

# Partnership Opportunities with State Offices of Rural Health



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# Presentation Objectives

- + Describe State Offices of Rural Health
  - Describe what a SORH partnership could mean to EMS
  - Describe what an EMS partnership could mean to SORHs



# State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

- + Most within state departments of health
- + All 50 states have a State Office of Rural Health (SORH)
- + Assist rural communities building health care delivery systems



# State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

- + Receive funding from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy through a SORH Grant program
  - + Collect and disseminate information
  - + Coordinate rural health resources and activities state-wide
  - + Provide technical assistance
  - + Encourage recruitment and retention of health professionals
  - + Strengthen state, local, and federal partnerships
  
- + Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant – FLEX
  
- + Workforce Activities



# State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

## + Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS)

- # of CAHs designated as Trauma Centers
- # of trained EMS medical directors
- # of EMS recruitment/retention projects
- # of EMS/ambulance budget model courses
- # of ambulance services who join a network
- # of EMS assessments
- # EMS leadership courses
- # EMS community healthcare projects
- # of quality improvement projects implemented

# NOSORH

- + National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH)
- + Comparable to NASEMSO for state offices of rural Health
- + NASEMSO and NOSORH have developed partnership



○ National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

NOSORH: the membership organization of state offices of rural health

National Association of  
State EMS Officials



## Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care

### JCREC

*A coalition of NASEMSO and  
NOSORH EMS committees,  
NRHRC (TASC) / NRHA - formed  
to engage each association on  
topics relevant to rural  
and frontier emergency care*



# Why

- + In the MOU signed by the four organization it states “desire to improve the quality of emergency care in rural and frontier communities; and
- + Organizations agree that these committees of special interest would be more effective if they worked jointly”.





## Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (JCREC)

- + Strategic Plan & Workplan
- + EMS Learning Session
- + EMS Leadership
- + Community Paramedicine
- + Data Communications & Electronic Health Information
- + Policy Agendas



# NASEMSO Related Activities

- + Rural EMS Committee
- + Mobile Integrated Healthcare – Community Paramedicine Committee

# JCREC Rural Conference

- + 2016 Conference was held in San Antonio
- + 2017 Conference will be held in Fargo, North Dakota – April 25 & 26, 2017 at the Holiday Inn
- + Will be known as the “National Rural Emergency Care Conference”



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