

NASEMSO 2012 Domestic Preparedness Survey

A) Participant Information

A.1. Please identify yourself:

Name: _____
Title/Role: _____
State/Territory: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

B) Preparedness & Response

Definitions

EOC – Emergency Operations Center

EMA – Emergency Management Agency (State counterpart to FEMA)

EMAC – Emergency Management Assistance Compact

ESAR-VHP– Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

B.1. Does the State EMS Office have a designated position in the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC)?

- Yes → go to #B.2
- No → go to #B.3

B.2. What type of EMS staff person (e.g., training, trauma, medical director, etc...) is designated in the State EOC? _____

B.3. Does the State EMS Office have a designated position in the State Fusion Center?

- Yes → go to #B.4
- No → go to #B.5
- State does not have a Fusion Center → go to #B.5

B.4. What type of EMS staff person (e.g., training, trauma, medical director, etc...) is designated in the State Fusion Center? _____

B.5. Does the State EMS Office have a designated position in the State Public Health EOC (if separate from the State EOC)?

- Yes → go to #B.6
- No → go to #B.7
- State does not have a State Public Health EOC → go to #B.8

B.6. What type of EMS staff person (e.g., training, trauma, medical director, etc...) is designated in the State Public Health EOC? _____

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B.7. Please check the box if the State EMA Office contacts the State EMS Office for EMAC requests for mobilization of the following: (select all that apply)

- Ambulances
- Personnel
- Other EMS Resources (please describe): _____
- Don't know, never been contacted

B.8. Please check the box if the State EMA Office has worked with the State EMS Office for EMAC initiatives for any of the following: (select all that apply)

- Ambulance availability (public)
- Ambulance availability (private)
- EMT credentialing
- Medical oversight
- None of the above

B.9. In the past 3 years, has the state requested an EMS mutual aid response from another state during a major incident?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

B.10. In the past 3 years, has the state deployed ambulances to support a mutual aid response during a major incident through:

a) EMAC?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

b) A National Ambulance Contract?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

c) A State-to-State Cooperation Agreement?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

B.11. In the past 3 years, have ambulances left your state to support a mutual aid response during a major incident without prior communication with the State EMS Office?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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B.12. Are ambulances and/or personnel permitted to leave your state to assist in a major incident for more than 48 hours without notifying the State EMS Office?

- Yes → go to #B.14
- No → go to #B.13
- Not sure → go to #B.14

B.13. Do you have existing legislation or rules requiring ambulances to notify the State EMS Office when they leave the state for a major incident?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

B.14. Does the State EMS Office participate in the coordination of EMS resources (ambulances, personnel, medical supplies, etc.) during a major incident in your state?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

B.15. If your state needed ambulances during a major incident today, what would be your primary source for the request?

- Unlikely to request outside assets
- State-to-State agreements
- Request through EMAC
- National Ambulance Contract
- Unsure
- Other (please describe): _____

B.16. Do you have EMS providers in your state that participate as subcontractors to FEMA's National Ambulance Contract?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

B.17. What impact do you anticipate that the National Ambulance Contract would have on day-to-day EMS services in your state if there were a catastrophic event requiring a national response (e.g. Hurricane Katrina)?

- No impact
- Little impact
- Moderate impact
- Major impact
- Not sure

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B.18. Who coordinates an EMS resource request if the request is for both EMAC and the National Ambulance Contract?

- State EMS Office
- State EMA Office
- EMS & EMA
- No one
- Not sure

B.19. Does your state use a volunteer database (such as ESAR-VHP or related state version) to register EMS Practitioners who are willing to deploy for interstate mutual aid?

- No
- Yes, ESAR-VHP
- Yes, Other (please describe): _____

B.20. Does your state report EMS practitioners to HRSA's National Practitioner Data Bank when an EMS license has been suspended or revoked?

- Yes
- No

B.21. What contract language requirements should FEMA implement to support states during activation of the National Ambulance Contract? (select all that apply)

- Mandatory notification to the sending state prior to ambulances or personnel leaving for deployment
- Pre-event negotiated funding for mutual aid response
- Evidence of compliance with NIMS 5-year training plan and resource typing models
- None of the above
- Not sure
- Other (Please describe): _____

B.22. How involved is the State EMS Office in the State's Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation program?

- Very involved
- Somewhat involved
- Not involved at all

B.23. Please indicate the levels at which mutual aid agreements (excluding EMAC deployment) are in place: (select all that apply)

- Local
- Regional
- Interstate
- Intrastate

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Funding

Definitions

AFG – Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

ASPR – Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

DHS – Department of Homeland Security

EMPG – Emergency Management Preparedness Grant

HPP – Hospital Preparedness Program

HRSA – Emergency Management Preparedness Grant/Health Resources and Services Administration

HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program

MMRS – Metropolitan Medical Response System

PHEP – Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Program

UASI – Urban Area Security Initiative

C.1. Please indicate below, for each type of grant, how involved the State EMS Office is in the application process:

a) AFG?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involve

b) ASPR / HPP?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

c) Block Grants?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

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d) CDC PHEP Grant Program?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

e) DHS HSGP?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

f) EMPG?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

g) MMRS?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

h) UASI?

