Welcome to the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum

September 12, 2013 0900-1200 PDT

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The mission of the **Joint National Emergency Medical Services Leadership Forum** (JNEMSLF) is to facilitate a shared vision, collaboration, and unity in purpose to improve emergency medical services and conditions that affect emergency medical services throughout the country.

It is the vision of the **JNEMSLF** that timely, stable and accountable local and regional emergency medical services systems with the capacity and performance to ensure optimal patient outcomes must be available throughout the United States. The **JNEMSLF** will achieve this vision through:

- **Maintaining contemporary and mutual awareness** of the priorities, challenges, and accomplishments of national associations with a leadership role in emergency medical services systems in the United States
- **Fostering an environment of trust and information exchange** among and between national EMS associations and partners in the executive branch of the federal government
- **Identifying matters of mutual importance and developing consensus-based positions** for emergency medical services stakeholders and partners at the all levels – local through federal
- **Serving as a collective voice** for interactions with federal and national organizations when a multi-association, multidisciplinary educational approach is of benefit to all stakeholders
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“Prefiled” Burning Platforms 09/13

• 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Revision
• http://www.bls.gov/soc

• NAEMSE will explore Bureau of Labor Statistics SOC EMS definitions and craft strawman based on nursing and physician architecture
• The principal Federal agency responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy.

• Produces the unemployment rate, monthly jobs report, and consumer price index.
Current SOC Definition

29-2041 Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics

Assess injuries, administer emergency medical care, and extricate trapped individuals. Transport injured or sick persons to medical facilities.
They make WHAT?

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Employment projections data for EMTs and paramedics, 2010-20

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Standard Occupational Classification

The 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system is used by Federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, or disseminating data. All workers are classified into one of 840 detailed occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, detailed occupations are combined to form 461 broad occupations, 97 minor groups, and 23 major groups. Detailed occupations in the SOC with similar job duties, and in some cases skills, education, and/or training, are grouped together. General questions concerning the SOC may be sent by email or faxed to 202-691-6444.

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2018 SOC Revision Process

Updated timeline for the 2018 SOC

Revising the SOC is a multi-year process, during which the SOC Policy Committee (SOCPC) formulates recommendations for revisions that are submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for consideration. For the 2018 revision, the SOCP Committee began planning in early 2012, and expects to solicit public input through an initial Federal Register notice to be published by the end of calendar year 2013. This process will lead to a proposed revision that will be available for public comment through a second Federal Register notice in early 2015 and publication of the final 2018 SOC codes, titles, and definitions in early 2017.

The revision schedule is designed to minimize disruption to data providers, producers, and users by promoting simultaneous adoption of revised occupational and industry classification systems for those data series that use both. Given the multiple interdependent programs that rely on the SOC, this is best accomplished by timing revisions of the SOC for the years following North
...but not until 2018

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<td>2nd Federal Register notice requesting comments on SOCPC recommendations</td>
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<td>3rd Federal Register notice announcing the final 2018 SOC structure, and occupation codes and titles</td>
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<td>SOCPC completes occupational definitions and SOC Manual</td>
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“Prefiled” Burning Platforms 09/13

- Discussion began with NVFC recap
- PPACA's Shared Responsibility Provision
- IRS Rules pending, may be out as early as October
- IRS position: EMS and Fire volunteers even if not compensated, paid call, per diem, or part time are classified as employees under the ACA with an employer mandate on insurance

- Multiple assn’s working with IRS and Congress
- Comment opportunity, IAFC with circulate link
- On Monday FR notice due out on how employers report the value of the health insurance they provide
- Desire to get an exemption for volunteer fire & EMS
- IRS rules may not be out by 9/30 as originally anticipated
PPACA

- Two pronged approach: interacting both with the White House and IRS
- Legislative approach: Congressional Fire Service Caucus members reaching out to IRS
- Republicans more interested in repealing than fixes
- Democrats reluctant to fix as it may open a floodgate of fixes
- Any orgs interested in legislative solutions can reach out to NVFC and IAFC
- If IRS publishes regs without relief, no choice but a legislative solution
Burning Platforms 09/13
Air Medical Safety

