

# Welcome to the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum



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Baltimore, MD

# JNEMSLF AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- Recent history that brought us here
- Vision & Mission
  - Discussion
  - Adoption
- Roundtable of “Burning Platform” Issues
- Meeting Frequency/Processes
- Adjourn @1200

# National Organizations/Associations in Attendance

- AAA - Maria Bianchi and Aaron Reinert
- AAMS – Eveline Bissen
- EMSLA – Bob Morley, James Orsino
- IAEMSC – Patty Dukes, Bob McCaughan, James Robinson, Larry Tan
- IAFC – Tony Baker, David Becker, Mary Beth Michos, John Sinclair
- IAFF – (invited)
- NAEMSE – Scott Bourn, Joann Freel, Donna Tidwell
- NAEMSP – Lynn White
- NAEMT – Connie Meyer, Pamela Lane
- NASEMSO – Beth Armstrong, Jim DeTienne, Dia Gainor, Randy Kuykendall, Kathy Robinson
- NAPO – John Bilotas
- NEMSMA – Keith Griffiths, Troy Hagen, Skip Kirkwood

# Federal Partners in Attendance

- CDC (invited)
- DHS/OHA – Rick Patrick
- DOT/NHTSA/OEMS – Drew Dawson and Noah Smith
- HHS/ASPR – Gregg Margolis
- HHS/HRSA/EMSC – Beth Edgerton

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The mission of the **Joint National Emergency Medical Services Leadership Forum** (JNEMSLF) is to facilitate a shared vision, collaboration, and unity in purpose to improve emergency medical services and conditions that affect emergency medical services throughout the country.

It is the vision of the **JNEMSLF** that timely, stable and accountable local and regional emergency medical services systems with the capacity and performance to ensure optimal patient outcomes must be available throughout the United States. The **JNEMSLF** will achieve this vision through:

- Maintaining contemporary and mutual awareness of the priorities, challenges, and accomplishments of national associations with a leadership role in emergency medical services systems in the United States
- Fostering an environment of trust and information exchange among and between national EMS associations and partners in the executive branch of the federal government
- Identifying matters of mutual importance and developing consensus-based positions for emergency medical services stakeholders and partners at the all levels – local through federal
- Serving as a collective voice for interactions with federal and national organizations when a multi-association, multidisciplinary educational approach is of benefit to all stakeholders

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# Burning Platforms

- Issue identification about the “business of EMS”
- Medical Safety Countermeasures
- Financing EMS
- Safety, Culture of Safety
- Innovation-CMS Challenge Grant
- Definition of EMS
- Declaration that EMS is an essential function
- Drug shortages
- Enhancing NEMESIS & other system and patient data
- Research and scholarly development
- D Block
- Culture of Science
- Leadership and “Statesmanship”

# Drug Shortage

- FDA Relief on expiration dates (emergency use authorizations?)
- Emergency relief from brand name drug costs
- GAO report published last year & Senate hearing
- Bills in both House & Senate
- There's media focus and markup forthcoming
- Outside voices missing
- EMS not the only voice, but important
- Workgroup on what the status is and what policy issues might be
- ACEP EMS Cmte (include)

# Drug Shortage

- IAFC EMS Section, NASEMSO Medical Directors Council, Eagles working on it
- Crisis not only availability and expiration dates, but rapid implementation of alternate drugs/concentrations
- IAFC EMS Section to lead and coordinate workgroup, NEMSMA volunteered, other associations to query and provide contact information to Tony Baker & Dia Gainor
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# NEMESIS

- Establish “situational awareness” for national associations
- Identify additional opportunities for input
- Interface with NFIRS
- “Doable” but not universal at the local, state and national levels
- Tie-in with the new EMS Near Miss and Firefighter Near Miss reporting systems
- Engage in discussions about current status and future plans
- Address standards and state variation
- JNEMSLF guidance – may “implore the states”

# NEMESIS

- NHTSA/OEMS volunteered to pull subgroup together
- NEMSAC and others would benefit from input
- Clear messaging essential about motivation (e.g., important to be moving forward)
- Topics to discuss should include provider (local agency level) access-- look at CARES and other registries
- Health IT in HHS/ASPR portfolio, excited about transitioning EMS data to the Health Information Exchange

# NEMESIS: National Association Volunteers

- Associations present committed to query within respective associations for the “right person”
- Associations were asked to provide that contact information to Drew and Dia

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# JNEMSLF 2012 Meeting Schedule

- The Forum members should endeavor to commit to meet F2F four times a year
- Primary in person meetings at EMS Today (spring) and EMS World (fall)
- Teleconferences for workgroups on the two selected priority areas should be conducted soon and as needed

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- Meeting #2 and #4 every year tie to June/December FICEMS/NEMSAC meeting; teleconf for JNEMSLF members not in person (in DC to maximize federal partner attendance)
- NEMSAC dealing with NEMSIS and other issues of national significance; this ties to opportunity for individual associations to present during public comment
- Rethink acronym (all suggestions welcome, send to [dia@naseonso.org](mailto:dia@naseonso.org) for compilation for June meeting)

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