

## Resolution 2014-01

# Support of “Toward Zero Deaths - National Strategy on Highway Safety” Initiative



**W**hereas one person dies every 16 minutes in a traffic crash in the United States;

**Whereas** over the course of a lifetime, nearly every U.S. resident is touched by consequences of traffic crashes;

**Whereas** “Toward Zero Deaths - National Strategy on Highway Safety” (TZD) is the United States' highway safety vision, originated in part from a National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) white paper, and is the only acceptable target for our nation, our families and us as individuals;

**Whereas** the National Strategy on Highway Safety is led by the TZD Steering Committee to which NASEMSO belongs, and provides a platform of consistency for state agencies, private industry, national organizations and others to develop safety plans that prioritize traffic safety culture and promote the national TZD vision; and

**Whereas** the National Association of State EMS Officials has played a central role in the development of the following EMS strategies within the TZD National Strategy:

| Key Strategy  | Implementation Timeframe |
|---|--------------------------|
| Fully implement enhanced 911 centers  | Short                    |
| Participate in Next Generation 911 planning and implementation  | Short                    |
| Implement pairing of Advanced Automated Collision Notification (AACN) data with algorithms to predict probability of severe injury  | Mid                      |
| Develop AACN-based predictors to alert responders to the need for vehicle extraction  | Mid                      |
| Improve and sustain excellent communications technologies for emergency medical responders  | Mid                      |
| Implement the National EMS Education Agenda for the Future  | Short                    |
| Implement the Field Triage Scheme: The National Trauma Triage Protocol  | Short                    |
| Develop, implement, and enforce safety engineering and design standards for ambulances, including removing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards crashworthiness exemption | Mid                      |
| Improve ambulance access to intelligent transportation systems  | Mid                      |
| Implement air medical transport (helicopter) use criteria   | Short                    |
| Provide telemedicine applications for EMS   | Mid                      |
| Improve emergency medical response in rural locations and especially for mass casualty incidents  | Long                     |
| Implement comprehensive and state-regulated trauma systems to improve access to crash victims   | Mid                      |
| Include EMS agencies in traffic incident management planning and training   | Mid                      |

**N**ow therefore be it resolved that the National Association of State EMS Officials fully endorses the “Towards Zero Deaths – National Strategy on Highway Safety” initiative; and

**Be it further resolved** that the National Association of State EMS Officials intends to take a leadership role in planning and implementing the key EMS strategies listed above in partnership with appropriate national organizational and Federal partner colleagues.

Submitted by Keith Wages (GA), HITS Committee Chair.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.



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