



National EMS Safety Council Conference Call
Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 11am CST/ 12pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting

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In attendance:

Dr. Douglas Kupas, MD, FACEP (ACEP); Brian LaCroix, FACPE, CPPS, NRP (Ret.), (CPS); Eileen Frazer, (CAMTS); Mike McEvoy, PhD, NRP, RN, CCRN (IAFC); Dr. Bryan Wilson, MD, FAEMS (NAEMSP); Garrett Hedeem, (NAEMT); Melissa Trumbull (NAEMT); Dia Gainor, (NASEMSO); Shirley Terry (NEMSMA); Jason Gilliam (NEMSQA); Clary Mole (NHTSA OEMS); Kate Elkins (NHTSA OEMS); Rick Murray (ACEP); Deanna Harper (ACEP)

Agenda

1. Opening and welcome
2. Updates from members – each member can share pertinent safety related activities.
3. Old business
4. New business
5. Next meeting date – August 16, 2023
6. Adjourn

Minutes

No new Business to start with so updates started.

Deanna Harper (ACEP)

-Role call and started individual organization safety reports.

Rick Murray (ACEP) was greeted at the end with farewell tidings and best wishes on his next working adventure. Rick will be truly missed with all the knowledge and experience he has always brought to the discussion.

Dr. Douglas Kupas, MD, FACEP (ACEP)

- Nothing to report today just a personal thank you to Rick as this is his last meeting with this group from ACEP.
- Thank you Rick for all your hard work and EMS Safety over the years and shepherding the behind the scenes. As well your work on EMS Culture of Safety Projects from a few years ago, and the many other things he's done for EMS Safety. You will be missed.

Brian LaCroix, FACPE, CPPS, NRP (Ret.), (CPS)

- Strategic planning session first since pre-COVID. This was a positive activity for CPSD finding ways to leverage the resources of expertise of EMS based work in progress.
- Kathy Ware Exec Director will be at the CPS booth at Pinnacle.
- Brian will be retiring his CPS position and going fulltime at his consulting group, Cambridge consulting.
- CPS will be assigning a new representative.

Eileen Frazer, (CAMTS)

- Mobile health standards are now available.
- Pennsylvania had a large mobile health checking on patients, or help get them into home health, and now it's been shut down in this state.
- Calling CMS to share these standards are already in place in other states.
- Pushing to get these standards out to educate everyone from CMS to the providers.
- Share the information that there is 2-years' worth of work, and free downloads available.
- Since COVID they have received many concerns and complaints about "fatigue" from long shifts and it could be the cause of Air/ Pilots and ground driving fatigue causing accidents and forgetting mishaps.
- Feeling the effects of staffing issues has really taken a toll on compassion, and empathy, and must be reviewed more closely.

Mike McEvoy, PhD, NRP, RN, CCRN (IAFC)

- NEMESIS working on a way to report violence against clinicians.
- Hoping to link this reporting into patient care system to automatically collect data, once areas of interest are selected.
- Good news it has backing and financial support to move forward.

Dr. Bryan Wilson, MD, FAEMS (NAEMSP)

- Baseline work going on and trying to focus on DEI initiatives that circle around quality and safety.
- Build systems that are endorsed as national organizations and develop, evidence-based metrics and pairing off with actual rural work with quality, due to low critical patient encounters.

Garrett Hedeem, (NAEMT)

- Workforce committee working on violence against EMS, causing more on the job injuries.
- EMS Officer Safety course to be published in October
- <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/2022-awards>
- PDF <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-02/SS4A-2022-Implementation-Grant-Award-Fact-Sheets.pdf>
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Melissa Trumbull (NAEMT)

- NAEMT's latest national survey on MIH-CP programs, https://naemt.org/docs/default-source/community-paramedicine/toolkit/mihcp-presentation_may-2023.pdf?sfvrsn=2f01f593_2
- MIH-CP Resources, <https://naemt.org/resources/mih-cp>
- error reporting database that Gary Wingrove was leading.
- Gary's group was called "EVENT" part of a larger PSO called EMERGE which has now merged with the Center for Patient Safety
- Published collaboration on suicide among first responders:
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0022437523000415>.
- <https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2021/04/06/suicides-first-responders/>
- <https://www.protectparamedics.com/>

Dia Gainor, (NASEMSO)

