



Project 25 Compliance

Whereas, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes that interoperability is a key feature of mission critical voice and data communications and lack thereof has, and may continue to, jeopardize clear radio and other communications, particularly among jurisdictions and between the field and hospitals; 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 EMS and other public safety team members; and

Whereas, the Project 25 (P25) Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) has been created to assure interoperability among the equipment, software, and systems of voice communications vendors supplying EMS and other public safety users; and

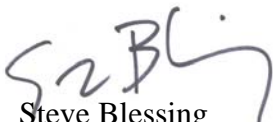
Whereas, assuring interoperability requires state and local EMS and other public safety officials to invest greater than ever funding in P25 systems to achieve a credible assurance that their systems will not fail, either on a daily basis or when disasters bring diverse, multi-jurisdictional responders and their communications systems together; and

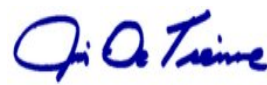
Whereas, the P25 CAP process relies on thorough equipment testing for interoperability, performance, and conformance in labs approved under the CAP process; and

Whereas, the NASEMSO Communications Committee has become aware of challenges by communications system vendors to the tests that comprise conformance testing, and also have become aware of at least one proposal to allow testing outside of approved labs.

Now therefore be it resolved that the National Association of State EMS Officials calls upon the Project 25 Steering Committee and Governing Board, as well as vendors of communications systems, to embrace the conformance tests that have been, and may be in the future, approved by the P25 Governing Board, and to not allow testing outside of approved labs for P25 compliance.

Signed this 25th day of September, 2009.


Steve Blessing
2008-10 President


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Intended recipients:

Members of the Joint National EMS Leadership Conference
Project 25 Steering Committee and Governing Board
Major Communications System Vendors