

Activation of National Ambulance Contract

Notification Procedures

Recommended by the National Association of State EMS Officials



Background

The NASEMSO Health & Medical Preparedness Council recommends the following notification procedures to ensure state EMS office leadership has the most current information on national disaster response and needs. State EMS offices will be kept informed of catastrophic events in which EMS assets are needed and or being deployed when the information is provided to NASEMSO.

Recommendations

Pre-Deployment. Potential that the National Ambulance Contract will be activated:

- FEMA contacts the NASEMSO Executive Director and NASEMSO President via email and telephone (both business and mobile numbers will be provided to FEMA).
- NASEMSO's Executive Director will arrange a conference call of the Notification Group (listed below) within 3 hours of the notification from FEMA.
- The following individuals (Notification Group) will be notified via email and text to participate on the call organized by the Executive Director:
 - NASEMSO Executive Vice President
 - NASEMSO President
 - NASEMSO President-Elect
 - NASEMSO Member-at-Large
 - NASEMSO Health and Medical Preparedness Council Chair
 - NASEMSO Health and Medical Preparedness Council Program Staff
 - NASEMSO Regional Chairs
 - A region's Chair-Elect will be contacted if the Chair does not respond within 1 hour.
 - EMS Directors from affected states
 - FEMA official(s)
 - AMR representative
- After the conference call, the region Chairs will provide a situational report to all state/territory EMS directors in their region, as well as situation updates as they become available from FEMA.
- Region Chairs will provide the NASEMSO Executive Director a summary of the update to their region.

Deployment/Activation of the National Ambulance Contract:

- The same steps as above will be followed.
- Additional conference calls and updates will be scheduled as needed by NASEMSO leadership until the situation resolves.

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The National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials was established in 1980 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Members include 56 state and territorial EMS directors, medical directors, EMS personnel licensure managers, data managers, emergency preparedness coordinators, trauma managers, EMS for Children program managers, plus corporate and associate members. NASEMSO's vision is a seamless nationwide network of coordinated and accountable state, regional and local EMS and emergency care systems. The systems use public health principles, data and evidence as a basis for safe and effective care in day-to-day operations as well as during catastrophic events. NASEMSO supports its members in developing EMS policy and oversight, as well as in providing vision, leadership and resources in the development and improvement of state, regional and local EMS and emergency care systems. **These notification procedures were developed by NASEMSO after meeting with FEMA and AMR to identify the problem and determine the best solution to ensure deployment awareness of EMS assets.**