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- System: Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Systems to Achieve Zero Preventable Deaths After Injury. The new recommendation, which includes a proposed linkage of record-level emergency medical services (EMS) patient care reports with hospital trauma registry records to better elucidate the "continuum of care" for injured patients relying on the introduction of a universally unique identifier (UUID) assigned to an EMS record, is now available. Read more at <a href="https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/ACS-NASEMSO-Joint-Linkage-">https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/ACS-NASEMSO-Joint-Linkage-</a>

## NASEMSO Collaboration on OOHCA Guidance Published in Circulation NASEMSO members Andy Gienapp, Dr. George Lindbeck, and Dr. Michael Levy provided input to "Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Management of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest During the COVID-19 Pandemic," recently published ahead of print by the

In related news, NASEMSO will focus its next EMS360 webinar, "Linking ePCRs & Registry Data," on the Joint Policy Statement and

American Heart Association in its peer-reviewed, professional journal, Circulation. Authors urge responders to avoid implementing major modifications to evidence-based resuscitation practices that could lead to a decrease in cardiac arrest survival. Open access to the Return to top ^

**For The States** 

**State Economies Reportedly Improved Post-**

stimulus funds expired after the Great Recession of 2007-2009. Read more at https://www.lexisnexis.com/en-us/products/statenet/news/2021/06/18/States-Bounce-Back-from-Pandemic.page Return to top ^

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), "Forty-six of the 50 states begin the 2022 fiscal year on July 1, many with bigger budgets than they had in fiscal 2020, the last year before the pandemic." A webinar hosted on May 25 by the Pew Charitable Trusts urged states to take a multi-year perspective in use of ARPA funds, pointing out that some states fell off the "fiscal cliff" when federal

information on high-speed internet service and usage. The new tool uses a broader set of data than previous maps used by the Federa Communications Commission and shows a gap between internet availability and adoption. Read more NHTSA Seeks Qualified Candidate for 911 Highway **Safety Specialist Position** 

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) recently released a new mapping tool that provides more detailed

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is seeking candidates with a strong understanding of the national 911

The Program provides federal leadership and coordination to support and promote optimal 911 services, and plays a critical role by coordinating federal efforts that support 911 services across the nation. Working with states, technology providers, public safety officials, and 911 professionals, the Program works to ensure a smooth transition to an updated 911 system that takes advantage of new communications technologies, as well as creating and sharing a variety of resources and tools to help 911 systems. Applications are being

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NTIA Releases New Broadband Mapping Tool

Identifying Gaps in Digital Divide

infrastructure and operation to apply for an open position with the National 911 Program.

at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/DOT-OST-2018-0206/document.)

Data

dashboard/

HIPAA applies to EMS activity.

benefits of a Safe System Approach.

and Territories. Read here for more information.

accepted through June 30. Read more at <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/604870000">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/604870000</a>.

Air Medical **AAPB Subcommittee Reports Now Available** Section 418 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-254, 132 Stat. 3186 (2018), required the establishment of an advisory committee on issues related to air ambulance services and patient billing. As part of this directive, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) established three subcommittees of the Air Ambulance and Patient Billing (AAPB) Advisory Committee in February 2020: (1) the Subcommittee on Disclosure and Distinction of Charges and Coverage for Air Ambulance Services; (2) the Subcommittee on State and DOT Consumer Protection Authorities; and (3) the Subcommittee on Prevention of Balance Billing. Subcommittee reports include proposals for Federal legislation, Federal regulation, State legislation, and industry best practices. Subcommittee reports are now available at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document/DOT-OST-2018-0206-0026">https://www.regulations.gov/document/DOT-OST-2018-0206-0026</a>. (Additional committee materials are available from the docket

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# • To better understand the Safe System Approach, how it differs from our current approach to road safety in the U.S., and the

from cities across the US that have moved toward a safe system approach. To identify what actions need to be taken to move toward a Safe System approach.

