



National EMS Safety Council Conference Call
Wednesday, February 17, 2016,
Notes

In attendance: Emily Crowe, Lee Varner, Paul Patrick, John Todaro, Greg Lynskey, Dia Gainor, Lisa Lindsay, Allison Bloom, Jason White, Rick Murray, Dave Bryson, Deanna Harper, Dr. Jeff Beeson, Pam Lane

1. Developing a framework for categorizing resources – The Council discussed next steps in the project to develop a listing of EMS safety resources. Lisa Lindsay will provide a list of the current categories that NAEMT uses on its web site to categorize resources.
2. Finalizing topics for template safety program for EMS agencies – Rick Murray had emailed to the Council members the most updated version of the outline. He reported that all recommendations from the San Diego meeting had been incorporated. He suggested that the next steps would be to add resources, including events, and sub-topics. The Council discussed how the work on this project should progress. Allison noted that there are many individuals in EMS outside of the Council that have expertise to contribute. She suggested that we use an organizational approach to developing content. The Council agreed to send out the list of topics to Council members and ask them to identify topics for which their organizations have the expertise to develop the content.
3. Sharing organizational samples of just culture policy statements – NAEMT had posted its policy statement on just culture on the Council list serv. Council members from NAEMSP and NAEMSE also reported having policy statements. Council members discussed using the term “just culture.” Jason noted that NAEMT’s position statement refers to just culture as a broad concept, not a specific program. Allison noted that the term “just culture” is pretty widely accepted within the EMS community now. Lee concurred, and reaffirmed that the Council would not want to endorse the Just Culture product. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for future discussion.
4. Article on National EMS Safety Council in EMS World – Pam shared her conversation with Nancy. She asked for quotes from the organizational representatives.
5. Sponsorship of safety track at EMS World Expo – The Council discussed the offer from EMS World Expo. Allison made a motion and John seconded the motion to accept EMS World’s offer to have the NEMSSC sponsor a safety officers workshop at this year’s

Expo. The Council approved the motion. Pam also asked all Council members to complete the “score card” of Expo safety session proposals. Dave noted that NHTSA will abstain from this project, as they made/sponsored several proposals.

6. EMS Fatigue project: Dia reported that information on the EMS Fatigue project can be found at EMSFatigue.org. The project, sponsored by NHTSA, digs deep into the evidence on fatigue in workplace settings and develops voluntary guidelines for EMS agencies. Daniel Patterson is the principle investigator of this two year project. The next meeting at DoL headquarters is scheduled for April 26-27.