**National Association of State EMS Officials**

**EMS Abbreviations and Acronyms**

The following list provides a general overview of EMS abbreviations and acronyms that are referenced in NASEMSO documents, meetings, and web site. The list is intended simply as a reference and no endorsements should be implied to outside projects or standards.

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| **Abbreviation** | **Agency/Organization** | **Description** | **Web Site** |
| **AAMS** | Association of Air Medical Services | Non-profit 501C (6) trade association that represents and advocates on behalf of its membership to enhance their ability to deliver quality, safe, and effective medical care and medical transportation for every patient in-need | <http://aams.org/> |
| **AASHTO** | American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials | Serves as a liaison between state departments of transportation and the federal government | <http://www.transportation.org/Pages/Default.aspx> |
| **AAA** | American Ambulance Association | Serves as a voice and clearinghouse for ambulance services across the nation | <http://www.the-aaa.org/> |
| **ACCT** | Association of Critical Care Transport | Non-profit grassroots patient advocacy organization committed to ensuring that critically ill and injured patients have access to the safest and highest quality critical care transport system possible | <http://www.acctforpatients.org/> |
| **ADA** | Airlines Deregulation Act | The main purpose of the act was to remove government control over fares, routes and market entry (of new airlines) from commercial aviation. As states have attempted to regulate HEMS programs and ensure their integration with state and local EMS systems, operators have responded with lawsuits asserting the exclusive authority of the Federal Aviation Administration under the Airline Deregulation Act | <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-92/pdf/STATUTE-92-Pg1705.pdf> |
| **AM** | NASEMSO’s Annual Meeting | Addresses current issues and trends in emergency medical services systems | <http://www.nasemso.org/Meetings/Annual/AnnualMeeting2018.asp> |
| **AMC** | NASEMSO’s Air Medical Committee | Provide technical assistance and representation of State EMS Directors on issues related to state and federal regulation of air medical services (AMS) | <http://www.nasemso.org/Projects/AirMedical/> |
| **ASMI** | Association and Society Management International Inc | Provides NASEMSO staff and management services | <http://www.asmii.com/> |
| **ASPR** | HHS Office of Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response | Lead agency for the National Response Framework  (NRF) for Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF). | <http://www.phe.gov/about/aspr/pages/default.aspx> |
| **ASTHO** | Association of State and Territorial Health Officials | National nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia | <http://www.astho.org> |
| **AVL** | NASEMSO’s Ambulance and Vehicle Licensure Committee | Developing model regulatory language for state adoption related to the design of ambulances for state promulgation as needed | <http://www.nasemso.org/Projects/AgencyAndVehicleLicensure/index.asp> |
| **CAAHEP** | Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs | Largest programmatic accreditor in the health sciences field | <http://www.caahep.org/> |
| **CAAS** | Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services | Independent commission that established a comprehensive series of standards for the ambulance service industry | <http://www.caas.org/> |
| **(CAAS) GVS-2015** | Ground Vehicle Standard- (Version 2016) | Identifies the minimum requirements for new automotive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ground ambulances built on Original Equipment Manufacturer’s Chassis (OEM) that are prepared by the OME for use as an ambulance | <http://www.groundvehiclestandard.org/> |
| **CAMTS** | Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems | An organization of non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the quality and safety of medical transport services, with 21 current member organizations (including NASEMSO) each of which sends one representative to the CAMTS Board of Directors dedicated to improving the quality of patient care and safety of the transport environment for services providing rotorwing, fixed wing and ground transport systems | <http://www.camts.org/> |
| **CAP (#)** | Cooperative Agreement Proposal | General abbreviation for a work order proposed to a federal agency intended to facilitate the achievement of goals identified by NASEMSO’s Councils and Committees |  |
| **CDC** | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS) | Primary federal agency for Nation’s health protection | [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) |
| **CAPCE** | Commission on Acceditation for Prehospital Continuing Education | National accrediting body for EMS continuing education courses and course providers | <http://www.capce.org> |
| **CFR** | Code of Federal Regulations | Codification of the general and permanent rules and regulations (sometimes called administrative law) published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government of the United States | <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/> |
| **CoAEMSP** | Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CAAHEP) | Serves the programmatic accreditor (CAAHEP) to facilitate recognition for EMS programs in the US by providing an independent, external, objective peer-review of institutional and/or programmatic quality as compared with national standards | <http://www.coaemsp.org/> |
| **CP** | Community Paramedicine | General abbreviation |  |
| **DHS** | US Department of Homeland Security | Lead federal agency for safe, secure, and resilient Nation | <http://www.dhs.gov/> |
| **DICO** | Designated Infection Control Officer | General abbreviation |  |
