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## **Comments to NORA Public Safety Sub-Sector Strategic Goals Document**

The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) applauds NIOSH for developing the National Occupation Research Agenda and specifically the Public Safety Sub-Sector Agenda. NAEMT is the leading national member association for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Paramedics. Founded in 1975, with support from the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) and numerous leaders in emergency services, NAEMT serves as the national voice for emergency medical service professionals. Association leadership and membership is comprised primarily of EMTs, paramedics, emergency medical services (EMS) educators and administrators. Please refer to our website for more information about our association at [www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org).

NAEMT supports the components of the research agenda related to Emergency Medical Services. We urge the consideration of the following recommendations:

1. Add a translation goal 12.2.5. By 2010 evaluate ambulance design including European ambulance design that has the patient care area built with forward facing factory built seats and restraint systems and promulgate guidance to U.S. ambulance manufacturers to incorporate the conclusions from that evaluation.
2. Add a translation goal 14.1.3. By 2009, develop science based guidelines similar to those originally found in the Ryan White Act of 1990 to provide notification, rapid testing and prophylaxis for Emergency Workers who are exposed to HIV and other infectious diseases.
3. The term "private ambulance service" needs to be changed to "nongovernmental ambulance service" as this represents the term of art being used in DHS and HHS documents as well as recently enacted homeland security legislation.

Thank you for soliciting comment on this important initiative.

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