

NASEMSO 2015 Domestic Preparedness Survey

Welcome

It's that time again to complete the Domestic Preparedness (DP) EMS Preparedness and Funding survey.

This valuable survey provides GREAT information for your EMS Office, EMS response partners, and the national EMS system as we continue to show that EMS needs to have a dedicated funding source.

This survey will also identify the amount of involvement that State/Territory EMS Offices have in preparedness initiatives, as well as identify State/Territory EMS Office involvement with response partners and stakeholders in planning and response.

Please take 20-30 minutes to complete this survey (located here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSPZFVF>). Your answers will provide valuable information and history as the nation's EMS system moves forward to ensure a prepared EMS workforce that meets current and future preparedness and response needs. No state specific information will be shared.

Since this survey will require funding data, we suggest that you review the PDF before completing the online survey, so you know what data to have available in order to answer the questions.

Although we would appreciate your prompt response to this request, please complete this survey no later than Friday, December 11th. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Joe Schmider (available anytime) at 512- 834-6737 (office), 512-484-5470 (cell), or Joseph.Schmider@dshs.state.tx.us, or Leslee Stein-Spencer at spencer@nasemsso.org.

Together we can work to improve the future of our EMS response system.

Before you get started, please tell us about yourself, in case we need to contact you for any follow up information...

1. Name: _____
2. State/Territory: _____
3. If you are **not** the State EMS Director, please provide the following:
Title/Role: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
4. Where in state government does your EMS Office reside?
 Public Health
 Public Safety

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- Independent Board/Commission
- Other (*please specify*)_____

Preparedness & Response

ACRONYMS

AOC - Agency Operation Center

EOC - Emergency Operations Center

ECC - Emergency Coordination 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

5. Does your EMS Office have a designated position in the State EOC/ECC/AOC?
- Yes → *go to #6*
 - No → *skip to #7*
6. What type of EMS staff person is designated in the State EOC/ECC/AOC? (*select all the apply*)
- EMS Director (or designee)
 - EMS Systems Coordinator
 - Emergency Preparedness Staff Member
 - Field Representative/Inspector
 - Medical Director
 - Operations Staff Member
 - Training/Certification Manager
 - Trauma Staff Member
 - Other (*please specify*)
7. Does your EMS Office have a designated position in the State Fusion Center?

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- Yes → *go to #8*
 - No → *skip to #9*
 - We do not have a State Fusion Center → *skip to #9*
8. What type of EMS staff person is designated in the State Fusion Center? (*select all the apply*)
- EMS Director (or designee)
 - EMS Systems Coordinator
 - Emergency Preparedness Staff Member
 - Field Representative/Inspector
 - Medical Director
 - Operations Staff Member
 - Training/Certification Manager
 - Trauma Staff Member
 - Other (please specify)
9. Does your EMS Office have a designated position in the State Public Health EOC (if separate from the State EOC)?
- Yes → *go to #10*
 - No → *skip to #11*
 - We do not have a State Public Health EOC → *skip to #11*
10. What type of EMS staff person is designated in the State Public Health EOC? (*select all the apply*)
- EMS Director (or designee)
 - EMS Systems Coordinator
 - Emergency Preparedness Staff Member
 - Field Representative/Inspector
 - Medical Director
 - Operations Staff Member

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- Training/Certification Manager
 - Trauma Staff Member
 - Other (please specify)
11. Does your State EMA Office contact the EMS Office for EMAC mobilization requests of any of the following: *(select all that apply)*
- Ambulances (Ground)
 - Ambulances (Air)
 - Personnel
 - EMS Strike Teams (e.g. Incident Command, Mass Casualty Bus, Mobile Hospital, etc.)
 - Other EMS Resources *(please describe)*: _____
 - None of the above
12. Has the State EMA Office worked with your EMS Office on EMAC initiatives for any of the following: *(select all that apply)*
- Ambulance availability (public)
 - Ambulance availability (private)
 - EMT credentialing
 - Medical oversight
 - Other *(please specify)* _____
 - None of the above
13. In the past 3 years, has your State requested an EMS mutual aid response from another State during a major incident?
- Yes
 - No
14. In the past 3 years, has your State deployed ambulances to support a mutual aid response during a major incident through:
- a) EMAC?

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- Yes, with EMS Office coordination/communication
 - Yes, without EMS Office coordination/communication
 - No
- b) The National Ambulance Contract?
- Yes, with EMS Office coordination/communication
 - Yes, without EMS Office coordination/communication
 - No
- c) A State-to-State Cooperation Agreement?
- Yes, with EMS Office coordination/communication
 - Yes, without EMS Office coordination/communication
 - No
- d) Other (*please identify*) _____
15. In the past 3 years, have ambulances left your State to support a mutual aid response during a major incident without prior communication with your EMS Office?
- Yes
 - No
16. Do you have existing legislation or rules requiring ambulances to notify your EMS Office when they leave the State for a major incident?
- Yes
 - No
 - Legislation is pending
17. Does your EMS Office participate in the coordination of EMS resources (ambulances, practitioners, medical supplies, etc.) during a major incident in your State?
- Yes
 - No
18. If your State needed ambulances during a major incident today, what would be your primary source for the request?
- EMAC

