



Resolution 2005-01

## Disaster Use of Private and Other Non-Government Assets

**W**hereas, Public Law 104-321 allows for use of “government and other” resources for disaster response; and

**Whereas**, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) represents the chief emergency medical services officials in each state and territory; and

**Whereas**, the National Response Plan states that the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) is tasked with responding to, planning for, recovering from and mitigating the impact of disasters; and

**Whereas**, FEMA has affirmed that private sector resource providers are eligible for reimbursement for disaster services through appropriate state and local government reimbursement channels; and

**Whereas**, the NASEMSO supports the National Response Plan as defined by “ESF #8 Health and Medical” (“Emergency Service Function #8 Health and Medical”) and led by Department of Health and Human Services; and

**Whereas**, state emergency management agencies have received inconsistent federal interpretations about the proper inclusion of private and other non- government assets in state inventories for the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC); and

**Whereas**, the NASEMSO works closely with FEMA and other federal partners on emergency preparedness initiatives for the nation’s response; and

**N**ow, **therefore be it resolved** that the NASEMSO requests FEMA to include clearer and more concise language about how to include private and other non-government assets, notably emergency medical services and other medical assets, in its Emergency Planning Guidance posted on its website; and

**Now, therefore be it further resolved** that state emergency management agencies be provided clear and concise guidance by FEMA on how to include private and other non-government assets, notably emergency medical services and other medical assets, in the EMAC planning and deployment process;

**Now, therefore be it further resolved** that the NASEMSO recommends that the National Emergency Management Association should make it a priority to secure this clear and concise guidance on behalf of their members, through FEMA.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

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