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved

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- i) **Other?** (please describe): _____
- N/A
 - Very involved
 - Involved
 - Occasionally
 - Rarely
 - Not involved

C.2. Please indicate below, for each type of grant, the amount received by your State EMS Office for the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (even if the funding was a pass-through to go to local EMS):

- a) **AFG?** \$ _____
- b) **ASPR HPP?** \$ _____
- c) **Block Grants?** \$ _____
- d) **CDC?** \$ _____
- e) **DHS?** \$ _____
- f) **EMPG?** \$ _____
- g) **MMRS?** \$ _____
- h) **Pandemic Influenza Supplemental?** \$ _____
- i) **UASI?** \$ _____
- j) **Other?** (please indicate) \$ _____

C.3. Has any federal grant funding for preparedness and response activities been routed through the State EMS Office for EMS providers and/or EMS personnel for FFY 2011?

- Yes** → Go to #C.4.
- No** → Go to #C.6.

C.4. How much federal grant funding for preparedness and response activities has been routed through the State EMS Office for EMS providers and/or EMS personnel for FFY 2011?

C.5. List examples of activities made possible by this pass-through funding:

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C.6. Have EMS providers in your state received any other specific EMS resources (training, equipment, funding, etc...) through other federal grants in FFY 2011?

- Yes → go to #C.7.
- No → go to #D.1.
- Unknown → go to #D.1.

C.7. Please give an example of the specific resources and what they were used to accomplish:

Preparedness Activities

Definitions

EMA – Emergency Management Agency (state counterpart to FEMA)

D.1. How would you characterize your satisfaction with your State EMS Office involvement in preparedness and response activities?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Unsure

D.2. How would you characterize your satisfaction with the State EMS Office relationship with the following State response partner organizations?

a) State EMA

- N/A
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Unsure

b) State Fire Marshall

- N/A
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Unsure

c) Public Health Epidemiology/Surveillance Office

- N/A
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Unsure

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d) Public Health Emergency Preparedness

- N/A
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Unsure

e) State Homeland Security Office

- N/A
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Unsure

Federal Grant Programs

Definitions

ASPR – Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

DHS – Department of Homeland Security

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

NEMSIS – National EMS Information System

E.1. Were any federal grant funds used to support:

a) Medical Direction?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

b) NEMSIS Implementation?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

E.2. Did the State EMS Office report funds usage for the DHS/FEMA Grants Reporting Tool (GRT)?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

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E.3. The State Senior Advisory Committee (or equivalent body) is responsible for coordinating FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) grants and CDC and ASPR cooperative agreements. Is the State EMS Director represented on the State Senior Advisory Committee?

- Yes
- An EMS representative other than the State EMS Director sits on the State Senior Advisory Committee
- No
- Unknown

Miscellaneous

MUCC – Model Uniform Core Criteria for Mass Casualty Triage

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Points

SALT – Sort, Assess, Lifesaving Interventions, Treatment/Transport

START – Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment

F.1. Do ambulance personnel who might be utilized in a major incident today have training in:

a) First Responder Operations (FRO)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

b) First Responder Awareness (FRA)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

c) Ambulance Strike Team / Leader?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

d) Organizational Roles (e.g., State Emergency Plan)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

e) Personal Protective Equipment?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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F.2. Do ambulance personnel who might be utilized in a major incident today have appropriate levels of Personal Protective Equipment?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

F.3. Does the State EMS Office have the capability to send out time sensitive information to EMS Provider Companies?

- Yes
- No

F.4. How does the State EMS Office send out time sensitive information to EMS Provider Companies? (select all the apply)

- Email
- Fax
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other (please describe): _____

F.5. Does the State EMS Office have the capability to send out time sensitive information to Individual EMS providers?

- Yes
- No

F.6. How does the state EMS Office send out time sensitive information to EMS providers? (select all that apply)

- Email
- Fax
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other (please describe): _____

F.7. Does your state require a specific statewide triage system?

- Yes → go to #F.8.
- No → go to F.10.
- Not involved at all → go to #F.10.

F.8. Which triage system is used?

- START → go to #F.10.
- START/JumpSTART → go to #F.10.
- SALT → go to #F.10.
- Sacco Triage Method → go to #F.10.
- Other (please specify) _____ → go to #F.9.

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F.9. Is the triage system MUCC compliant?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

F.10. Does your state have a statewide patient tracking system?

- Yes, statewide
- Yes, regional
- No → go to #F.12.

F.11. Which patient tracking system does your state use? _____

F.12. Does your state have a statewide process for providing vaccines and/or antiviral medication to EMS personnel?

- Yes
- No
- A process is in development

F.13. Has your state defined the role of EMS providers in “treating and releasing” patients without transporting them to a healthcare facility during an influenza pandemic?

- Yes
- No
- A process is in development

F.14. Are there statewide protocols and procedures in place to guide PSAP triage and patient classification during an influenza pandemic?

- Yes
- No
- A process is in development

F.15. Are there protocols in place to guide PSAP’s to allow for deviation of a normal dispatch response to emergency calls of EMS units during an influenza pandemic? (e.g. normal response would be ALS but due to a pandemic and limited resources a BLS unit is dispatched instead)

- Yes, statewide
- Yes, regional
- Yes, local
- No
- A process is in development

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F.16. Does your state have a State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee or another committee to provide guidance on crisis standards of care?

- Yes
- No → *end survey*
- Don't know → *end survey*

F.17. If yes, then is there an EMS representative on the committee?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know