Dear State EMS Director,

All of us who work within EMS know that very little data exists about most aspects of our profession. In an effort to address this shortfall, NAEMT has been working with the Center for Leadership, Innovation and Research in EMS on the development of an anonymous system for EMS practitioners to report near-miss and line of duty death incidents by answering a series of questions in an online format. The purpose of the system is to collect and aggregate data that will then be analyzed and used in the development of EMS policies and procedures, and for use in training, educating and preventing similar events from occurring in the future. No individual responses will be shared or transmitted to other parties.

We are very pleased to announce that our Near Miss and Line of Duty Death Online Reporting Tools launched last month and is live at www.emseventreport.org. These tools, along with an already existing tool to report patient safety events, form the EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (E.V.E.N.T)

The aggregated data collected will be provided to state EMS offices and the appropriate federal agencies with jurisdiction over EMS on a quarterly and annual basis. We envision that primary end users of this data will be those responsible for the development of EMS policies at the state and federal levels.

We believe that the support of this online reporting tool by state EMS offices and EMS organizations across our nation will be key to its successful use. We ask that your state EMS office become an E.V.E.N.T. site partner. As a site partner, your state EMS office logo will appear on the site as a demonstration of support for the use of the tools. In return, we ask that you link to and promote the E.V.E.N.T. site in a prominent location on your state EMS office web site, and encourage EMS practitioners in your state to use the tool.

We hope you will become a site partner and demonstrate support for this important EMS reporting tool. Please feel to contact us at info@naemt.org if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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