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The purpose of the HITS Committee is to:

- Engage NASEMSO on highway safety issues relevant to EMS.
- Collaborate with highway safety partners to promote understanding of EMS.
- Provide input to NASEMSO Executive Committee on highway safety concerns.

HITS Projects

1) Highway Mass Casualty Readiness & Response Project - 2010

NASEMSO project to develop tool for state and local EMS agencies to assess integration and response capability for mass casualty incidents on highways, known as:

Event Response Readiness Assessment (ERRA)

And to develop working (draft) matrix of emergency care inventory that displays resource availability and system capacity by segments of highways. Data elements to include ground ambulances, rescue services that extricate, air ambulances, hospitals and trauma centers. To be modeled after US DOT's Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE), the matrix will be known as: **Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements (MIECE)**

2) Ambulance Safety Writing Project - 2010

NAEMSP-led project funded by Zoll and Physio-Control began with a 2-day conference in January 2010. A team of six people are conducting a review of the literature and will take the lessons from the conference to write a "white paper" for publication and dissemination. There are four writing groups: driver, vehicle, provider and patient. Dr. Jane Brice (UNC) is the Principal Investigator. NASEMSO was represented at the conference by **Dia Gainor**.

3) WNGG: "What's Next - Next Generation 9-1-1"

The current 9-1-1 system is designed around telephone technology and cannot handle the text, data, images and video increasingly common in personal communications and critical to future transportation safety and mobility advances. The Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) initiative will establish the foundation for emergency communications services in a wireless mobile society. TSAG's multidisciplinary group will identify data to transmit to 9-1-1 center following incident. **Timeline:** 2010 calendar year; kickoff in March. NASEMSO to send representatives to provide EMS perspective.

4) Toward Zero Deaths: A National Strategy on Highway Safety

A data-driven effort to identify and create opportunities for changing American culture as it relates to highway safety. It focuses on developing strong leadership and champions in organizations that directly impact highway safety through engineering, enforcement, education, emergency medical service (EMS), policy, public health, and communications. The goal is to develop an outline for the national strategy by Spring 2010 and finalize the strategy in 2011. **John Bixler** is NASEMSO's representative on the Steering Committee and the contact person is Kelly Hardy @ 202-624-5868 khardy@aaashto.org.



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5) SHRP 2 – L12: Training and Certification for Traffic Incident Responders

The project is intended to establish the foundation for certifying the capability of responders to achieve the National Unified Goal (NUG) for Traffic Incident Management: responder safety, safe, quick clearance; and prompt, reliable, interoperable communications. **Kevin McGinnis** is participating as subject matter expert. The National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition is the source for EMS stakeholders.

6) Traffic Incident Management Program for Worker Safety - 2008 to 2010

Project to summarize existing research findings and approaches related to traffic incident management (TIM) safety and to establish set of recommendations for national action to enhance the safety of TIM workers--in essence providing the foundation for a national TIM+ Program. Based on findings from the European scan and resources from the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC) and affiliated organizations, resulting product will serve as a basis for national action as well as a tool for establishing coordinated TIM programs on local, state, and regional bases. A workshop was held in May 2009 to review draft material. **Kevin McGinnis** is PI for ASMII. Report to be published March 2010.

Highway Safety Partners with NAEMSO Involvement

1) NTIMC or TIM Coalition: National Traffic Incident Management Coalition

Parent Organization: American Association of Highway & Transportation Officials (AAHTSO)

Mission: Achieve the National Uniform Goal (NUG) for traffic incident management (TIM), consisting of enhanced responder safety; safe, quick traffic incident clearance; and prompt, reliable, interoperable communications.

Stakeholders: EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Safety Communications, Towing & Recovery, Transportation Communities

NAEMSO Rep: **Scott Winston**

Meetings: Quarterly in Washington, DC.

Contacts: John Corbin, Chair, 608-266-0459, WI DOT, john.corbin@dot.state.wi.us

Budget: Coalition funds airfare, lodging, per diem, airport parking 4 X year

Website: <http://timcoalition.org/?siteid=41&pageid=1973>

2) SCOHTS: Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety

Parent Organization: American Association of Highway & Transportation Officials (AAHTSO)

Mission: To evaluate highway safety needs encompassing the four E's - Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency medical services. Responsible for development and continued updating of AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Stakeholders: National organizations, both public and private, involved in highway safety

NAEMSO Rep: **John Bixler, Dia Gainor**

Meetings: Annually, Spring

Contacts: Tony Kane, akane@ashto.org, Joel McCarroll, jmccarroll@ashto.org, Rosemary TenEyck, rteneck@ashto.org

