



National EMS Safety Council Meeting
Friday, October 7, 2016, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Room 275, New Orleans Convention Center
Notes

In attendance: Dr. Craig Manifold (ACEP), Rick Murray (ACEP), Pat Elmes (ACEP), Lee Varner (CPS), Alex Christgen (CPS), Jason White (NAEMT), Kathy Robinson (NASEMSO), Greg Lynskey (AAMS), Lisa Lindsay (NAEMT), Pam Lane (NAEMT)

1. Rick welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Rick recapped NEMSSC activities to date in 2016, which led to discussion on several topics:
 - a. NEMSSC signed on as a site partner for E.V.E.N.T. The group discussed the need for an organization to “own” the patient safety information. It was noted that contributions have been going down. Action – Council members will receive 2016 quarterly reports and 2015 annual report for review. CPS will also share data. The group also discussed other organizations that are collecting data. All NEMSSC organizations were reminded to post a link to EVENT. This led to a discussion about fatigue and the trend towards 48 hour shifts. Kathy Robinson discussed the EMS fatigue study. The Council may want to take positions on the results of these studies.
 - b. NEMSSC submitted comment to NHTSA on a revised EMS agenda for the future. When the project is announced, we will share that information. The group discussed safety representation at stakeholder meetings, if possible. It was recognized that we will need to advocate for a “safety voice” on this project. Suggest in person meeting with the project leaders, and some focused group brainstorming to help define the big issues.
 - c. NEMSSC participated in the selection of speakers and topics for the EMS Safety Officers Workshop at EMS World Expo, and sponsored this workshop. Dr. Manifold served as the workshop facilitator. The workshop had a full room. There was a great diversity of program topics. Initial evaluations indicate very favorable feedback from participants. It was felt that this workshop should be considered for next year. It is an excellent forum to present data analysis from EVENT, PSO’s, other sources.
3. Template safety program for EMS agencies - Rick recapped progress to date. Once we completed the content outline, we secured AMR/ACEP/NAEMT funding this project. Jenifer Goodwin will serve as the editor. Next step is to identify the author team. We will need 4-5 major contributors to work with Jenifer. We will send out an email request. Kathy also reported that NIOSH is publishing new emergency responder standards which includes EMS. Kathy will circulate it to the group.
4. National EMS Safety Day during EMS Week – Rick reported that this will be a year-long promotion culminating on Tuesday of EMS Week. Monday – Education, Tuesday – Safety, Wednesday – EMSC. Thursday – Save a Life, Friday – Recognition Day. Every Tuesday is Safety

day – keep it in the forefront.

5. EMS Mental Health
 - a. [New report on EMS mental health](#) published by NAEMT.
 - b. Pam reported on the project to develop a reporting tool for EMS Suicide.
6. The group discussed the NEMSAC safety priorities. It was reported that Vince Robbins and Sabina Braithwaite were elected as the leaders.
7. Possible future meetings of the Council – NAEMSP – New Orleans (JNEMSLF), Pinnacle Boca Raton (Aug 7-11), Oct. EMS World Oct. 16-20 Las Vegas, ACEP Oct. 30-Nov. 2, Washington, D.C. All of these possibilities will be considered.
8. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.