



Domestic Preparedness Committee

The **Goal** of the Domestic Preparedness Committee is to provide technical assistance for and representation of State EMS Directors regarding both natural as well as terrorist type incidents as it relates to planning, preparedness, response and recovery to include homeland security activities. The Domestic Preparedness Committee is committed to assure that EMS leadership has a "seat at the table" in these important initiatives as well as reviews and provides input into federal plans and documents.

The **Vision** of the Domestic Preparedness committee is to ensure effective preparedness activities by cooperating and collaborating with our response stakeholders and various local, state and federal agencies. NASEMSO will work hand-in-hand during a state declared disaster or domestic incident with their response stakeholders in order to keep members informed and to meet EMS demands of the incident.





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Leadership

The Domestic Preparedness Committee supports leadership under these principle goals:

- Goal #1: Conduct bimonthly Domestic Preparedness conference calls to keep members informed of the Domestic Preparedness Activities and continue to seek involvement of NASEMSO's members on preparedness issues
- Goal #2: Assure that EMS has representation on federal and national preparedness initiatives







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- Goal #3: During a state/national declared disaster or major incident, NASEMSO will through the Domestic Preparedness committee assist by keeping state EMS offices/territories informed with reliable and up to date information and work in conjunction with state emergency management agencies to coordinate federal emergency medical service (EMS) response assets
- Goal #4: Continue to collaborate with FEMA leadership as it relates to the National Ambulance Contract







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- Goal #5: Continue to work with state/territory EMS Offices both prior and during a declared state emergency to assure that they receive notification on EMS resources being deployed under the National Ambulance Contract
- Goal #6: Provide technical assistance, necessary tools and information as well as resources in order that EMS workers are prepared with education, training, personal protective equipment and planning to support emergency response to evolving terrorist or national type incidents







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Systems Development

The Domestic Preparedness Committee supports systems development under these principle goals:

- Goal #7: Provides a mechanism to inform State EMS Directors of activation and deployment of EMS resources by the National Ambulance contract and Emergency Management Assistances Compact (EMAC)
- Goal #8: Continue to test and revise the NASEMSO Activation Procedure
- Goal #9: Develop an After Action Report (AAR) after each involvement of NASEMSO during a state/national declared incident







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- Goal #10: Assures that the membership assists and provides support, as possible, to the effected state or territory for treatment and transport for patients during a response to a natural or terrorist incident
- Goal #11: Provide the necessary framework and tools for EMS to serve as a detection or early warning system for evolving bioterrorism events
- Goal #12: Continue fostering NASEMSO's relationship with FEMA to ensure a strong command structure at any major event between the National Ambulance Contract and EMAC EMS resources





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Quality Improvement - "QI"

- Goal #13: Initiate a call out procedure once notified by FEMA that the National Ambulance Contract is going to be activated
- Goal #14: Provide an AAR after each involvement of NASEMSO during state/territories declared incidents
- Goal #15: Provide EMS Stakeholders input into national and federal preparedness and response documents and initiatives
- Goal #16: Review and revise the D. P. web site







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- Goal #17: Continue to post "best practices" by states involved in a state-wide response
- Goal #18: Initiate a call out procedures when made aware that a significant incident is occurring and a state (s) may need potential assistance prior to a state declaration







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The Domestic Preparedness Committee 2013 work plan will focus on the following issues:

- Issue #1: Provide technical assistance to states/territories regarding terrorism, planning, preparedness response, and recovery and homeland security initiatives. This assistance will include resource documents, surveys, and recommendations by federal agencies and information on what other states/territories are doing. All documents will be maintained on the DP web site.
- Issue #2: Conduct a "no notice" communication drill testing NASEMSO's Activation Notification Procedure. Revise this procedure based on results of the drill.







- Issue #3: Initiate a call out procedure to the membership when the National Ambulance contract is activated. This call out will provide both notification and updates to the members on a state/national declared disaster/incident. This will include supporting the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) process and continue to partner with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure a smooth deployment of EMS resources.
- Issue #4: Provide an AAR after each "call out". This AAR will be completed within 30 days of the incident and subsequently posted on the DP web site.







- Issue #5: Provide representation, as requested, to participate on both federal and national committees as they relate to EMS preparedness activities. This representation will assure that EMS stakeholder has a voice on national issues, programs, and initiatives.
- Issue #6: Review and coordinate comments on any national and federal documents/initiatives to assure that NASEMSO has input. Members will be given a timeframe to comment and staff will coordinate a response.
- Issue #7: Review and revise as well as continue to update NASEMSO's website on current and draft reports/documents on planning, preparedness, response, recovery and homeland security initiatives.





- Issue #8: Continue to identify additional international trips to discuss Homeland Security initiatives with EMS partners. Will work with a sponsor to provide part funding for an international trip.
- Issue #9: Chairperson for DP committee will be the representative to the EMAC National Advisory committee









