeking Qualified Applicants for Director Position

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

23. Level I versus Level II trauma centers: an outcomes-based assessment.

24. Long-term Outcomes in Individuals with Prolonged PR Interval or First-Degree AV Block

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide EMS Conferences

National Conferences and Special Meetings

[June 18, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Mid-Year Meeting

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

FOR THE STATES

5. FY 2009 H1N1 Supplemental Includes \$350 Million for States

6. HHS Announces Release of \$6 Billion in New CHIP Funds to Insure Children

DATA

7. NEMSIS Version 3 Draft Available for Comment

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

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

EMSC

12. New Mexico Releases Online Pediatric Emergency Training Modules

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

13. AEMS Provides Update on Emergency Care Regionalization Pilot Projects

14. USDA Community Facilities Loans and Grants May Benefit Rural Emergency Medical Services

HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

FEDERAL PARTNERS

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

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

20. New GAO Reports Highlight Several Topics of Interest
21. NEMSAC Statement Lists Principles for Health Care Reform Discussion
22. Zoll AED Plus Defibrillator Recalled

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

23. Poor Sleep in Adulthood Linked to Higher Blood Pressure
24. Use of Antiemetic Agents in Acute Gastroenteritis--A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
25. Approach combining the airway scope and the bougie for minimizing movement of the cervical spine during endotracheal intubation

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

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[May 31, 2009](#)

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

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[May 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO 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

Statewide EMS Conferences

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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

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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

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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 PHLIP 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. NASEMSO 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. AHLA 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. EIPP 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: NEMESIS 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 NEMESIS
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 with 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