



**National EMS Safety Council Conference Call
Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 11:00 am CT
Notes**

In attendance: Ron Thackery, Lee Varner, Paul Patrick, Don Woodyard, Allison Bloom, Mike Ward, Mike McEvoy, Pam Lane, Lindsay, Dave Bryson, Greg Lynsky, Dr. Craig Manifold

1. Update on online resource project - Lisa reported that the criteria for vetting resources are posted in the dropbox, and that folders representing the resource categories have also been posted. A few resources have been uploaded and all member organizations are asked to upload resources for consideration. Pam asked for volunteers to vet the resources.
2. Template safety program for EMS agencies – Pam reported that while an outline for the template has been established, additional resources will be needed to create this template. Rick Murray is identifying possible sources of funding, and will provide a summary on his efforts at the next meeting.
3. Position statement on just culture – Council members were asked to review the proposed position statement prepared by Lee Varner and suggest changes/additions. Lee said that he had not received any changes to date. Ron and Paul reported that they had reviewed the statement and had no changes. Pam asked the Council members if they felt that they needed to go back to their respective organizations to obtain approval for this statement. It was agreed that this additional step was not needed. Paul Patrick motioned to approve the statement as presented and to publish it on the NEMSSC web page. Ron Thackery seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Allison recommended that all Council members promote the new statement.
4. NEMSSC web page – The Council members reviewed the web page that had been prepared, and agreed that it could go live. Council members were asked to ensure that a link from the page be posted on their organization’s web site, or that the content from the page be posted on their site.

5. Results of survey on collection, use and exchange of EMS data – The Council was provided with the results of survey questions on the collection of data on EMS patient and practitioner safety. Pam noted that the results suggest that agencies are collecting this type of data at a lower rate than other types of data, such as clinical outcomes or cost. Pam will provide the Council with a full copy of the survey findings.
6. Proposal for National EMS Safety Day during EMS Week – Pam reported that Rick Murray had proposed this idea. Dr. Manifold said that ACEP is discussing this internally, and looking for ideas. Council members supported the concept. Ron said that, if a National EMS Safety Day were to be established, we would need to offer specific guidance and ideas to promote safety to the community, for practitioners, and for patients. Ron volunteered to provide ideas. Pam – we brainstorm at Pinnacle. Council members are invited to participate. Allison suggested that the designated day should have a separate publication. Dave recognized fire organizations for their safety efforts. Don also mentioned the traffic incident management resources. The Council agreed to discuss this further when Rick can participate in the conversation.
7. Public comment on plans for a new EMS agenda for the future due June 30 – Pam asked if the Council would be interested in submitting a comment. Ron asked if anyone from the Council had participated on the recent webinar about the Agenda for the Future. Dave said that the webinar provided an historical perspective on the EMS Agenda for the Future. Dave recommended that the Council submit a comment. Lee said that it was OK to share with the Council Lee's comments that he provided to NAEMT. Pam will send out the comment from Lee.