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- National Ambulance Contract
 - State-to-State agreements
 - Local EOC
 - Unlikely to request outside assets
19. Do you have EMS practitioners in your State that participate as subcontractors to FEMA's National Ambulance Contract?
- Yes
 - No
20. 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 coordinates the request
21. 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*): _____
22. Does your State report EMS practitioners to HRSA's National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) when their license has been suspended or revoked?
- Yes
 - No
23. Please indicate the levels at which mutual aid agreements (excluding EMAC deployment) are in place: (*select all that apply*)
- Local
 - Regional
 - Interstate

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- Intrastate

Funding

ACRONYMS

- AFG** – Assistance to Firefighters Grant
- ASPR** – Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
- CDC** – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- DHS** – Department of Homeland Security
- EMPG** – Emergency Management Preparedness Grant
- EMSC** – EMS for Children
- FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- HPP** – Hospital Preparedness Program
- HRSA** – Health Resources and Services Administration
- HSGP** – Homeland Security Grant Program
- PHEP** – Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- SP** – State Partnership
- SPROC** – State Partnership Regionalization of Care
- UASI** – Urban Area Security Initiative

24. For each type of grant, how involved is your EMS Office in the application process?

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| a) ASPR HPP | <input type="radio"/> Rarely |
| <input type="radio"/> N/A | <input type="radio"/> Not involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Very involved | |
| <input type="radio"/> Involved | c) Block Grants |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally | <input type="radio"/> N/A |
| <input type="radio"/> Rarely | <input type="radio"/> Very involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Not involved | <input type="radio"/> Involved |
| | <input type="radio"/> Occasionally |
| b) ASPR HPP Ebola | <input type="radio"/> Rarely |
| <input type="radio"/> N/A | <input type="radio"/> Not involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Very involved | |
| <input type="radio"/> Involved | d) CDC Ebola |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally | <input type="radio"/> N/A |
| | <input type="radio"/> Very involved |

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Involved | <input type="radio"/> Involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally | <input type="radio"/> Occasionally |
| <input type="radio"/> Rarely | <input type="radio"/> Rarely |
| <input type="radio"/> Not involved | <input type="radio"/> Not involved |
| e) CDC Pandemic Influenza Supplemental | i) FEMA AFG |
| <input type="radio"/> N/A | <input type="radio"/> N/A |
| <input type="radio"/> Very involved | <input type="radio"/> Very involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Involved | <input type="radio"/> Involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally | <input type="radio"/> Occasionally |
| <input type="radio"/> Rarely | <input type="radio"/> Rarely |
| <input type="radio"/> Not involved | <input type="radio"/> Not involved |
| f) CDC PHEP | j) FEMA UASI |
| <input type="radio"/> N/A | <input type="radio"/> N/A |
| <input type="radio"/> Very involved | <input type="radio"/> Very involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Involved | <input type="radio"/> Involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally | <input type="radio"/> Occasionally |
| <input type="radio"/> Rarely | <input type="radio"/> Rarely |
| <input type="radio"/> Not involved | <input type="radio"/> Not involved |
| g) DHS EMPG | k) HRSA EMSC SP |
| <input type="radio"/> N/A | <input type="radio"/> N/A |
| <input type="radio"/> Very involved | <input type="radio"/> Very involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Involved | <input type="radio"/> Involved |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally | <input type="radio"/> Occasionally |
| <input type="radio"/> Rarely | <input type="radio"/> Rarely |
| <input type="radio"/> Not involved | <input type="radio"/> Not involved |
| h) DHS HSGP | l) EMSC SPROC |
| <input type="radio"/> N/A | <input type="radio"/> N/A |
| <input type="radio"/> Very involved | <input type="radio"/> Very involved |

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- Involved
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not involved
- Rarely
- Not involved

m) Other (*indicate preparedness funding sources only*):

- N/A
- Very involved
- Involved
- Occasionally

25. Please indicate below, for each type of grant, the amount received by your EMS Office (even if used as pass-through funding to local EMS agencies/personnel) for the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (Oct 1, 2014 – Sept 30, 2015):

- a) ASPR HPP \$ _____
- b) Block Grants \$ _____
- c) CDC Pandemic Influenza Supplemental \$ _____
- d) CDC PHEP \$ _____
- e) DHS EMPG \$ _____
- f) DHS HSGP \$ _____
- g) FEMA AFG \$ _____
- h) FEMA UASI \$ _____
- i) HRSA EMSC SP \$ _____
- j) HRSA EMSC SPROC \$ _____
- k) Other (*please specify grant type and amounts for preparedness funding only*)
Type _____ \$ _____

26. Has any federal grant funding for preparedness and response activities been routed through your EMS Office directly to EMS agencies and/or EMS practitioners for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (Oct 1, 2014 – Sept 30, 2015)?

