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Joe and I wanted to thank you for giving us the opportunity to attend the WG meeting on IED, PPE and Medical response. Joe even got to travel to DC by way of New York but I will let him get into that.

First and foremost this was a fantastic opportunity to have NASEMSO at the table. Both Joe and I felt that they listened and were interested in our comments.

The overall objective of the meeting was to seek input from EMS and Fire on a guidance this group is developing on a response to an IED/Active Shooter with Mass casualties incident.

They did not share the draft guidance they were working on but did give us an overview of what it is going to look at. It was interesting to hear that one of the critical pieces of equipment that they are going to come out recommending for EMS, Law Enforcement and Fire is tourniquets. The entire group felt that this is critical to victim survival.

Some of the points that Joe and I made included:

- Need for consistent and joint education/training to include recognition of potential secondary devices with Fire and Law enforcement
- EMS is part of a three legged response; you cant have one without the other
- When identifying equipment all response partners (including hospitals as they replace EMS equipment) need to be at the table in order to identify, prioritize and fund the equipment
- Civilian/bystander training is critical and changing the attitudes of first response personnel that bystanders can help like they do in Israel. We also used the example/model of AHA's Bystander CPR as a model program
- Recommendations from this committee goes a long way
- Their guidance should have a summary front page in order for folks to read it (500 page federal documents just dont get read)
- EMS needs to have funding dedicated to purchase recommended equipment and for training
- Identify a patient tracking system that is interoperable with any system and that includes hospitals etc.
- Overall glad they included us

After the meeting many of the participants came up to Joe and I and thank us and appreciated our input.

We then made the most of the trip and arranged a lunch meeting with Rick FLinn from FEMA who is responsible for the National Ambulance Contract. We had a great meeting with him esp given that Rick and Joe knew each other from Penn. We expressed the Associations concerns about taking ambulance from effected states and also lack of notification to states for those ambulance that are deployed by AMR. We are going to work on this with FEMA.

Again thanks for the opportunity

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