NTSB Launches "Safe System" Roundtable Series

The series will run throughout the year and will expand on the discussion started at the NTSB's May 20 roundtable. The next roundtable in the series will be held on July 7. Read more at <a href="https://www.ntsb.gov/news/events/Pages/2021-safe-systems-rt.aspx">https://www.ntsb.gov/news/events/Pages/2021-safe-systems-rt.aspx</a>. **Senate Committee Approves Surface Transportation** Bill

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has approved the Surface Transportation Investment Act which authorizes \$78 billion over five years to address key infrastructure and safety priorities broken out as follows: \$36 billion for rail, \$27.8 billion for multimodal grant programs and \$13 billion for safety programs. Overall, this would be a significant increase over the previous reauthorization (the FAST Act) in 2015, including \$6 billion into the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's highway safety programs. Read more at https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2021/6/wicker-commends-committee-passage-of-surface-transportation-bill.

• To explore the current state of the Safe System approach in the U.S. and to learn from international partners and stakeholders

**Resuscitation Protocols** Effective January 1, 2022, The Joint Commission approved new and revised requirements for resuscitation for hospitals and critical care hospitals. The new and revised requirements aim to strengthen resuscitation and post-resuscitation care processes by reducing unnecessary variations in practice and requiring hospitals to adopt a more proactive internal review of data to seek continuous learning improvements in order to maximize patient survival with the best possible neurological outcomes. Access the prepublication standards at <a href="https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/prepublication-standards/new-and-revised-requirements-for-resuscitation/?ref=TJCAL21">https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/prepublication-standards/new-and-revised-requirements-for-resuscitation/?ref=TJCAL21</a>.

National Organizations Unite on Pediatric Readiness During EMS Week, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program and five national organizations joined together to draw attention to pediatric readiness. "Pediatric readiness" is defined as having the necessary infrastructure to meet the needs of ill and injured children in an emergency. The collaboration took the form of two webinars held as part of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and EMSC Day, which fell on May 19. The "Pediatric Readiness: Every Child, Every Day" event on EMSC Day covered pediatric readiness across the care continuum, including the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP), a multiphase effort to assess and improve care for children in emergency care settings. The following day, "This is EMS:

Caring for Our Children," focused on pediatric readiness in prehospital settings specifically, the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness

NHTSA Highlights Impaired Driving In New Campaign

The 2021 impaired driving national enforcement mobilization "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" goes into effect across the country

A new interactive data visualization tool from AHRQ allows users to explore emergency department (ED) visit rates across common injury causes. The tool shows that falls vastly outnumber other types of injuries causing ED visits for almost every age, community-level income, location and sex. The only group for whom falls were not the most common injury was adults ages 18-29. The visualization is based

from August 16 to September 6, 2021. One of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - of crimes (impaired driving), has become a serious safety epidemic in our country. As law enforcement professionals and highway safety advocates, your efforts will help reduce the number of crashes and fatalities due to impaired driving. By increasing State enforcement efforts, raising public awareness through paid, earned, and social media, and maximizing your local resources, you indeed can make a difference. Please use customizable enforcement materials to help you successfully spread the campaign's message, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, and complement your awareness campaign. Download materials now at https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/drive-sober-or-getpulled-over/national-mobilization.

Common Injury Seen in Eds

**Employment Challenges** 

Prevention Lifeline will take effect on July 16, 2022.

**Industry News** 

Responses

investigation/process/.

Limits

more at https://www.nemsqa.org/measure-development-process/.

Projections for 2030. Read more at https://bit.ly/3aQb6CZ.)

normothermia." N Engl J Med 2021; 384:2283-2294

**UPCOMING Events** 

2021 NEMSIS v3 Implementation Meeting August 3rd – 5th, 2021, 9 AM - 1 PM

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November

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https://www.facs.org/clincon2021

education will also be accepted. Read more at <a href="https://www.nremt.org/Document/covid-19">https://www.nremt.org/Document/covid-19</a>.

**Data Visualization Tool Shows Falls Are Most** 

employers navigate the latest pandemic related challenges. Of note, the federal EEO laws do not prevent an employer from requiring all employees physically entering the workplace to be vaccinated for COVID-19, subject to the reasonable accommodation provisions of Title VII and the ADA and other EEO considerations. So far, two manufacturers have applied for full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, an anticipated next step following the Emergency Use Authorizations granted by the Agency in 2020. Read more on the topic here and here. SAMHSA Awards Funds to Implement 988 as National **Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced Vibrant Emotional Health (Vibrant) will be the administrators of the new 988 dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Lifeline). Vibrant, in partnership with SAMHSA, has administered the Lifeline since its creation in 2005. This funding also supports the national Disaster Distress Helpline, a subnetwork of the Lifeline. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on July 16, 2020. The U.S. Senate passed the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act (S. 2661), establishing 988, in May 2020, and the U.S. House of Representatives passed the legislation in September 2020. The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 was signed into law on October 17, 2020. The requirement for phone service providers to transition to 988 as the National Suicide

