



National EMS
SAFETY COUNCIL

National EMS Safety Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 11:00 am CDT

Conference call number: 866-951-1151, Conference Room 668-161-053

In attendance: Ron Thackery (AAA), Dr. Craig Manifold (ACEP), Rick Sherlock (AAMS), Lee Varner (Center for Patient Safety), John Todaro, (NAEMSE), Joseph Grover, MD (NAEMSP) Charlene Cobb (NAEMT), Shirley Terry (NEMSMA), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Pamela Lane (NAEMT), Melissa Trumbull (NAEMT), Rick Murray (ACEP), Pat Elmes (ACEP)

Agenda

1. Safety legislation –

Pamela Lane shared the document Kathy Robinson had sent out regarding bill language/legislation regarding prevention of violence to healthcare workers. They have asked their lobbyist to do some digging to see if the language can include pre-hospital. Rick Murray noted, the nursing union in California introduced this bill (attached to meeting invite) to prevent violence to healthcare workers however it is limited to healthcare *facilities* that operate under a hospital license.

2. Update on National EMS Quality Measures project –

- a. Rick told the group he has been working with NHTSA regarding grant management. Rick has received 90% of the names from the associations for representatives so far and will be re-contacted the other 10%. The plan is to have conference calls initially but do have plans for up to two (2) face-to-face meetings as needed. The NAEMSE is offering space at their meeting in D.C. if it fits with the plan. That meeting is scheduled for August 31st – Sept.5th. If time corresponds with project plans, this will be considered.
- b. Rick informed the group, the EMS Quality Alliance website is being finalized and will be up in the near future.
- c. It was discussed and agreed by attendees that the council should start thinking about what safety measures should be looked at by the Alliance as a performance measure and perhaps make recommendations specifically with respect to safety measures.
- d. Rick Murray stated the first task for the alliance will be to look at what was done by EMS Compass to see if those safety measures need to be revised/updated and then simultaneously began identifying new safety measures. He suggested everyone go to the NASEMSO website to see what measures were developed by Compass and make

any suggestions for changes or other quality measures and share with the alliance. Rick will send out the link to the website.

3. Update on Plans for EMS Week –

- a. Rick addressed the group regarding the focus on Safety Tuesday during EMS week and the purpose during EMS week is to promote safety related information both for the public, for the patient and the provider. Rick provided an update on EMS Week which will be May 20-26, 2018 and announced we will be going with the theme days this year. Monday will be Education (safety regarding EMS providers, patients or the public), Tuesday will be Safety Tuesday, Wednesday, EMS for Children Day, Thursday, Save a Life Day, highlighting Compression only CPR and Stop the Bleed training and Friday will be Recognize Your EMS Heroes.
- b. Rick told the group, this year we will also be doing EMS Week On The Hill on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. which will be held in the foyer space on the second floor of the Rayburn Office Building (on the right as you face the Capital) and that there would be CPR and Stop the Bleed training for Congress, their staff and visitors. More information will be forthcoming as the event draws nearer and information regarding events can be found on the EMS Week webpage. Pamela Lane told the group they are securing instructors in the D.C. area to do the CPR and Stop the Bleed Training and had more than enough people/groups who were willing to do it.
- c. Rick told the group about the piece on the EMS Week website called CPR Challenge. There is a form that will be available in April 2018 where you can log your courses, the number of courses, sponsoring agency and the number of people training and to please enter each course separately. We are tracking the number of courses and number of people trained. He emphasized you can do a CPR demonstration or do a course and give out cards and that we are not requiring it be an official class with cards. There is some great Stop the Bleed information and resources on the ACS bleedingcontrol.org site.

4. Next face-to-face meeting –

Rick Murray reported that NASEMSO has offered meeting space and that there is still space if you want to attend. He said we could have a call-in number for the group if needed. This meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m., May 22, 2018 in Providence, Rhode Island. Due to the few members who are currently planning to attend this meeting we will probably continue with a monthly conference call instead.

5. Update on projects for the year –

- a. Rick Murray discussed the project of creating a compendium of safety related resources such as articles, policy statements, information papers, and training programs. By the next call Rick will send out his draft list of EMS safety resources. He asked the group to share resources you are aware of and they will be added to the list and listed on the Council's webpage which is currently hosted on the NAEMT site. Rick reminded everyone these projects are on a volunteer basis and to review timelines, etc. and ask the group to make sure they can follow through with the commitment/time needed.

- b. Rick brought to the attention of the attendees the “Self-Reported Safety Survey” from providers being worked on and spearheaded by the Quality and Safety Committee run with NAEMSP. Dr. Joseph Grover said it should be finalized in the next few weeks and he will send it out to the group. Rick mentioned ACEP will help disseminate and get as many responses as possible.
- c. Ron Thackery ask if there was anything at NHTSA that the Council should be involved in. Dave reported there were some Mental Health and Child Restraint issues being worked on. It was agreed that it was a good idea for the alliance to participate in one of their calls or vice versa. Charlene Cobb volunteered to help assist with putting together a committee.
- d. Rick suggested this Council review and consider endorsing the NASEMSO EMS Fatigue project policy. There was a lot of discussion on ways the group can support this project and how EMS Fatigue is affecting their organizations and what they are seeing regarding this subject. EVOC training was discussed at length.
- e. Lee Varner brought up the EMS Agenda 2050 Strawman document regarding provider and patient safety and the group discussed and agreed they want to participate. Rick believes there are components the group may want to review and comment on. Rick will send out a link to the Strawman poll and a link to the EMS Agenda 2050 document. He encouraged everyone to email their thoughts/comments to the group. Rick is confident Mike Taigman, who is the PI on the project, would agree to brief the Council on the project and answer specific questions and join the next call. Rick will reach out to Mike.

6. Other items from the group

- a. Ron Thackery discussed the EMS Fatigue topic and it was agreed by the Council that we should help advocate and get the message out. There was much discussion about how the issue, such as collisions along with drowsiness with fatigue playing into that, cognitive errors, and “human factors”. Ron noted, while we don’t know the solution yet and may never know the solution for EMS, at least being able to address some of the indicators would be quite helpful. The council members agreed and believes this is where the Council can represent a lot of our member organizations by our support and really help these projects to move along.

Dave Bryson ask the Council how they could channel this information or what streams or specific ways could be used to get information out to providers and how they could promote it. Ron Thacker pointed out with all the discussion going on now in the industry, the Council needs to look at how to go about making advocating and promoting actionable and how to really invoke change. Dave emphasized the need to get information out to the leadership of organizations. There was much more discussion however the Council concluded they should target leaders and really get the culture changed.

- b. Ron Thacker recommended developing an award program, such as research project of the year, or safety leader of the year. It would help promote those people and the messages they are delivering. This Council could lend a lot of credibility to whomever is

recognized and could also help promote our group as the safety leaders in EMS in the country. Rick Murray agreed and offered the ACEP use the platform of EMS Safety Tuesday to either announce or promote those awards. It was thought that perhaps we could have this together by EMS World and was suggested that Pamela Lane bring them on stage at some point and recognize them. To have an award given out by all the collaborative organizations that represent EMS is even more powerful.

Pam, Lee, and Ron are going to work together to put something together criteria on the award. Pam will share how they come up with the criteria for nominations for their other awards such as Agency of the Year, EMS Medical Director of the Year and other safety awards.

- c. Joe Grover shared that Michael had introduced their Quality and Safety course they ran at their national conference. Now they have a year-long course which provided the participants (EMS professionals & EMS Medical directors) with education and year-long mentoring. Rick told the Council to feel free to use the e-list to keep everyone apprised of how the program is going.

The next meeting will be April 18th.