Yes → go to #29

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- No → *skip to #31*
27. How much of this funding was routed to EMS agencies and/or EMS practitioners for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (Oct 1, 2014 – Sept 30, 2015)? _____
28. What was this funding used to support? (*select all that apply*)
- Ambulance(s)
 - Communications (e.g. radios)
 - Data systems (e.g. NEMSIS compliant software, patient tracking, etc.)
 - Equipment/supplies (e.g. PPE, medical surge equipment, caches, pediatric equipment/supplies etc.)
 - Preparedness (e.g. strike teams, buses/trailers, tents, triage tags, etc.)
 - Regionalization
 - Staffing
 - Training (e.g. tuition, reimbursement for courses, conference support, pediatric training, etc.)
 - Trauma/Time-Sensitive Care System Activities
 - Other (*please specify*) _____
29. Has any major city in your State received separate federal grant funding for EMS?
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
30. Have EMS practitioners in your State received any other specific EMS resources (training, equipment, funding, etc....) through other federal grants in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (Oct 1, 2014 – Sept 30, 2015)?
- Yes → *go to #34*
 - No → *skip to #35*
 - Unknown → *go to #35*

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32. Please give examples of the specific resources and what they were used to accomplish: _____
- _____

Preparedness Activities

ACRONYM

EMA – Emergency Management Agency (State counterpart to FEMA)

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

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement

34. How would you characterize your satisfaction with your EMS Office relationship with the following State or local response partner organizations?

a) State EMA

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Not Involved

b) State Fire Marshal

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Not Involved

c) State Public Health

Epidemiology/Surveillance
Office

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Not Involved

d) State Public Health Emergency
Preparedness

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Needs improvement
- Not Involved

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f) Local Health Department

Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Needs improvement

Not Involved

g) State Homeland Security Office

Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Needs improvement

Not Involved

Comments: _____

Federal Grant Programs

ACRONYM

NEMSIS – National EMS Information System

35. Were any federal grant funds used to support:

a) Medical direction?

Yes

No

b) NEMSIS implementation?

Yes

No

c) Equipment for an emerging infectious disease outbreak

Yes

No

Miscellaneous

ACRONYMS

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Points

START – Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment

36. Does your EMS Office have the capability to send out time sensitive information to local EMS agencies?

Yes → go to #37

No → skip to #38

37. How does your EMS Office send out time sensitive information to EMS agencies?
(select all the apply)

Email/Listserv

Fax

Health Alert Network

Social Media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, RSS)

Phone/Conference Calls

Statewide Alert System

EMS Office Website

Electronic Information System (e.g. credentialing, run reporting)

Other (please specify): _____

38. Does your EMS Office have the capability to send out time sensitive information to individual EMS practitioners?

Yes → go to #39

No → skip to #40

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39. How does your EMS Office send out time sensitive information to EMS practitioners?
(select all the apply)

- Email/Listserv
- Fax
- Health Alert Network
- Social Media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, RSS)
- Phone/Conference Calls
- Statewide Alert System
- EMS Office Website
- Electronic Information System (e.g. credentialing, run reporting)
- Other (please describe): _____

40. Does your State require a specific statewide triage system?

- Yes, START
- Yes, JumpSTART
- Yes, Other (please specify) _____
- No

41. Does your State have a statewide patient tracking system?

- Yes, statewide → go to #42
- Yes, regional → go to #42
- No → skip to #43

42. Which patient tracking system does your state use? _____

43. Does your State have a statewide process for prioritizing and providing vaccines and/or antiviral medication to:

- EMS practitioners
- Both EMS practitioners and their families including pediatric doses
- Neither EMS practitioners nor their families
- A process is in development

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44. Has your State defined the role of EMS practitioners in “treating and releasing” patients without transporting them to a healthcare facility during an emerging infectious disease outbreak?
- Yes
 - No
 - A process is in development
45. Are there statewide protocols and procedures in place to guide PSAP triage and patient classification during an emerging infectious disease outbreak?
- Yes
 - No
 - A process is in development
46. 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 emerging infectious disease outbreak? (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
47. Does your State have a State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee or another committee to provide guidance on crisis standards of care?
- Yes, and the Committee includes a representative from EMS
 - Yes, but there is no representative from EMS
 - No

Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA)

48. What is the current status of REPLICA legislation being printed/filed in your State for the current/upcoming legislative session?
- The model language will be sent through an executive branch mechanism for introduction as a state agency proposed bill for the next legislative session
 - The model language has already been sent through an executive branch mechanism for introduction as a state agency proposed bill for the next legislative session
 - The model language is being promoted by a third party to prospective sponsors
 - No activity is underway
 - Our state has decided not to pursue REPLICA at this time
 - Under consideration but undecided
49. If REPLICA has been printed as a bill, in what stage of promulgation is it?
- Awaiting scheduling for a committee hearing
 - Heard in committee but was tabled or failed
 - Heard in committee and passed and is awaiting action by one side of the legislature (or the unicameral body in NE)
 - Passed one side and awaiting scheduling for a committee hearing on the other side
 - Passed one side and heard in committee on the other side but was tabled or failed
 - Passed one side and heard in committee and passed and is awaiting action by the other side of the legislature
 - Passed both houses (or the unicameral body in NE) and is awaiting signature by the Governor
 - Signed into law by the Governor _____(effective date)

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