**EEOC Provides Technical Assistance on Post-COVID** 

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") has updated its "Technical Assistance Questions and Answers" to help

**AAPA Approves Professional Name Change** Following an extensive investigative process and years in the making, the American Academy of Physician's Assistants (AAPA) recently passed a resolution affirming "physician associate" as the official title for the PA profession. The AAPA Board of Directors will now begin

**EMS Webinar to Highlight Red Light and Siren** 

**Interesting Abstracts** EMS Curriculum Should Educate Beyond a Technical Scope of Practice: Position Statement and Resource Document. William J. Leggio, Tom Grawey, Joshua Stilley, Maia Dorsett & on behalf the Education Committee of the National Association of EMS Physicians

(2021): EMS Curriculum Should Educate Beyond a Technical Scope of Practice: Position Statement and Resource Document, Prehospital

Priorities for Prehospital Evidence-Based Guideline Development: A Modified Delphi Analysis. Authors aimed to identify gaps in clinical and operational prehospital EBGs to prioritize future EBG development and research funding. The final prioritized list of clinical EBG gaps was: 1) airway management in adult and pediatric patients, 2) care of the pediatric patient, and 3) management of prehospital behavioral health emergencies, with 79% of participants agreeing. The final prioritized list of operational EBG gaps was: 1) define and measure the impact of EMS care on patient outcomes, 2) practitioner wellness, and 3) practitioner safety in the out-of-hospital environment. Read more at https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10903127.2021.1894276. (Subscription or paid access required.)

From Emergency Medicine News: There will likely be nearly 10,000 more emergency physicians than there are jobs for them by 2030, according to a new study commissioned by the American College of Emergency Physicians. (Emergency Medicine Physician Workforce

Hypothermia versus Normothermia after Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest. In a new Swedish study, authors conclude "In patients with coma after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, targeted hypothermia did not lead to a lower incidence of death by 6 months than targeted

DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2100591. Read more at https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2100591.

American Academy of Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting. June 20-24, 2021 St. Louis, MO. www.aaem.org

NFPA Annual Conference. Cancelled for 2021. https://www.nfpa.org/conference/index.html

Emergency Care, DOI: 10.1080/10903127.2021.1925793 The link to this article: https://doi.org/10.1080/10903127.2021.1925793

When registration link become available, a list of topics and times for each topic will be posted on this page: https://nemsis.org/2021nemsis-annual-meeting-and-boot-camp/ National Association of EMS Educators Annual Meeting. August 2-8, 2021. Orlando, FL www.naemse.org Pinnacle 2021. August 9-13, 2021. Phoenix, AZ <a href="http://pinnacle-ems.com/">http://pinnacle-ems.com/</a> FDIC International. August 19-24, 2021. Indianapolis, IN. http://www.fdic.com/index.html EMS Today 2021. August 24-27, 2021. San Antonio, TX <a href="http://www.emstoday.com/index.html">http://www.emstoday.com/index.html</a>

Emergency Nurses Association Annual Meeting. September 22-25, 2021. Orlando, FL. www.ena.org

American College of Emergency Physicians Annual Meeting. October 25 - 28, 2021. Boston, MA. www.acep.org

Revised Dates! National Association of State EMS Officials Annual Meeting. November 14-18, 2021. Reno, NV

Air Medical Transport Conference. October 31-November 2, 2021. Fort Worth, TX. http://aams.org/education-meetings/

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IAEM EMEX 2021. October 15-22, 2021. Grand Rapids, MI. https://www.iaem.org/usconf American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress. October 24-28, 2021. Washington, DC.

