

## National EMS Safety Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 11:00 am – 12:00 pm CT

### Notes

**In attendance: John Todaro, Mike Ward, Jason White, Paul Patrick, Lisa Lindsay, Lee Varner, Rick Murray, Allison Bloom, Rick Sherlock, Craig Manifold, Dave Bryson, and Pam Lane**

#### Status of additional invitations:

1. Dave Bryson from NHTSA, was welcomed to the call. Dave will serve as an advisor to the NEMSSC.
2. Regarding other invitations, Rick Murry reported that he had spoken to some individuals at NSC who were interested in participating. He also reported that invitations had been sent to NREMT and IAFC, but to date responses have not been received.
3. Pam reported that the NEMSSC meeting will be held in conjunction with the NAEMSP conference in San Diego, as previously agreed to by the Council members. It will be located at the Embassy Suites Hotel, adjacent to the Grand Hyatt Manchester on Wednesday, January 13, from 8:00 am – 12 pm. Paul noted that the EMS Compass meeting is scheduled from 10-2 on Jan. 13.
4. Projects:
  - a. Development of online resources – Council members had been asked to review current resources. Allison recommended that the Council develop a methodology for vetting and approving resources for use by the Council members' organizations to ensure that what is being posted is actually a best practice. Council members agreed that this would be valuable. Allison volunteered to develop an initial draft. Paul and Craig volunteered to assist, as did Pam.
  - b. Development of template safety program for EMS agencies – Rick Murray reported that he has been collecting documents to use as a resource. Rick and Ron will send us a first draft by December 1. Once the Council has reviewed the draft, it can discuss development and distribution.
  - c. E.V.E.N.T. site partnership – Pam asked if the NEMSSC want to be an E.V.E.N.T. site partner. Council members discussed the purpose of the tool. Pam distributed the most recent reports. Craig asked about duplication with EMERG. Pam reported that EMERG is non-anonymous, while E.V.E.N.T. is anonymous. As laws protecting agencies and practitioners from liability are not universal across the country, there remains a need for both systems. Pam also mentioned her previous discussions with IAFC regarding their

near-miss system. Jason also noted that states have state level reporting tools. The Council members agreed to become an E.V.E.N.T. site partner. NAEMT will create some logos for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Other issues

- a. Just Culture in the EMS community – Jason and Lee asked the Council to discuss how EMS can develop a workforce that is comfortable with sharing issues and concerns which can then be addressed. They mentioned a variety of programs that are currently available, and suggested that the Council evaluate these different programs, and if needed, create a program to meet this need. They will provide the Council with some ideas on how to educate agencies on this issue and promote the use of programs. In general, they felt that this kind of training needs to be incorporated in the overall safety training. Rick Sherlock reported that on the aviation side of the industry, there are programs that marry the Just Culture concepts. He is happy to share examples of these programs. Allison suggested that this subject should be incorporated into the template safety program that Rick Murray and Ron are drafting.
- b. Next call – December 16, 11 am Central Time.