

National Association of State EMS Officials



Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee Strategic Plan Priorities and Strategies 2014

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HITS Committee - Strategic Plan

The role of the Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee is to:

Engage NASEMSO on highway safety issues relevant to EMS

Collaborate with highway safety partners to promote their understanding of EMS and to identify opportunities for cooperative efforts to reduce injuries and save lives

Provide input to the NASEMSO Board of Directors on highway safety concerns

NASEMSO strategy and planning are categorized under three strategic goals:

Leadership refers to the role of state EMS offices as “lead agencies” for EMS as well as thoughtful leaders in public policy development.

Systems Development refers to the role of state EMS offices in the development of effective systems of emergency medical care.

Performance Improvement is the process of continually reviewing, assessing and refining practices to improve outcomes.

NASEMSO strategy and planning under:

Leadership - the role of state EMS offices as “lead agencies” for EMS as well as thoughtful leaders in public policy development.

The EMS community looks to state EMS offices for guidance and approval, as well as regulation and licensure.

NASEMSO works to support EMS officials nationwide in understanding and implementing processes that improve EMS practices and patient outcomes.

Leadership Strategic Priorities 2014

The HITS Committee supports leadership through the following activities:

- Promote collaboration between state EMS officials and state highway safety officials through a variety of activities, including education, exposure to opportunities for partnership and continued emphasis on the importance of building alliances. (SP1)
- Develop and promote collaborative relationships with national highway safety-related organizations and federal partners. (SP2)

NASEMSO strategy and planning under:

Systems Development - the role of state EMS offices in the development of effective systems of emergency medical care.

The growing national awareness of the importance of coordinated systems of care places NASEMSO squarely in a leadership role, demonstrating the need for state offices to coordinate the disparate functions that support effective systems.

System Development Strategic Priorities 2014

The HITS Committee supports system development through the following activities:

- Continue the development and rollout of the EMS Incident Response Readiness Assessment (EIRRA) and Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements (MIECE). (SP3)

NASEMSO strategy and planning under:

Performance Improvement (PI) - the process of continually reviewing, assessing and refining practices to improve outcomes.

The steps of developing an effective cycle of collecting high quality data, reviewing it in proven multidisciplinary processes, identifying strategies to implement needed changes and communicating them to all stakeholders are the keys to PI success and improving patient outcomes.

Performance Improvement Strategic Priorities 2014

The HITS Committee supports Performance Improvement through the following activities:

- Assess and promote effective state EMS office involvement with state Traffic Records Coordination Committees and support data linkage efforts between both entities. (SP4)

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Strategic Priority 1

Promote collaboration between state EMS officials and state highway safety officials through a variety of activities, including education, exposure to opportunities for partnership and continued emphasis on the importance of building alliances.

CAP 1, Task 4: Enhance the use of NASEMSO Specialty Councils and Committees within the organization.

Description of the objective and expected outcome: Effective working relationships between state offices of EMS and highway safety will benefit the public, as mechanisms, policies and programs are developed to improve the safety of people on the highways.

| Activity | Lead | Timeline | Status |
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| Activity 1.1 – Conduct session at Annual Meeting on effective collaboration with highway safety counterparts. | Mary Hedges to arrange | October 2014 | |
| Activity 1.2 – Identify and promote examples of effective partnerships between state EMS officials and their highway safety counterparts. | Keith Wages, Mary Hedges, HITS members | Ongoing | |
| Activity 1.3 – Feature presentations at bi-monthly HITS Committee meetings about successful state collaboration examples. | Keith Wages, Mary Hedges, HITS members | Ongoing | |

Benchmark Activities

| Date | activity | who | Notes |
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| | 1.1 | | |
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Strategic Priority 2

Develop and promote collaborative relationships with national highway safety-related organizations and federal partners.

CAP 1, Task 5: Expand Outreach and Relationships

Description of the objective and expected outcome: Collaboration with national organizations and federal partners will enhance mutual understanding and maximize opportunities for building programs and projects which are important to both EMS and highway safety interests.

| Activity | Lead | Timeline | Status |
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| Activity 2.1 – Ensure NASEMSO involvement in projects, committees and activities of related national organizations (AASHTO, NCHRP Panels, etc.) | Keith Wages, Dia Gainor, Mary Hedges | Ongoing | |
| Activity 2.2 – Invite federal partners and highway safety organizational representatives to speak and participate in Mid-Year and Annual Meetings. | Dia Gainor, Mary Hedges | March and October 2014 | |
| Activity 2.3 – Promote participation in and presentations at national meetings of partner organizations to build and enhance collaborative relationships. Identify, in coordination with NHTSA Office of EMS, new committees and organizations requiring NASEMSO representation within the U.S. Department of Transportation. Assign liaisons and provide travel support. (Task 5-D, CAP 1) | Dia Gainor, Keith Wages, Mary Hedges | Ongoing | |

Benchmark Activities

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Strategic Priority 3

Continue the development and rollout of the EMS Incident Response Readiness Assessment (EIRRA) and Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements (MIECE).

CAP 1, Task 9: Provide leadership to improve the care and treatment of crash patients, with particular attention to rural and remote areas.

Description of the objective and expected outcome: By promoting awareness of EIRRA and further development of MIECE, the HITS Committee can call attention to the importance of EMS preparedness in the reduction of highway safety fatalities.

| Activity | Lead | Timeline | Status |
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| Activity 3.1 – Develop an action plan for development of specific metrics associated with resources outlined in the Model of Emergency Care Elements (MIECE) consistent with methods and lessons learned from the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements and MMUCC revision projects. (Task 9-A, Cap 1) | Dia Gainor, Mary Hedges, Keith Wages | 10 months | |
| Activity 3.2 – Promote awareness of highway mass casualty response tools such as EIRRA. (Task 9-B, Cap 1) | Mary Hedges, Keith Wages | Ongoing | |
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Strategic Priority 4

Assess and promote effective state EMS office involvement with state Traffic Records Coordination Committees and support data linkage efforts between both entities.

CAP 1, Task 10: Provide leadership and support for continued development of quality EMS data systems, data linkage, and evidence-based decision-making.

Description of the objective and expected outcome: Increased collaboration between state EMS offices and state Traffic Records Coordination Committees will be mutually beneficial as improvements in state EMS data systems and increased opportunities for data linkage will yield valuable data leading to evidence-based decisions.

| Activity | Lead | Timeline | Status |
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| Activity 4-1: Query state EMS offices (via Data Managers) about involvement with state Traffic Coordination Councils (TRCC) to determine who is/is not involved with TRCC and to what extent. | DMC Steering Committee, Rachael Alter | early 2014 | Completed - DMC survey August 2013 |
| Activity 4-2: Assist state EMS offices, on an as-requested basis, in collaborating with state Traffic Coordination Councils (TRCC) to increase development of EMS data systems and data linkage. (Task 10-A, CAP 1) | Mary Hedges, Rachael Alter, HITS and DMC members as designated | Ongoing, 12 months | |
| Activity 4-3: Partner with NHTSA Office of EMS and DMC subject matter experts to assist State EMS Offices in collaborating with TRCC to increase development of EMS data linkage. | DMC data linkage workgroup, HITS members as designated, Rachael, Mary | | |

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| Aug 2013 | 4.1 | Rachael Alter, DMC | |
| | 4.2 | | |
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