Budget: AASHTO pays travel expenses to meetings

Website: <http://www.transportation.org/?siteid=35&pageid=2331>



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3) *SCOHTS – SM: Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety, Subcommittee on Highway Safety Management*

Parent Organization: American Association of Highway & Transportation Officials (AAHTSO)

Mission: To promote AASHTO's safety goal of reducing highway fatalities by half in the next two decades. Works on technical issues such as developing, updating or commenting on various highway manuals, plans, and programs to improve safety

Stakeholders: Member departments appoint up to 3 members from every state

NASEMSO Involvement: One of the 3 members could be from state EMS office

Meetings: Annually, Fall

Contacts: Kelly Hardy - khardy@aahtso.org, AASHTO Staff Liaison,

Budget: AASHTO pays travel expenses to meetings

Website: <http://www.transportation.org/?siteid=81>

4) *TSAG: Transportation Safety Advancement Group*

Parent Organization: Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) and US DOT's Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)

Mission: "Promoting Technology for Public Safety." Advance unified and strengthened public safety programs across ITS technologies (OnStar was a product of this effort.)

Stakeholders: EMS, Fire & Rescue, Emergency Communications, Law Enforcement, Transportation Operations, Emergency Management, Technology & Telematics, Academic & Research

NASEMSO Rep: Dia Gainor, Chair of TSAG

Meetings: Quarterly

Contact: Manny Puentes @ mpuentes@itsa.org

Budget: Travel and per diem paid by USDOT/RITA via contract with ITSA

Website: <http://www.tsag-its.org/whatistsag.php>

5) *NCHRP: National Cooperative Highway Research Program*

Parent Organization: Transportation Research Board (One of six major divisions of the National Research Council)

Mission: To conduct research in problem areas that affect highway planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance nationwide. Each year in early July, the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research (SCOR) solicits problems from three authorized sources: (1) AASHTO member transportation departments, (2) the chairs of AASHTO's committees and subcommittees, and (3) the Federal Highway Administrator. Problem statements are due by September 15.

Stakeholders: State departments of transportation are the sole sponsors of the NCHRP.

NASEMSO Involvement: Kevin McGinnis was PI for ASMI on a 2008- 2010 project, *Traffic Incident Management Program for Worker Safety*. Report to be published March 2010.

Contact: Crawford Jencks, Manager, 202-334-2379, cjencks@nas.edu

Budget: Varies by project

Website: <http://www.trb.org/NCHRP/Public/NCHRP.aspx>



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6) *SHRP 2: Strategic Highway Research Program*

Parent Organization: Transportation Research Board

Mission: To investigate the underlying causes of highway crashes and congestion in a short-term program of focused research

Stakeholders: transportation-related, uses subject matter experts related to research project

NASEMSO Involvement: No participation other than occasional grant review boards

Meetings: Annual meeting for TRB in January

Contact: Director Neil Hawks, nhawks@nas.edu

Budget: Review board travel expenses

Timeline: Multiyear program (4 years funding, 7 years to complete) began work in March 2006

Website: <http://www.trb.org/AboutTRB/SHRP2.aspx>

7) *TRB EMS Transport Safety Subcommittee*

Parent Organization: Transportation Research Board

Mission: To advance EMS and medical transportation safety research, chaired by Nadine Levick, MD, MPH; established in January 2008.

Stakeholders: EMS agencies, technical experts, federal and state EMS & transportation agencies, industry partners, academics

NASEMSO Rep: Need to identify

Meetings: January and November, Washington, DC

Contact: Nadine Levick, nlevick@attglobal.net, Eileen Frazer, efrazer@camts.org

Budget: TRB does not fund travel costs but provides meeting space and support.

Website: <http://objectivesafety.net/TRBSubcommittee.htm>

8) *I-95 Corridor Coalition*

Parent Organization: None, an alliance of partners

Mission: To provide a forum for key decision and policy makers to address transportation management and operations issues.

Stakeholders: Transportation agencies, toll authorities, and related organizations, including public safety, from Maine to Florida, with affiliate members in Canada

NASEMSO Rep: **Beth Armstrong, Gary Brown**

Meetings: Committees have various meeting times & locations

Contact: Ex. Dir. George Schoener, (703) 389-9281, geschoener@comcast.net

Budget: Member funding is from his/her own organization

Website: <http://www.i95coalition.org/i95/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

9) *HSPV: Highway Safety Partners Venture*

Parent Organization: None

Mission: To assist in identifying appropriate solutions and implementing systemic low cost improvements across the four Es of Engineering, EMS, Enforcement and Education

Stakeholders: Representatives of private and public organizations interested in highway safety

NASEMSO Rep: **Beth Armstrong**

Meetings: 6 X year in DC area

Contact: Kathy Kraus @ Kathy.Krause@dot.gov

Budget: Members cover own expenses