American Ambulance Association Annual Meeting. TBD. <a href="https://annual.ambulance.org">https://annual.ambulance.org</a>

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- NASEMSO & ACS Issue Joint Policy Statement on With the support of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a panel of subject matter experts were able to move forward on a recommendation from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Report, A National Trauma Care
- Mark Your Calendars! NASEMSO Annual Meeting The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) reminds its members that the 2021 Annual Meeting will be held in person on November 14-18, 2021 at the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, NV. Conference registration is now open, the schedule at a glance, call for abstracts, and hotel reservation info are also available at <a href="https://nasemso.org/news-events/events/event/nasemso-annual-meeting-">https://nasemso.org/news-events/events/event/nasemso-annual-meeting-</a> 2021/. The 2022 dates and location were also recently announced. We hope you can join us -- June 19-23, 2022 at the Charleston

**New Report: Proposed Limits on Public Health Authority Is Dangerous** This new report, Proposed Limits on Public Health Authority: Dangerous for Public Health, is a culmination of a rapidly developed project between NACCHO and the Network for Public Health Law with assistance from Johns Hopkins and many others. In recent months, at least 15 state legislatures have passed or are considering measures to limit severely the legal authority of public health agencies to protect the public from serious illness, injury, and death. Specifically, this report finds that dissatisfaction and anger at perceived overreaches by governors and public health officials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an onslaught of legislative proposals to eliminate or limit the emergency powers and public health authority used by these officials. Public health officials are also being threatened

On May 10, the U.S. Department of Treasury released interim final rules for its State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The interim final rule provides some important definitions to interpret the language of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA.) It defines "necessary" broadband infrastructure investments as including those that establish or improve "broadband service to unserved or underserved populations to reach an adequate level to permit a household to work or attend school, and that are unlikely to be met with private sources of funds." It defines "unserved and underserved" as those places that "lack access to a wireline connection capable of reliably delivering at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload." Eligible projects under this use category must also provide symmetrical 100 Mbps service, or, if that is not possible because of geography, topography, or excessive costs, must provide 100/20 Mbps service with the possibility to scale to 100 Mbps symmetrical service in the future. The National League of Cities and other local government advocates raised concerns upon the release of Treasury's Interim Final Rule for the fund that the structure of the broadband eligible use category was too restrictive and would result in many communities in need of broadband infrastructure electing not to use ARPA funds for that purpose. The FAQs are available at https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf.

Treasury Releases Guidance on State Broadband

## **NEMSIS 2020 Public-Release Dataset is Now Available** The National EMS Information System Technical Assistance Center has released its 2020 Public-Release Research Dataset, the largest publicly available dataset of EMS activations in the U.S. The dataset, which includes 43,488,767 EMS activations submitted by 12,319 EMS

agencies in 50 states and territories, is a subset of the National EMS Database—the repository for EMS data collected from U.S. States

The NEMSIS V3 Public Performance Measure Dashboard visualizes EMS performance measures maintained by the National EMS Quality

Access the dashboard here: https://nemsis.org/view-reports/public-reports/version-3-public-dashboards/v3-public-performance-measures-

The TAC released a new resource that provides agency and field-level clarity on HIPAA as it relates to EMS. The HIPAA Basics for EMS Practitioners poster was created in collaboration with Page, Wolfberg & Wirth for EMS practitioners to better understand how and when

Stakeholders are encouraged to print, share, and distribute the poster as needed. The information contained in the poster does not supersede agency or state rules and clearly states that practitioners should follow their agency policy. The poster can be found as an attachment to this message and on the NEMSIS webpage here: <a href="https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://news.doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-Poster-for-for-thtps://doi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HIPAA-

**Public Performance Measures Dashboard** 

Alliance (NEMSQA), including measures that were originally developed by the EMS Compass initiative.

**HIPAA Basics for EMS Practitioners Resource** 

Early estimates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) crash fatality data for 2020 show that approximately 38,680 people died in motor vehicle crashes, a startling increase of about 7.2 percent compared to 2019. Additionally, the estimated fatality rate is the highest since 2007. This comes at a time when vehicle miles traveled in the U.S. decreased by about 13.2 percent in 2020. The conventional approach to road safety in the U.S. will not drive down fatalities and injuries; we need a paradigm shift. Reaching zero will require a transition to a holistic, Safe System approach. Over the coming months, National Transportation Safety Board Member Jennifer Homendy will host a series of Safe System Roundtable discussions with experts on these topics. The objectives are:

**Medical Direction AHRQ Offers Evidence Summary on Prehospital Airway Management** 

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) recently sought to assess the comparative benefits and harms across three airway management approaches (bag valve mask [BVM], supraglottic airway [SGA], and endotracheal intubation [ETI]) by emergency medical services in the prehospital setting, and how the benefits and harms differ based on patient characteristics, techniques, and devices.

