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News Release

Dia Gainor Joins NASEMSO as Executive Director

April 19, 2011 (Falls Church, Va.) The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) announces that Dia Gainor will join its staff on May 2, 2011, as the executive director and can be reached at dia@nasemso.org. In this new position, Gainor will be responsible for providing strategic leadership to promote and expand NASEMSO's presence and capacity as a national leader in emergency medical services.

As executive director, Gainor will act as a spokesperson for NASEMSO, positioning the association to pursue its vision with federal partners and other organizations. Her major duties and responsibilities will include outreach, representation and business development, along with staffing NASEMSO's EMS Data Council and the Pediatric Emergency Care Council.

Elizabeth Armstrong, CAE, NASEMSO's executive director since 1996, will become NASEMSO's executive vice president. She will oversee NASEMSO's scope of operations and staff team delivery of services, programs and information beneficial to the members. She will continue to be responsible for the association's legal and corporate functions, financial management and leadership/governance support. "The addition of a new member on the NASEMSO staff team will give us the ability to contribute to the nation's EMS system on a whole new level," explains Armstrong.

"NASEMSO is an established source of leadership in emergency and trauma care systems. I am looking forward to contributing to its progress through building enhanced partnerships with other associations and federal agencies, and supporting projects of national significance," stated Gainor.

"We are extremely pleased to add Dia's talents and skills to the outstanding group of professional staff who support the National Association of State EMS Officials," said Randy Kuykendall, NASEMSO president and chief, Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Section, State of Colorado. "She brings a wealth of experience, insight and leadership to our organization, and we look forward to accomplishing many great things on behalf of the nation's EMS community."

Prior to coming to NASEMSO, Gainor was Idaho's State EMS Director for 19 years. She is a past president and treasurer of NASEMSO, and currently chairs its Highway Incident & Transportation Systems Committee. She is an "EMS 10 Innovator" and the 2010 recipient of the James O. Page/JEMS Award. Gainor's expertise is grounded in a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Health Services Administration, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and 12 years of field experience as a paramedic and firefighter.

In 2008, Gainor was appointed by Secretary Peters to serve on the National EMS Advisory Council to the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) and was selected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to serve as the Council's first chair. She also chairs the Intelligent Transportation Systems Transportation Safety Advancement Group (TSAG) for the U.S. DOT Research and Innovative Technology Administration, which focuses on interdisciplinary opportunities to promote technology solutions to protect public safety responders and travelers.

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