

# State EMS Partnership Opportunities with State Offices of Highway Safety



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# Presentation Objectives

## + Describe State Highway Safety Offices

- Describe what a SHSO partnership could mean to EMS
- Describe what an EMS partnership could mean to SHSOs
- Describe key highway safety programs with which EMS should be involved.



## State Highway Safety Offices (SHSO)

- + All 50 states & some territories have State Highway Safety Offices
- + Most are within state departments of transportation; some in department of public safety
- + Every SHSO has a Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC); most state EMS offices participate (major source of funding for NEMSIS improvements in state EMS offices)

# State TRCCs



# “The EMS and Highway Safety Connection”

- + Website devoted to promoting collaboration between State EMS Offices and State Highway Safety Offices
- + [http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/shsp/ems/connection/why\\_ems.html](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/shsp/ems/connection/why_ems.html)
- + Informative, easy to navigate, explains EMS & SHSO programs, provides contact information



Why EMS  
should participate  
in the SHSP process



Why Highway Safety  
should engage EMS  
in the SHSP process

Who to Contact

Start Collaborating

Partnering & Funding

Success Stories

Glossary

# Why EMS Should Participate in the SHSP Process

The SHSP is developed specifically to reduce deaths on public roads, an effort in which EMS plays a significant role. EMS brings a unique and valuable perspective to the SHSP, which is why it is considered the fourth "E" of the traditional three "E"s of highway safety.

In this section, learn more about:

- [What is a Strategic Highway Safety Plan \(SHSP\)?](#)
- [Benefits of an SHSP](#)
- [How is the SHSP relevant to EMS Officials?](#)
- [EMS-Related Highway Safety Plans](#)
- [Other Resources for SHSP Development, Implementation, and Evaluation](#)

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## How EMS and Highway Safety Can Work Together

Learn more about important Highway Safety Programs and Plans

### What is a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)?

A Strategic Highway Safety Plan is a state's comprehensive transportation safety plan. The primary goal of an SHSP is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It is a data-driven, multidisciplinary plan that establishes statewide performance measures, goals, objectives, and emphasis areas and describes a program of strategies to reduce or eliminate safety hazards. Legislation requires that all States have an SHSP that is approved by the governor of each state or the responsible



# Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

The SHSP is a statewide-coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It is during the SHSP process that statewide goals, objectives, and key emphasis areas are established. **The four E's of highway safety - engineering, education, enforcement and emergency medical services (EMS)- must be considered during this process.**

## Find your state's Highway Safety Plan

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/links/statedocs/pages/SafetyPlans.htm>

Also available on HITS Committee website



# Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

- + State offices of EMS/Trauma should be involved in the the SHSP Process.
- + State DOTs are required to collaborate with the 4 E's of highway safety (Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and EMS) when updating their SHSP.
- + Involvement in SHSP process brings opportunities for leverage resources!





# EMS: Become involved in SHSP process!

When Engineering, Enforcement, Education fail, EMS is the last opportunity to save lives !





## NASEMSO Highway Incident & Transportation Systems Committee (HITS)

- + Engages NASEMSO on highway safety issues relevant to EMS
- + Collaborates with highway safety partners to promote their understanding of EMS and to identify opportunities for cooperative efforts to reduce injuries and save lives
- + Provides input to NASEMSO Board of Directors on highway safety concerns





# Highway Incident & Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee

- + Towards Zero Deaths National Strategy on Highway Safety
- + Traffic Incident Management (TIM)
- + Promoting involvement in Traffic Records Coordination Committees and EMS/crash records data linkage
- + Promoting collaboration between EMS and highway safety on the state and national level
- + Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of even-numbered months. Ask to be included on email list!

# TIM Training is Free / On-Line



+ [http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto\\_tim\\_pse/about/tim.htm](http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/about/tim.htm)

# Toward Zero Deaths: A National Strategy

- + **TZD National Strategy on Highway Safety** is a long term initiative for state agencies, private industry and national organizations to develop safety plans that prioritize traffic safety culture and promote the TZD vision.
- + An active participant on the TZD Steering Committee, **NASEMSO** played a key role in shaping the strategy. EMS is one of 6 key areas in the document.



# Your First Objective





# Partnering with your State Highway Safety Office

## Questions or Comments

