



National EMS Safety Council Conference Call
Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 11:00 am CT
1-800-250-2600, pin 645243

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Agenda

1. EMS Injury Study – overview of study by Audrey Reichard, CDC. Research project. Non-fatal injuries in EMS. NIOSH, CDC, and nHTSA. 4 years of data. Analysis has been finalized. All ED captured injuries of all EMS practitioners on the job. Did include air medical. 572 completed interviews. 89,000 ED treated injures. 75% full time. 8.6 injuries /full time workers.4 times higher that all workers treated in EDs. 55% EMTS 34% paramedics. Full results in the PPT that was distributed. Submitted to PEC journal. Creating fact sheets. Will present at EMS World. Trade journal article. Does the Council have other recommendations for other mechanism for dissemination. Highlight major injuries – strains, exposure to harmful chemicals, and falls.
 - a. Employers and Employees, EMS educators should be targeted. Audience should be included.
 - b. ACEP and NAEMT offered space in their journals.
 - c. Discussed just culture. Council supports and encourages adoption by all agencies.
 - d. Anything that reinforces the responsibility of employees.
 - e. NAEMT – direct email. Messages need to be carefully crafted for different audiences.
 - f. Managers – NEMSMA, AAMS
 - g. NAEMT will provide Audrey with email addresses of Council with akr5@cdc.gov.
2. Status of safety resources project

- a. Members asked to upload resources
 - b. Request for volunteers to vet resources - Pam
3. Template safety program for EMS agencies
 - a. Possible sources of funding – Rick reported that we have identified funding. AAA/ACEP/NAEMT will fund this project.
4. Position statement on just culture
 - a. Results of publishing
 - i. NAEMT published in electronic newsletter and on social media. ACEP will be doing this. NEMSMA will post in September. IAFC put on their site – Mike will check.
5. Proposal for National EMS Safety Day during EMS Week
 - a. Weekly safety day on Tuesday to culminate on Safety Day during EMS Week – Rick updated the Council on this concept. Idea was generated during 2016 EMS Week. Push for EMS Week and then carry it forward throughout the year, with Tuesday being Safety Day. Ron Thackery's ideas shared with the Council. Rick mentioned EMS Week FB page.
6. EMS Mental Health
 - a. Developing a reporting tool for EMS Suicide – invitation to working group to Council.
7. [Infection control survey – NAEMT will share results. Council can explore action after the results of the survey are received.](#)
8. NEMSSC at EMS World
 - a. Council Meeting – Friday, October 7, 9:00 am – 12 pm
 - b. EMS Safety Officers Track sponsored by NEMSSC - Thursday, October 6, 1:30 pm – 5:45 pm
9. Other items.