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Dear Mr. Davis:

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is pleased to consider collaborating with M. Davis and Company should they be successful in their bid on the proposal entitled “National Survey of Drowsy Driving Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors.

NASEMSO views the lack of sleep and drowsy driving crash problem as one that is much bigger than is actually documented. The problem of sleep deprivation is documented in some research, however; exact data counts on numbers of drowsy driving crashes are not available because of the compounding of factors that may lead to crashes. NASEMSO applauds NHTSA for putting forth this solicitation. Sharing information on our prior research on fatigue in emergency medical services and providing input to the development of the survey instrument is an area where NASEMSO could consider collaborating with MDAC if they win the Proposal. Data from this project may provide support for the development of consistent state reporting practices and promote law enforcement and medical professional training in identifying drowsiness as a crash factor.

NASEMSO would like to acknowledge that we will consider collaborating on MDAC’s efforts to implement this very important project on Drowsy Driving. We have several Emergency Medical Services experts and fatigue researchers that might be willing to provide input in the work on this project. Since there are many underlying causes of sleepiness, fatigue and drowsy driving, medical data related to factors which cause drowsiness can complement data collected in this study and be used to help educate and perhaps change behaviors.

Sincerely,

Keith Wages
President
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