• Numerous declarations made in 2009
• ENA approached NAEMT, other organizations interested in moving the issue forward
• AAMS hosted a multidisciplinary air medical safety summit last week in DC
• Broke into 4 workgroups and developed specific goals and recommendations
• ACCT put a letter of support out last year for the NTSB recommendations
• FAA rule was supposed to come out already but probably won’t until the end of this year
Burning Platforms 09/13
Air Medical Safety

• AAMS will publish and distribute proceedings
• FAA may be finished working on the rules, status unclear
• NTSB made both specific and non-specific recommendations
• FAA looks at cost, timeline and feasibility
• 70% of air medical programs are voluntarily
• Proposed joint letter encouraging rapid publication of the rules
• AAMS volunteered to draft letter, circulate, and collect recommended edits and endorsements
EMS Data Collection Agenda for the Future

• NEMSIS was a first step
• A need for a vision to be articulated “I have a dream” not “I have a plan”
• NASEMSO expressed need for EMS personnel licensure data dictionary & .xml
• Need for evidence—available only through data
• Linkage should be fair game
• NEMSMA volunteered to draft letter, circulate, and collect recommended edits and endorsements
Larger Future Vision

• EMS Education Agenda for the Future largely realized

• NEMSAC considering process for modest revisions to the Education Agenda

• A NEMSAC Committee recommended revisiting the original (c. 1996) Agenda for the Future, considering whether there is utility for it
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Federal Partners Update: Gregg Lord ASPR/ECCC

- Happy Preparedness Month!
- [www.phe.gov](http://www.phe.gov) – lots of resources
- Working with CDC on bystander response and resilience, held meeting this summer
- White paper on innovation opps is out
- BARDA determined diazepam superior, midazolam should be rotated out of stockpiles
- PPACA & October 1 shop start date, opportunity for EMS to steer citizens to that marketplace
- EMS & HIE program, meeting will be held on 12/4 in advance of the December NEMSAC meeting
Federal Partners Update:
Ray Mollers DHS/OHA

• Thanks for interest and support for EPIC
• Blue Campaign to combat human trafficking
• OHA working with NASEMSO to evaluate published preparedness documents re shortcomings in EMS
• Working with DoD and several other fed partners on a stakeholders’ meeting on 2/3/14 on IED and mass shooting incidents from the first response perspective
Federal Partners Update: Teresa Morrison Quinata HRSA

• HRSA awarded 6 TI grants @ $300,000/yr for 3 years: NH KY TX WI NY IN
  – Pediatric CP programs (asthma care)
  – Increasing comfort knowledge and skills of EMS providers
  – Steroid use for ped asthmatics
  – OOH pediatric deaths/grieving family management
  – EBGs
  – EMS research node to work in conjunction with PECARN

• Interfacility Transfer Webcast later today, another on 9/27 on enhancing pediatric trauma care
Federal Partners Update:  
Noah Smith NHTSA/OEMS

• Next NEMSAC mtg is 12/5-6, hopeful that a FICEMS meeting will occur that same week
• Triennial plan for meeting is April August and December
• NEMSAC formed new subcommittees
  – Small revisions to the EMS Education Agenda, the Agenda for the Future, PPACA and bilateral effects, and a safety committee
• National EMS Culture of Safety Strategy
• Draft collaborative white paper on innovation opportunities written jointly with ASPR and HRSA, available at EMS.gov, fed partners are seeking comments and spark a national conversation
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NEMSIS Workgroup Update

• 9/4/13 conference call
• Presentation by Clay Mann from NEMSIS TAC on quality tools
• TAC and NHTSA looking to provide tools to the local levels to assess quality of their data
• Includes dashboard tools
• Want local EMS agencies to utilize their data meaningfully
• Will meeting one more time this year
JNEMSLF 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

• December 2013? (Gregg Lord made gracious offer of meeting space)
• EMS Today February 7 2014, 0900-1200 in Washington DC
• Summer 2014 depending on NEMSAC/FICEMS or Pinnacle in July?
Action Items

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• AAMS volunteered to draft letter re FAA rules, circulate, and collect recommended edits and endorsements
• NEMSMA volunteered to draft letter re Data Agenda for the Future, circulate, and collect recommended edits and endorsements
• NASEMSO volunteered to provide webinars on the EMS Personnel licensure Interstate Compact (EPIC) project; should be distributed to national organizations in January 2014
• NAEMT will initiate round two CP survey planning through the NAEMT CP Committee and partnerships with NAEMSP Research Committee and possibly NREMT
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