

## National EMS Safety Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 11:00 am – 12:00 pm CT

Donna Siegfried, Mike McEvoy, Paul Patrick, Jason, Lisa, Craig, Allison, Lee, Mike Ward, Pat Elmes, Rob Rehberg, Greg Linskey, Dave Bryson

### Agenda

1. Welcome new Council members
  - a. NSC – Donna, senior director, first air programs, director of program development and training – Rob.
  - b. NREMT- Tre
  - c. IAFC – Vice Chair of EMS Section, Saratogo County, New York.
2. Meeting arrangements for San Diego: [Embassy Suites Hotel, Downtown San Diego](#)  
Wednesday, January 13, from 8 am – 12 pm. Room TBD. Continental breakfast will be served.  
Will have conference call line. EMS Compass Meeting form 10-5 pm.
3. Projects:
  - a. Development of online resources
    - i. On November call, Council agreed that a methodology for vetting and approving resources for use by the Council members' organizations was needed to ensure that what is being posted is actually a best practice. Allison posted the draft methodology on the listserv. Did general research on literature review methodology as a basis for this document. To ensure that any resource has some vetting process. Paul suggested that all Council members are asked to review, post suggestions on the list serv. Craig – we need to decide how extensive we want the vetting process. Please send in your comments. Pam – probably we will post the documents to the list serv for posting on the Council organizations web sites.
  - b. Development of template safety program for EMS agencies
    - i. Rick provided an initial outline of topics to be covered – Mike suggested that we review Osha template for annual training for fire and EMS safety program. Safety course table of contents. Jason White – need a prominent/ robust section on patient safety; reporting issues. Goal – to finalize the topics for the template at the January program.
  - c. E.V.E.N.T. site partnership
    - i. Selection of NEMSSC logo – green behind. JPEG.

- d. "Just Culture" resources for the EMS community
  - i. Development of ideas on how to educate agencies on this issue and promote the use of programs- Lee noted that everyone has heard of this. Several approaches. Would like Council to consider the variety of approaches. "Just Culture" is just one example. Discussed some other examples. We would like to bring all of these programs to the Council's attention so that we have a heightened awareness and understanding of what is available. Resources from AAMS great examples. In San Diego, we can make a presentation on these approaches. Jason – we would like Council to advocate on behalf of the industry to increase awareness. Greg is happy to help. The Council agreed. Need LCD. We will also send out the PPT ahead of time.
  - ii. Review of examples from air medical – Greg Lynsky provided.
- 4. Request from Jim Green, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Division of Safety Research, to present to NEMSSC in January on his research program to develop a family of tests standards to improve the crash safety of an ambulance for workers and patients. Dave Bryson has served on this project. As this research will be incorporated into the ambulance standards, we should see the results. Dave said that they have been incorporated into KKK specs. Manufactures plan to adhere to them. Council agreed to invite.
- 5. Other items – Happy Holidays.