



**Resolution 2006-05  
Emergency Medical Services and Public Safety  
Communications**

**W**hereas, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes the need for an improved national system to assure the availability of voice, data, and other communications for emergency medical services (EMS) and for other public safety disciplines; and

**Whereas**, EMS communications systems and their capabilities have remained largely unchanged for the past 35 years; and

**Whereas**, the future ability of EMS providers to successfully treat life-threatening illnesses and injuries will depend on evolving diagnostic, treatment, and resource-coordination technologies linked to emerging communications systems with broadband capability; and

**Whereas**, these new communications systems will require significant additional new bandwidth in the public safety communications spectrum; and

**Whereas**, some of this required bandwidth is likely to be in the current 24 MHz public safety allocation at 700MHz; and

**Whereas**, public safety as a whole needs additional spectrum beyond that current 24 MHz allocation at 700 MHz; and

**Whereas**, at least one petition has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to dedicate to public safety an additional 30 MHz of adjacent spectrum in the 700MHz range which was originally intended for public auction.

**N**ow, therefore be it resolved the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) will join other public safety organizations to advocate such a reallocation of that spectrum and to further develop proposals for a public/private partnership, with significant public safety community oversight, to develop a national public safety broadband network using that spectrum.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

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