



Rural EMS Committee

The **Rural EMS Committee** of the National Association of State EMS Officials is committed to fostering the development of state-level leadership to support delivery of rural emergency care and to facilitate collaboration that improves care to patients in rural areas with time-sensitive injuries and illnesses.

The purpose of the Rural EMS Committee is to engage NASEMSO on topics relevant to rural and frontier EMS, provide rural input and expertise to the NASEMSO board and members, and promote interaction and collaboration with other Rural EMS partners.

The ***Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (JCREC)*** of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and the National Association of State EMS Officials is committed to fostering the development of state-level leadership to support delivery of rural emergency care and to facilitate collaboration that improves care to patients in rural areas with time-sensitive injuries and illnesses.





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Leadership

The Rural EMS Committee supports leadership under these principle goals:

- 🚑 **Goal #1:** Facilitate collaboration within NASEMSO and with external partners that improves care to patients in rural areas
- 🚑 **Goal #2:** Engage the Rural EMS Committee in national opportunities to promote awareness of rural/frontier emergency care issues and strategies for improvement





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Systems Development

The Rural EMS Committee supports systems development under these principle goals:

- 🏠 **Goal #3:** Develop and advocate for rural emergency care policy agendas
- 🏠 **Goal #4:** Engage in continued development of community health/ community paramedicine programs in the U.S. .





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Quality Improvement – “QI”

The Rural EMS Committee supports quality improvement under these principle goals:

- 🏠 **Goal #5:** Advocate for inclusion of EMS in development of local and system rural performance improvement





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

- 🔧 **Issue #1: Strategic Plan** – The JCREC continues to implement measures in the strategic plan adopted in 2010.
- 🔧 **Issue #2: Develop and Promote Rural Emergency Care Policy Agendas** – The JCREC strategic plan anticipates development of several position papers or ‘call to action’ papers which will advocate specifically for key rural issues
- 🔧 **Issue #3: NOSORH/NASEMSO Learning Session** – Implementation of a face-to-face session between committee members and other to facilitate networking and coordination of key projects and issues





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- 🏠 **Issue #4:** State-Level Expertise in EMS leadership development – The future and viability of rural EMS services is directly dependent upon strong service manager and medical director leadership. The JCREC will finish implementation and analysis of a 2010 leadership survey and reporting on what leadership programs states are conducting
- 🏠 **Issue #5:** Community Paramedicine – Communities around the world and U.S. are developing and implementing community paramedicine programs as an approach to help ensure provision of emergency and primary healthcare in areas where health services are limited and challenging. The JCREC will continue to participation in numerous activities related to the development and implementation of these programs in the U.S.





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- 🏠 **Issue #6:** National Wildfire Coordinating Group – Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS) – The Rural EMS Committee continues to work with the IEMS on issues to support the deployment of EMS and other resources to wildfires
- 🏠 **Issue #7:** National Ski Patrol – Continue working with the National Ski Patrol on issues related to the regulation and recognition of ski patrol programs in states





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