



National EMS  
**SAFETY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES / Roll Call**

**National EMS Safety Council Conference Call**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2022, 11:00 am CST**

**Zoom Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Douglas Kupas, MD, FACEP (ACEP); Bruce Chung, MD, FACS (ACS-COT); Mike McEvoy (IAFC); Joseph Grover, MD, FACEP (NAEMSP); Charlene Cobb (NAEMT); Shirley Terry (NEMSMA); Melissa Trumbull (NAEMT); Greg Williams (USFA); Clary Mole (NHTSA OEMS); Kate Elkins (NHTSA OEMS); John Brasko (USFA); Mike Stern (USFA EMS); Rick Murray (ACEP); Pat Elmes (ACEP); Deanna Harper (ACEP)

1. **AGENDA**

Opening and welcome

2. Updates from members – each member will share pertinent safety related activities
3. Old business
4. Update on Lights and Sirens project
5. Update on 988 National Crisis Number
6. Update on Fatigue Project [https://youtu.be/78LBh\\_BIULk](https://youtu.be/78LBh_BIULk)  
Has been completed see the link shared for more info
7. Other new business
8. Next meeting date – March 16
9. Adjourn

**Minutes**

Updates from members and organizations

**ACEP—Rick Murray**

-COVID is still impacting staffing and other safety issues.

- ACEP21 was a hybrid meeting without any mishaps, or post reported exposures.
- NAEMSP meeting was successful with 950 registered but with around 150 cancellations.

#### **NAEMT—Charlene Cobb**

- Her service has staff shortages requiring implementation of contingency plans.
- Charlene is retiring March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Mike Hall is the new Florida State EMS Director.

#### **NAEMT—Melissa Trumbull**

- Lights and Sirens Webinar coming week of March 28, 2022
- Rolling out Mental Health Resiliency Course. TBA in the next few months. This course will begin as an online course and will be built out as an in-classroom component.

#### **ACS-COT—Dr. Chung**

- Annual meeting March 9-11, 2022 in Seattle – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- The new chair is Dr. Jeffrey D. Kerby, MD, PhD, FACS

#### **NEMSMA—Shirley Terry**

- Colorado wildfire in Superior area of Colorado included the evacuation of 2 area hospitals
- The Safety Summit will be virtual. The Financial Symposium April 5 and the Safety Summit is April 6-8

#### **IAFC—Mike McEvoy**

No updates

#### **NAEMSP—Dr. Grover**

- NAEMSP conference included the Quality pre-conference with 19-participants in person.
- NEMSQA leading the initiative lights and siren reduction
- New updates being posted on NEMSQA website and FB page

#### **NHTSA OEMS—Clary Mole**

- NEMSAC Meeting coming February 9-10. Topics noted.

#### **NAEMT and NAEMSP-Dr. Kupas**

- Lights and Sirens will be a live webinar the week of March 28<sup>th</sup> with the assistance of Matt Zavadsky, date TBA.
- Discussed, Lights and siren position statement.

#### **USFA EMS—Greg Williams**

- Update completed for Medical Directors handbook with upcoming training program through IAFC.

#### **USFA EMS—John Brasko**

- Revising vehicle and roadway safety document and EMS Safety practice manual.
- New LED lighting study.
- Parallel pandemic response analysis of Fire and EMS
- Courses and Educational opportunities noted

#### **Update on Lights and Sirens project:**

Details within member updates.

**Update on 988 National Crisis Number:**

-Behavioral Health Organization (SAMHSA) June of 2022 will be the national roll-out of the 988.

-NHTSA has been closely involved with 988 sharing details of how 911 works. Discussed issues regarding locations, POCs and mutual understanding of the 911 system.

-Still currently the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline but expecting a change to Crisis Hotline to be inclusive of any behavioral health hotline needs.

**NHTSA—Kate Elkins**

Acting Coordinator of National 911 program which has been attending these hotline improvement act meeting since 2018. Provided the group with some historical perspective and current goals, initiative and understanding of needs.

**Update on EMS Fatigue Project** [https://youtu.be/78LBh\\_BIULk](https://youtu.be/78LBh_BIULk)

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**New business:**

The group discussed current events in regard to prehospital use of Ketamine as a possible safety subject for the council.

**Next meeting date – March 16, 2022**

**Adjourn 12:10pm**