| **DMC** | NASEMSO’s Data Managers Council | Promotes the development, standardization, and improvement of state and national EMS data systems | <http://www.nasemso.org/Councils/DataManagers/> |
| **DOT** | US Department of Transportation | Lead federal agency for ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system | <http://www.dot.gov/> |
| **EBG** | Evidence based guidelines | General abbreviation |  |
| **EC** | NASEMSO’s Executive Committee | Comprised of NASEMSO Board Officers and a member-at-large authorized to conduct business of the Association |  |
| **ECCC** | Emergency Care Coordination Center (HHS) | Policy home for the emergency care community within the federal government | <http://www.phe.gov/ECCC/Pages/default.aspx> |
| **ED** | Emergency department | General abbreviation |  |
| **ESSC** | NASEMSO’s Emerging Systems of Care Committee | New - description under development |  |
| **FTO** | Field Training Officer | General abbreviation |  |
| **IBSC** | International Board of Specialty Certification (formerly known as BCCTPC) | Non-profit organization responsible for the administration  and the  development  of the FP-C®, CCP-C®, and TP-C®  exams | <http://www.ibscertifications.org/> |
| **EIIC** | EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center | The EIIC focuses on accelerating improvements in quality of care and outcomes for children who are in need of urgent or emergency care through an infrastructure that ensures routine, integrated coordination of quality improvement activities between key stakeholder organizations and their champions | <https://emscimprovement.center/> |
| **EMAC** | Emergency Management Assistance Compact | National disaster–relief compact that offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency through a responsive, straightforward system that allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to help disaster relief efforts in other states | <http://www.emacweb.org/> |
| **EMS** | Emergency Medical Services | General abbreviation |  |
| **EMS-C** | Emergency Medical Services for Children (HRSA) | Primary federal program established to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity caused by severe illness or trauma | <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/emergencymedical/> |
| **FARB** | Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards | Not-for-profit corporation to promote public protection and provide a forum for information exchange for associations of regulatory boards and their affiliate stakeholders with interests in professional regulation. (NASEMSO is a Governing Member) | [www.farb.org](http://www.farb.org) |
| **FEMA** | Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS) | Federal agency that supports citizens and first responders to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards | <http://www.fema.gov/> |
| **FHWA** | Federal Highway Administration (DOT) | Provides stewardship over the construction, maintenance and preservation of the Nation’s highways, bridges and tunnels; also conducts research and provides technical assistance to state and local agencies in an effort to improve safety, mobility, and livability, and to encourage innovation | <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/> |
| **FICEMS** | Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services | Ensures coordination among Federal agencies involved with State, local, tribal, and regional emergency medical services and 9-1-1 systems | <http://www.ems.gov/FICEMS.htm> |
| **FirstNet** | First Responder Network Authority | Independent government authority created by Congress with a mandate to provide specialized communication services for public safety | <http://www.firstnet.gov/> |
| **GIC** | NASEMSO’s Government Information Committee | Actively tracks legislation introduced in Congress and provides periodic analysis and issue papers to the membership | <https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/Government-Information.asp> |
| **GRADE** | Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation | Process of rating the quality of available evidence | <https://gradepro.org/> |
| **HEMS** | Helicopter EMS | General abbreviation |  |
| **HIPDB** | Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank | Outdated reference | The HIPDB merged with the NPDB in 2013 and no longer exists as a separate entity |
| **HITS** | NASEMSO’s Highway Incident and Transportation Systems Committee | Engages NASEMSO to collaborate on highway safety issues relevant to EMS | <http://www.nasemso.org/Projects/HITS/index.asp> |
| **HL7** | Health Level 7 Information Standards | ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. | <http://www.hl7.org/index.cfm?ref=nav> |
| **HHS** | US Department of Health and Human Services | Lead federal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services | <http://www.hhs.gov/> |
| **HIPAA** | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act | Establishes Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (“Privacy Rule”) | <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html> |
| **HMPC** | NASEMSO’s Health & Medical Preparedness Council | Provides technical assistance for and representation of state EMS officials regarding both natural as well as terrorist type incidents, to include emerging infectious disease outbreaks, as they relate to planning, preparedness, response and recovery, to include homeland security activities. | <https://www.nasemso.org/Councils/Health-Medical-Preparedness/index.asp> |
| **HRSA** | Health Resources and Services Administration (HHS) | Primary Federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity | <http://www.hrsa.gov/index.html> |
| **IAFCCP** | International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics | Non-profit organization that provides advocacy, leadership development and educational opportunities for specialty care paramedics | <https://www.iafccp.org/> |
