

NASEMSO's Domestic Preparedness/Homeland Security Priorities

1. Dedicated EMS funding source that includes availability of funds to be used to maintain all of the equipment that has been purchased; EMS cannot advance or maintain preparedness initiatives without a dedicated funding source.
2. Include EMS at the planning table for both national and federal initiatives and discussions.
3. Assure availability of prophylaxis treatment and availability of appropriate PPE for EMS providers to lessen the risk of exposure to an infectious disease.
4. Recognition of the value of EMS; EMS is the third emergency service and an equal response partner.
5. Identified availability, within 24 hours, of EMS resources both interstate and intrastate in a disaster situation and assure appropriate credentialing measures are in place and that the state EMS office is aware of any EMS resource leaving their state.