



**National EMS Safety Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 11:00 am CT**  
**Notes**

**In attendance: Kathy Robinson (NASEMSO), Rick Murray (ACEP), Pat Elmes (ACEP), Jason White (NAEMT), Allison Bloom (NEMSMA), Pam Lane (NAEMT), Lee Varner (CPS), Colin Henry (AAMS), Jenifer Goodwin (NAEMT), Lisa Lindsay (NAEMT), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Mike McEvoy (IAFC)**

1. Rick Murray provided an update on kit contents for EMS Week, with daily themes. He said that ACEP is relying on volunteers to submit content that can be posted online each Tuesday leading up to Safety day (Tuesday). The EMS Week website expected to go live March 1. Rick clarified that the kit contents will be on both sites – the EMS Strong site and the EMS Week site. The articles will be on the EMS Strong site.
2. Pam Lane and Jenifer Goodwin sought direction from the Council on what was expected in terms of the deliverable on this project. Pam suggested that we seek to secure some samples, then suggest that it be tailored using recommended resources. Rick offered to ask attendees at EMS Today. Allison and Pam will ask their boards for sample EMS agency safety guides. Jenifer will begin drafting. It was agreed that the guide should include a safety officer Job description. Allison said that she could provide one. Mike said that he would look for fire service guidance documents on role of the safety officer.
3. The Council further discussed topics to cover in 2017:
  - a. “Top 10” EMS safety issues – The Council further discussed the list of issues identified at the meeting New Orleans. Dave suggested that we send this list to Gam in the form of a letter from the Council members.
    - i. fatigue
    - ii. mental health
    - iii. pediatric transport – securing patients appropriately
    - 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
    - x. ambulance crashes
  - b. EMS Agenda for the Future
  - c. EMS Safety Data
  - d. EMS Safety Education

The Council discussed the need to survey EMS professionals about their top safety issues of concern. Pam suggested that NAEMT could do a poll and post in the Pulse and social media. Ron also suggested that we ask five or so questions with yes or no answers to practitioners – do they wear gloves, seat belts, shoulder straps on the cot. etc. Ron will send additional questions.

4. Housekeeping issues
  - a. The Council discussed participation of organization representatives. Pam said that she would review participation with Rick.
  - b. The Council discussed the selection of the next on-site meeting location and date - Pinnacle, Aug 6-11 in Boca Raton, Florida, or EMS World, October 16-20 in Las Vegas. **Pam will send an email request to the list serv and ask Council members to vote.**
5. Other items – Rick asked about the OSHA workplace violence meeting. Kathy Robinson reported that she had attended. This project might present an opportunity to tell our stories. Rick will send information about this project to the Council. Kathy reported that the Fatigue project meeting will be held at end of the month.