



National Association of State EMS Officials

201 Park Washington Court • Falls Church, VA 22046-4527 • www.nasemso.org
703-538-1799 • fax 703-241-5603 • info@nasemso.org

Don Lundy, BHS, NREMT-P
President
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians
PO Box 1400
Clinton, MS 39060-1400

July 12, 2013

Dear Don:

I am pleased to write on behalf of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) in support of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) EMS Fitness Guidelines. In 2009, the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) identified five strategic goals for Emergency Medical Services that target reductions in illnesses, injuries, and fatalities. Among these:

- *Reduce traumatic injuries among EMS personnel that occur during movement of patients and equipment by 30%.*
- *Identify and implement effective policies among EMS agencies regarding work organization factors to reduce related illnesses and injuries.*

NASEMSO believes that a stronger, healthier EMS workforce is key to accomplishing these goals. We commend NAEMT for taking the lead in addressing this important topic.

Sincerely,

Jim DeTienne
President
National Association of State EMS Officials