| **IAED** | International Academies of Emergency Dispatch | Non-profit standard-setting organization promoting safe and effective emergency dispatch services world-wide | <http://www.emergencydispatch.org/> |
| **IAMTCS** | International Association of Medical Transport Communication Specialists | Non-profit organization that provides professional development, education and advocacy in medical patient transport logistics for Operational Control, Air and Ground Communication Specialists | <http://www.iamtcs.org/> |
| **ICD-10** | International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems, Version 10 | Used to code and classify morbidity data from the inpatient and outpatient records, physician offices, and most National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) surveys | <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm> |
| **IOM** | Institute of Medicine (of the National Academies) | Outdated reference | Now known as National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) |
| **IRCP** | International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine | An organization of delegates from various countries and regions dedicated to exploring the promotion and better delivery of health care through the utilization of “traditional” and “non-traditional” models of care | <http://ircp.info/> |
| **ITS** | Intelligent Transportation Systems | General abbreviation |  |
| **JNEMSLF** | Joint National EMS Leadership Forum | Coalition of national EMS organizations | <http://www.nasemso.org/Projects/JNEMSLF/> |
| **JCREC** | Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care | Joint committee between NASEMSO’s Rural EMS Committee and National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) | <http://www.nasemso.org/Projects/RuralEMS/JCREC.asp> |
| **KSA’s** | Knowledge, Skills and Abilities | General abbreviation |  |
| **MDC** | NASEMSO’s Medical Directors Council | Provides a forum for state EMS medical directors to provide medical expertise and leadership to NASEMSO | <http://www.nasemso.org/Councils/MedicalDirectors/> |
| **MIH** | Mobile Integrated Healthcare | General abbreviation |  |
| **NAAMTA** | National Accreditation Alliance Medical Transport Applications | Provides medical transportation accreditation based on ISO standards supporting quality management systems | <http://www.naamta.com/> |
| **NACCHO** | National Association of County and City Health Officials | Represents the nation’s local health departments including counties, cities, city/counties, districts, tribes, and townships that protect and promote health, prevent disease, and seek to establish the social foundations for wellness in nearly every community across the US | <http://naccho.org/> |
| **NAEMSE** | National Association of EMS Educators | National EMS organization that seeks to inspire and promote excellence in EMS education and lifelong learning within the global community | <http://www.naemse.org/> |
| **NAEMSP** | National Association of EMS Physicians | An organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in out-of-hospital emergency services | [www.naemsp.org](http://www.naemsp.org) |
| **NAEMT** | National Association of EMTs | Largest professional association for EMS practitioners in the United States. | <http://www.naemt.org/> |
| **NAPSICO** | National Association for Public Safety Infection Control Officers | Non-profit association established to provide designated infection control officers (DICOs) the tools needed to develop and manage an effective infection control program in their organization | <http://www.napsico.org/> |
| **NASEM** | National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) | Independent, nonprofit organization that works outside of government to provide unbiased and authoritative advice to decision makers and the public | <http://nas.edu/> |
| **NASEMSO** | National Association of State EMS Officials | Lead national organization for EMS, a respected voice for national EMS policy with comprehensive concern and commitment for the development of effective, integrated, community-based, universal and consistent EMS systems | <http://www.nasemso.org> |
| **NASNA** | National Association of State  9-1-1 Administrators | National organization committed to assisting the implementation of statewide 9-1-1 telephone system programs | <http://nasna911.org/> |
| **National 9-1-1 Program** | National 9-1-1 Program (NHTSA) | Primary agency to provide Federal leadership and coordination in supporting and promoting optimal 911 services | <http://www.911.gov/>  (See also NG 9-1-1 at <http://www.its.dot.gov/ng911/index.htm> |
| **NEDARC** | National EMS for Children Data Analysis Resource Center (HRSA) | Assists EMS-C grantees in data collection, analysis and dissemination | <http://www.nedarc.org/> |
| **NEMSAC** | National EMS Advisory Council (NHTSA) | Nationally recognized council of EMS representatives and consumers to provide advice and recommendations regarding EMS to NHTSA | <http://www.ems.gov/NEMSAC.htm> |
| **NEMSIS** | National EMS Information System | National repository that will be used to potentially store EMS data from every state in the nation | <http://www.nemsis.org/> |
| **NEMSMA** | National EMS Management Association | Professional association of EMS leaders dedicated to the discovery, development, and promotion of excellence in leadership and management in EMS systems | <https://www.nemsma.org/> |
| **NGO** | Non-governmental organization | General abbreviation |  |
| **NIMS** | National Incident Management System (FEMA) | Provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, Tribal and local government; the private sector; and NGOs to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of cause, size, or complexity. To provide for interoperability and compatibility among Federal, State, Tribal, and local capabilities | <https://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system> |
