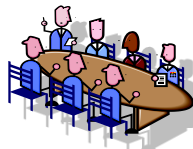# Communications Technology & Systems Committee

The **Communications Technology & Systems Committee** of the National Association of State EMS Officials is committed to enabling state EMS systems to be aware of and utilize state of the art communications technology and systems (all voice, video, and other data types) and to help represent the national EMS community in all venues where EMS, emergency medical dispatch (EMD), public safety and medical communications technology and systems are planned, enabled, and implemented.

Communications Committee

Leadership

The Communications Committee supports leadership under these principle goals:

Goal #1: To provide state EMS officials with continuous, timely updates of news, opportunities, and events in the EMS, medical and public safety communications realms so that they may, in turn, be prepared to inform and lead affected parties within their own EMS systems

Goal #2: To improve representation of the discipline of EMS and its national community within all venues where EMS/EMD, public safety, and medical communications technology and systems are planned, enabled, and implemented

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Systems Development

The Communications Committee supports systems development under these principle goals:

Goal #3: To assess and improve representation of the discipline of EMS and its state and sub-state regional communities within all venues where EMS/EMD, public safety, and medical communications technology and systems are planned, enabled, and implemented.

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Quality Improvement – "QI"

The Communications Committee supports quality improvement under these principle goals:

- **Goal #4**: To complete a reassessment of state EMS communications systems based on a survey tool first employed in 2008, and to publish these findings and recommendations for the improvement of state EMS communications technology and systems.

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

- **Strategy #1**: Utilizing Communications Technology Advisory staff, EMS/EMD, public safety, and medical communications media (e.g. Urgent Communications, National Public Safety Telecommunications Council sources) will be reviewed on at least a weekly basis. And disseminated as appropriate

- **Strategy #2**: By utilizing Communications Technology Advisory staff and Committee leaders and members, and by encouraging the participation of other national EMS associations, we will promote and facilitate national EMS community representation within all venues where EMS/EMD, public safety, and medical communications technology and systems are planned, enabled, and implemented. Based on opportunities identified in Goal/Strategy #1, may be formed to address specific issues

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- **Strategy #3**: Based on opportunities identified in Strategies #1 and #2, and on the results of the survey in Strategy #4, states (collectively, or as identified for special attention on an individual basis) will be encouraged to participate in EMS/EMD, public safety, and medical communications planning, enabling, and implementation processes such as state interoperability governing boards (SIGBs), state interoperability executive committees (SIECs), statewide EMD and other dispatch coordination processes, and state bodies created to coordinate with the FirstNet system development effort.

- **Strategy #4**: Because of the inception of FirstNet and the passing of 2013 narrow-banding deadline, resurvey states five years after the last effort to assess statewide capabilities,. Communications Technology Advisory staff and Committee leadership will work with NASEMSO survey expert staff to conduct this survey during the calendar year, analyze the data and issue a summary report

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