



**National EMS Safety Council Meeting**  
**January 24, 2017, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**  
**New Orleans Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Location: Celestin G on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hyatt Regency**  
**Conference Call Info: Dial in: 866-951-1151 / conference room number: 668-161-053#**

**In attendance: Jason White, Lee Varner, Alison Bloom, Ron Thackery, Mike McEvoy, Rick Murray, Pam Lane, Lisa Lindsay, John Todoro, and Greg Lynskey.**

#### **Notes**

1. Rick provided an update on plans for EMS Week.
  - a. He reported that Safety Day will be held on Tuesday. Theme days: Monday-Education, Tuesday-Safety, Wednesday-EMSC, Thursday-Save a Life, and Friday-Recognition Day.
  - b. By March 1, the 2017 EMS Week website information will be posted. Rick encouraged all member organizations to submit information and links to Rick to post. Pam said that she will provide the NAEMT EMS Safety Bill of Rights, and 6 tips to stay safe on the job.
  - c. Mike reported on the IAFC/AMR/ACEP World CPR day that will include a counter. All NEMSC organizations will be asked to promote it. Sites will be needed to conduct training ....malls, schools, sports facilities. Materials will be created to distribute.
  - d. EMS Week on Capitol Hill – Rick and Pam will ask their staff to organize it. All EMS organizations will be asked to participate. The Council members discussed what information about EMS safety to give to congressional staffers for EMS Week. Suggestions included vehicle safety, EMS injury, lack of resources, and provider, community, and patient safety. It was noted that NHTSA has a one page document on ambulance safety.
2. Update on template program for safety officers – Pam reported that Jenifer Goodwin has been contracted to work on this project. As a first step, she will create outline. The final document will be used as the basis for the Safety Officers Workshop at EMS World Expo.
3. The Council members suggested the following topics to cover in 2017:
  - a. EMS Safety Data
  - b. EMS Safety Education
  - c. Identifying “Top 10” EMS safety issues – the Council identified the following issues”
    - i. fatigue
    - ii. mental health
    - iii. pediatric transport
    - iv. lack of adverse event data,
    - v. protection of public (ambulance/infectious disease)
    - vi. shared accountability for quality
    - vii. attacks on EMS providers/behavioral health patients (situational awareness)
    - viii. EMS provider injury

- ix. emerging EMS activities that can result in safety issues
  - d. Lee presented the CPS Patient Safety Campaign EMS Forward. Pam said that NAEMT would be happy to send out a PDF of this flyer to members. (EMSforward.org) The Council discussed the possibility of creating a one hour online course based on this flyer.
  - e. EMS Agenda for the Future – The Council discussed this project and members agreed that we should monitor progress and provide input whenever possible. We should be armed with a list of the top 10 safety issues.
- 4. Housekeeping issues
  - a. Participation of organization representatives – The Council discussed the issue of lack of participation of some of the representatives. It was agreed that Pam and Rick should first contact the representatives to ask about their participation.
  - b. Selection of next on-site meeting locations and dates – The members discussed Pinnacle, Aug 6-11 in Boca Raton, Florida, and EMS World, October 16-20 in Las Vegas.