



## **National Association of State EMS Officials**

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### **NASEMSO Announces Resolutions**

**April 18, 2017** (Falls Church, VA) At its recent Spring Meeting, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) passed four resolutions.

#### **Lifetime Achievement – Honoring Susan McHenry**

Susan McHenry has served the emergency medical services (EMS) community for 40 years, initially as the State EMS Director for the Virginia Department of Health beginning in 1976, and subsequently in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of EMS since 1996. Throughout her career, McHenry has performed with distinction and innovation, earning a well-deserved reputation as a leading voice in EMS. The resolution is available at [Resolution 2017-01](#).

#### **State Trauma Program Support**

Despite the absence of federal funding to support state trauma systems in the past decade, states have continued to embrace their duty to protect the public health and foster trauma system development and oversight, given that injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans under age 46. While states have experienced a 27% increase in the number of trauma centers since 2010, they struggle to support state trauma systems necessary to provide oversight and protection to the people they serve. NASEMSO requests the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) to lead an effort to develop trauma system assessment tools that integrate principles of public health and medical care and reflect the unique challenges that face rural and urban systems. The resolution is available at [Resolution 2017-02](#).

#### **Crisis Event, Response, Recovery and Access (CERRA) Program**

The National Association of State EMS Officials supports the joint efforts of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Infrastructure Protection and the Emergency Services Sector Coordinating Council in expanding the adoption and utilization of the CERRA Program to become a nationwide program. The purpose of the CERRA Program is to aid emergency response, management and recovery personnel by providing tools that enable the right people to access emergency zones at the right time, a critical problem for the entire Emergency Services Sector. The resolution is available at [Resolution 2017-03](#)

#### **Allowing State Identity to be included in the NEMSIS Database**

The value of the data in the National EMS database at the National Information System (NEMSIS) Technical Assistance Center would be amplified significantly if researchers were able to access and group it by state. In the interest of enhancing the data's usefulness to national healthcare research and analysis, NASEMSO urges that action be taken to allow the release of state identity. The resolution is available at [Resolution 2017-04](#).

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