



National EMS Safety Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 11:00 am CT
Meeting Notes

1. Rick Murray called the meeting to order at 11:04 am CT.
2. Attendance: Daniel Farrish (NASEMSO), Dr. Redlener (NAEMSP), Rick Murray (ACEP), Pat Elmes (ACEP), Allison Bloom (NEMSMA), Craig Manifold (ACEP), John Todaro (NAEMSE), Ron Thackery (AAA), Lisa Lindsay (NAEMT), Melissa Trumbull (NAEMT)
3. Rick welcomed the newly appointed NASEMSO representative Daniel Farrish to the Council.
4. EMS agency safety program guide – Rick asked for the Council members feedback on the program guide. Dr. Redlener recommended under patient safety adding medication administration and error reporting. Dr. Redlener will provide policies for use. Rick recommended reviewing the IOM Report, “To Err is Human. Building a Safer Health System. Daniel Farrish recommended under scene safety adding use of high visibility vests. Daniel will provide the federal language and state statues from MS on high visibility vest use. The Council inquired about the timeline for drafting of the program guide. NAEMT staff reported the NAEMT Communications Project Manager has begun drafting using the submitted policies and procedures on safety programs by services.
5. Letter to NHTSA with top 10 EMS safety concerns – NAEMT staff reported that the poll results were updated and language in the letter modified in accordance with the Council’s discussion. The Council requested a formal request be sent to NEMSSC members as soon as possible to obtain approval from their organizations by May 24. The Council also asked for the letter to be placed on NEMSSC logo as letterhead.
6. EMS Safety officer certification initiative – Allison Bloom reported the EMS Safety Officer Certification group has developed two job descriptions; one for a Safety and Risk Coordinator, and the other for a Safety Officer. The group has used the NEMSMA Safety Officer Competency Pillars to try to identify the gaps.
7. Meeting with OSHA representative – On behalf of Kathy Robinson, NAEMT staff reported the OSHA representative was unable to participate in the May meeting due to having back surgery. The representative is tentatively scheduled to participate in June or a future meeting.
8. Promoting EMS Safety Day: May 23 – Rick asked the Council organizations what they had planned for EMS Safety Day on May 23. NAEMT reported they will be sending emails out each day to their membership focusing on the daily EMS Week topic. ACEP reported they too will be

sending out information each day of EMS Week, and posting that information to the EMS Week FB page and website. ACEP will forward NAEMT's emails as well. NAEMSP reported they sent out a member email this week about events for EMS Week. Rick stated his appreciation for other organizations that link to the EMS Week website.

Rick reported that on May 25 from 10 am – 4 pm ET, 7 EMS organizations will educate Congress and their staff about EMS through national EMS stakeholder table top displays in the Rayburn Lobby on Capitol Hill. A World CPR challenge area for Congress and staff to test their citizen CPR skills will be available along with refreshments. Rick reported the World CPR Challenge will occur during EMS Week only. The goal is to train 1M people. Rick will forward information out to Council members on how to participate.

9. Latest EVENT reports – NAEMT staff asked the Council for any commonalities or issues that stood out in the reports for the Council to further investigate. The Council did not have any immediate feedback. NAEMT staff asked the Council members to review the site partners, and if their organization was not listed to inquire of their leadership to participate as a site partner.
10. Reminder – Rick reported the NEMSSC on-site meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Room N213 of the Las Vegas Convention Center.

11. Other items

a. Rick inquired if the Council would like to postpone Council meetings until August. The Council agreed with cancelling the June and July meetings. The next meeting of the Council will be August 16.

ACTION: Add new NASEMSO Representatives to the meeting invites for their calendars.

b. Dr. Redlener shared the NAEMSP Quality and Safety Committee is working on a pre-conference summit prior to the NAEMSP Annual Meeting. The committee is trying to build out a distance course focused on medical safety operations. Dr. Redlener will provide more information as it becomes available.

c. Ron Thackery reported that AJ Heightman sent an email to EAGLES inquiring about medics wearing bullet proof vests after the shooting of the medic in Dallas. Ron recommended NEMSSC may want to explore scenarios when body armor may be best for use. He furthered the discussion with stating that NEMSSC may want to research the decision-making process and provide knowledge to EMS agencies on determining body armor/bullet proof vests use.

ACTION: Place body armor/bullet proof vest use by EMS practitioners on next agenda for further discussion.

d. Rick inquired if the Council wants to take positions or make joint statements around the Top 10 safety concerns listed in the letter to NHTSA. The Council inquired whether a formalized process for the Council on creating statements should be developed or just continue to allow each organization to make statements and other organizations support.

ACTION: Place creating statements through the Council on next agenda for further discussion.

12. Rick adjourned the Council meeting at 12:01 pm.