| **NIOSH** | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CDC) | Primary federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related illnesses and injuries | <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/> |
| **NFPA** | National Fire Protection Association | Develops, publishes, and disseminates more than 300 consensus codes and standards intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other risks | <http://www.nfpa.org/> |
| **NFPA 1917** | NFPA Standard for Automotive Ambulances | Developed with consideration of the Federal Specification KKK-A-1822 and NFPA 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, NFPA 1917 defines the minimum requirements for the design, performance, and testing of new automotive ambulances intended for use under emergency conditions to provide medical treatment and transportation of sick or injured people to appropriate medical facilities | <http://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/document-information-pages?mode=code&code=1917> |
| **NHTSA** | National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (DOT) | Primary federal agency dedicated to achieving the highest standards of excellence in motor vehicle and highway safety | <http://www.nhtsa.gov/> |
| **NHTSA OBSR** | Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NHTSA) | Responsible for evaluating behaviors and attitudes in highway safety, focusing on drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and motorcyclists, including impaired driving. | <https://www.nhtsa.gov/behavioral-research> |
| **NHTSA OEMS** | Office of Emergency Medical Services (NHTSA) | Primary federal agency providing leadership and coordination to the EMS community in assessing, planning, developing, and promoting comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical services and 9-1-1 systems | <http://www.ems.gov/> |
| **NIST** | National Institute of Standards and Technology (US Dept of Commerce) | Federal technology agency that works with industry to develop and apply technology, measurements, and standards | <http://www.nist.gov/> |
| **NPDB** | National Practitioner Data Bank (HRSA) | Primarily an alert or flagging system intended to facilitate a comprehensive review of the professional credentials of health care practitioners, health care entities, providers, and suppliers | <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/> |
| **NQF** | National Quality Forum | Not-for-profit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization that works to catalyze improvements in healthcare | <http://www.qualityforum.org/Home.aspx> |
| **NREMT** | National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians | Serves as the National EMS Certification organization by providing a nationally accredited, valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS professionals throughout their careers and by maintaining a registry of certification status | <http://nremt.org/> |
| **NTSB** | National Transportation Safety Board | An independent agency placed within the DOT for administrative purposes, the NTSB conducts thorough, accurate, and independent investigations and for producing timely, well-considered recommendations to enhance transportation safety | <http://www.ntsb.gov/Pages/default.aspx> |
| **OSHA** | Occupational Safety and Health Administration (US Dept of Labor) | Lead federal agency for worker health and safety | <http://www.osha.gov> |
| **OSHA 1910.120 or HAZWOPER** | Hazardous waste operations and emergency response | Regulations/Standards | <http://www.osha.gov> |
| **OSHA 1910.1030** | Bloodborne Pathogens Standards | Applies to all occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials | <http://www.osha.gov> |
| **OSHA 1910.134** | Respiratory Protection Standards | Applies to all occupational exposures related to atmospheric contamination |  |
| **PECC** | NASEMSO’s Pediatric Emergency Care Council | Provides leadership, promote policies and research, and share resources to improve the emergency medical care system for children | <http://www.nasemso.org/Councils/PEDS/index.asp> |
| **PHE** | Public Health Emergency | General abbreviation |  |
| **PLC** | NASEMSO’s Personnel Licensure Council | Formulates recommendations on policies and positions specific to EMS licensing matters. These recommendations are considered by the NASEMSO Executive Committee, and positions are taken by the association as a whole to represent consensus of all state and territorial EMS offices, nationwide. | <http://nasemso.org/Councils/Personnel-Licensure-Council/index.asp> |
| **PPACA (or ACA)** | Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act | General abbreviation |  |
| **PPE** | Personal Protective Equipment | General abbreviation |  |
| **REPLICA** | Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact | Model legislation intended to facilitate day-to-day movement of EMS personnel across state boundaries in the performance of their EMS duties as assigned by an appropriate authority | <http://www.emsreplica.org/> |
| **TAC** | Technical Assistance Center | General abbreviation |  |
| **TMC** | NASEMSO’s Trauma Managers Council | Formulates recommendations on policies and positions specific to EMS trauma systems | <https://www.nasemso.org/Councils/TraumaManagers/> |
| **TRB** | Transportation Research Board | One of six major divisions of the National Research Council— a private, nonprofit institution that is the principal operating agency of the National Academies in providing services to the government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities | <http://www.trb.org/Main/Home.aspx> |
| **USFA** | United States Fire Administration (FEMA) | Federal agency that provides national leadership to foster a solid foundation for fire and emergency services stakeholders in prevention, preparedness and response. | <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/> |