



**RESOLUTION 2008-01
Plain Language Communications**

Whereas, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes that coded substitutions for plain English may jeopardize clear radio and other communications, particularly between jurisdictions and between prehospital and hospital providers; and

Whereas, NASEMSO recognizes that clear radio and other communications are essential to assure adequate situational awareness and a common operating picture among prehospital and hospital team members; and

Whereas, situational awareness and common operating picture are increasingly recognized as key to improving the efficiency of patient care; and

Whereas, the NASEMSO Executive Committee voted last year to support the US Department of Homeland Security, SafeCom Executive Committee statement “we support radio practices that minimize or eliminate coded substitutions for English”.

Now therefore be it resolved that the National Association of State EMS Officials call upon colleague emergency medical services associations to adopt the following statement and to encourage their members to locally implement the practices that it reflects:

“we support radio practices that minimize or eliminate coded substitutions for English”

Signed this 7th day of October, 2008.

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