- Deputy Executive Director for the National Association of State, Ems officials. I am filling in today.
- NASEMSO: <https://nasemsso.org/projects/fatigue-in-ems/>
- Most notably, click on the "fatigue risk analyzer" to go here: <https://emsfatiguerisk.ibrinc.org/>.
- Free for use at the local and individuals, level based on extensive evidence database.
- <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS>
- Organizations that join as an "Ally in Action" to the NRSS will get in the pipeline for the dizzying funding that is available that Clary just mentioned. <https://www.transportation.gov/nrss/allies-in-action>
- Post annual meeting working on safety strategy and post-crash care related to traffic incident, management, and eliminating incidents that affect EMS, and other public safety plus towing and highway clearing incidents.
- New guidance on safety rules, DOT road safety program, links provided.
- New project-agreement for pediatric restraints for ambulances, finalized an agreement NHTSA OEMS.

Shirley Terry (NEMSMA)

- Completed 15-year Annual National EMS Safety Summit and Financial Symposium was successful.
- Working on topics for 2024 Safety Summit will be first week in April.
- Election of Board of Directors is now out to select new officers.

Jason Gilliam (NEMSQA)

- national EMS performance improvement collaborative over lights and sirens has been completed.
- Next working on the publications; and the change package should be ready for publication in September.

Clary Mole (NHTSA OEMS)

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- <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/faqs>
- Safe streets and roads for all has money still available, help spread the word, applications due by Aug 10
Will roll for another 3 years.
- CAP with NASEMSO a method of testing child restraint devices in ground ambulances, this is a multiyear agreement.
- NEMSAC has several advisories coming soon to do with safety, with best practices for using body cameras,

- EMS response threats,
- Helicopter landing zone best practices.
- Establish best practices for EMS and preparing for plan and unplanned large-scaled events.
- Plus, the ambulance crash data and analysis.
- Public comments will be opening and is scheduled for August the ninth and tenth registration out soon.
- EMS and Covid response. White paper are finally published and finally out for public consumption that's available on Ems Gov
- EMS education, agenda 2050. will follow and allow the EMS community to decide what direction they want the EMS education to go. The consensus document is for the EMS education of the future.
- NHTSA Offices of EMS, EMS Specialists working on projects in disaster prep and EMS education.

Kate Elkins (NHTSA OEMS)

<https://www.transportation.gov/nrсс/commit-to-action>

- The regional Highway Safety Office and that tribe and their law enforcement, they added paramedic education as an allowable expense on the law enforcement grants and they can leverage them easier.
- State level and local level relationship building can really give the ability to leverage these grants.
- There are several regions interested in EMS and 911 programs. Touch base with your state.
- See the Chat links to find more information on these grants.
- In chat link on published article with colleagues at CDC and NIOSH we looked at 3 years of NBDRS data coded by occupation looking at suicide.
- The public safety module of the NBDRS went live and hoping to start looking at data in about a year.
- The National Council of State legislatures, Health and Human Service chairs committee meeting met 2 weeks ago.
- Mental health and safety of our workforce is a very important topic and top priority.

Shared Links/Chat:

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NASEMSO: Thank you Garrett, you beat me to it. This (SS4A) is where EMS & trauma related organizations at the local & regional area can go straight to the local governmental awardee and be included in system planning activities and grant fund use.

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GRANT Conversation:

-The Grant would be great but it's not a direct grant to EMS, and difficult to find and not an easy sale to EMS agencies.

-Asking EMS to apply for them, and partner with somebody to be a part of these grants, still too hard to find what is needed.

-We need help to clarify the location and how to apply.

-There is a direct grant localities, locals, municipalities, regions and tribes can apply directly for grants and there's no middle person.

-For other monies available, you must go through your public safety offices, your State public safety offices to get that cash for the other programs that are available.

-Drill into that website, and you will find the year one awards sorted by state and unit of government name and the local level that got up either a planning grant or an implementation grant.

-If they got a planning, grant those local EMS agencies in that governmental jurisdiction should run straight to the awardee for Crash care as one of the five components of the safe system approach.

-Request for creating a one-page document with information and directions on how to dig into the grant materials in an easy step by step process to get funding for the outlined process.

- Great idea to have a one pager, but it's not going to be a simple lift, it will be a complex challenge.

Old Business- Nothing

New Business- Nothing

NOTES Regarding Next Meeting:

Next Meeting, we hope to have ACEP's newest member of the EMS Department George Solomon, run the meeting and get to know the committee members.

Deanna will be out on FMLA for a few months and George will be assisted by Julie Wassom to take notes for this meeting until Deanna returns.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50am