



Rural EMS Committee
2012 Annual Meeting Meeting
September 24, 2012
Boise, ID

MINUTES

Welcome & Introductions

- Tom Nehring (SD) is the new Rural Committee Chair, replacing Jim DeTienne

WILDLAND FIRE (IEMS SUB-COMMITTEE)

- Guidelines and Standards are only for the National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) agencies. ALS is provided mostly by contract, and there seems to be no plan to address this issue.
- Idaho required every fire to identify a medical director, now not happening; Next steps?? Have guidance on what federal authority is. Here's where it works, and doesn't. Who does it apply to (contractors?) What can they can't do.
- Should create a White Paper/Position Paper. What are the issues and what are the steps to take care of them

Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (JCREC)

- Background: National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) has a Rural EMS Committee who were talking about the same things as NASEMSO, so formed JCREC. Have now expanded to include the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) & Rural Technical Assistance Center.
- Formally only 5 members from NASEMSO: Rural Chair & 1 member representing each council. Currently have some positions to fill.
- Need to continue on the Work Plan:
 - Challenge all the states to groom partnerships with state offices of Rural Health (main point of the Learning Session)
 - Education Rural Directors/Service Managers; Rural Trauma systems & integrate EMS in CAH systems
 - Workforce issues; how to staff for volunteers {discussions on state specific users}
 - Best practices on EMS systems

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP)

- AHRQ Workshop Grant – take position paper of issues & challenges and how to we get to the end and solve them
 - GOAL: Strategic Plan on how to solve issues (reimbursement, data/outcomes, etc)
 - GOAL: Research – what to do to prove that CP is worthy of pursuing
 - GOAL: How do you make this work in Rural America
 - Will be recorded for those who can't attend

Synthesis Project on Rural Response to Disaster

- Better prepare states for road response to disaster (NHTSA) = outcome of the Medicine Hat disaster
- Best practices on responding to a rural bus disaster

SKI PATROL

- Want to be recognized without regulation. Meeting with them to find solutions
- Meet Friday, how to come to an agreement with two different groups