The systematic review is now available at https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/products/prehospital-airway-management/research.

Joint Commission Seeks to Standardized

Pediatric Emergency Care

Project (PPRP).

**Trauma** 

**Federal News** 

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about these two webinars.

The Network for Public Health Law (NPHL) highlights the needs of children in a new blog, "Car Seats and Rideshare Services: The Need for Improved Safety Laws" at https://www.networkforphl.org/news-insights/car-seats-and-rideshare-services-the-need-for-improved-safetylaws/?blm\_aid=25649

NPHL Advocates for Car Seats in Rideshare Services

on Overview of Emergency Department Visits Related to Injuries, by Cause of Injury, 2017, a statistical brief from the agency's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project.

during this mode of vehicle operation and that reducing HOT responses enhances safety of personnel, with little to no impact on patient outcomes. Some agencies have 'dabbled' with responding COLD (without lights and sirens) to some calls, but perhaps none as dramatic as Niagara Region EMS in Ontario, Canada – who successfully flipped their HOT responses to a mere 10% of their 911 calls! Why did they do it? How did they do it? What has been the community response? What has been the response from their workforce? Has there been any difference in patient outcomes? Join Niagara Region EMS to learn the answers to these questions and more. Panelists from co-hosting associations will participate to share their perspectives on this important EMS safety issue! Join panelists on July 7, 2021 at 2 PM ET to learn more about this important topic! Register now at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_FsgvuYxmTAKxazxL\_BaCWQ">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_FsgvuYxmTAKxazxL\_BaCWQ</a>.

HOT (red light and siren) responses put EMS providers and the public at significant risk. Studies have demonstrated that the time saved

discussions to implement the policy. As the Board moves forward with implementation, each constituent organization will conduct its own deliberations about a title change to physician associate. AAPA warns that it is inappropriate for PAs to hold themselves out as "physician associates" until legislative and regulatory changes are made to incorporate the new title. More than 27,000 PAs and PA students participated in the Title Change Investigation survey. The investigation included qualitative interviews with patients, PAs, employers, physicians, nurse practitioners, PA educators, PA students, and professional organizations. PAs have at least a masters level education consisting of 27 months of classroom work and over 2,000 hours of clinical rotations. Read more at https://www.aapa.org/newscentral/2021/05/aapa-house-of-delegates-votes-to-change-profession-title-to-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-change-profession-title-to-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-to-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-change-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-change-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-change-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-change-physician-associate/ and https://www.aapa.org/title-change-physician-associate/ and https://www.aap

**NEMSQA Seeks Public Input on New Rural Measures** 

National Registry Offers Temporary Waiver on DL

The National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA), in collaboration with Florida Department of Health Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support, invites members of the EMS Community and the public to submit concepts for consideration in the Feasible, Actionable, Impactful, Relevant (F.A.I.R.) EMS Measurement Project. This project, funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, intends to develop rural-relevant quality measures to be used in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Community. The goal of the F.A.I.R EMS Measurement Project is not only to improve access to quality of care in Florida's rural areas but also to develop a national model that can be followed by other states. Read

At its recent Board of Directors meeting, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) voted to waive the Distributive Education (DE) limits for those due to recertify in 2022. All EMTs, AEMTs and Paramedics due to recertify on March 31, 2022, will have no limits on Distributive Education. The same will apply to EMRs due to recertify on September 30, 2022. This allows all Continuing Education to be accomplished online through any state-accepted or CAPCE-accredited program or education site. Of course, in-person continuing

**EMS Weekend of Honor** The Weekend of Honor is organized and hosted by the following volunteer-staffed organizations: National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, National EMS Memorial Service, and the National EMS Memorial Foundation. See http://www.national-emsmemorial.org/ or https://www.facebook.com/NEMSMS for more information on the specific event times and locations as they become available

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Virtual BootCamp for State Data Managers Transitioning to v3.5 July 13th, 2021 Registration link: https://2021nemsis-boot-camp.eventbrite.com Information flyer: https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/NEMSIS-2021-Boot-Camp-Flyer-6-1-21.pdf Fire Rescue Med/IAFC EMS Section Annual Meeting. July 27, 2021 Charlotte, NC. https://www.iafc.org/events/frm IAFC Annual Conference. Fire-Rescue International. July 28-31, 2021. Charlotte, NC. www.iafc.org/fri August

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