



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee

MEETING RECORD

August 28, 2019
1:30 PM EDT

Attending – Katherine Schafer, Vice Chair (NM), John Segars (International Biomedical), Tim Karney (First Line Technology), David Harden (AZ), John McDonald (GSA), Mark Roberts (Quantum EMS), Patrick Wilson (Quantum EMS), Harold Herrera (NHTSA SCI), Dave Bryson (NHTSA OEMS), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Charles Vits (IMMI), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Katrina Altenhofen, Jim Green (NIOSH), Stephanie Busch (VT), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Anna Sessa (NH), Cindy Wright-Johnson (MD), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Lorah Ludwig (HRSA), Stefanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical), Dale Adkerson (OK), Dr. Marilyn Bull (Riley Hospital for Children at IU), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions – Katherine Schafer called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM EDT.

Review and Approve June 27th Meeting Record (attached)– Jim Green moved to approve the meeting record. Stefanie Zucker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
<https://nasemsso.org/wp-content/uploads/STC-Meeting-Record-Jun-27-2019.pdf>

Self-Introductions of New Members – New members were asked to identify and introduce themselves. Dr. David Harden (Arizona Bureau of EMS & Trauma) is new to the Committee. He will be the liaison from the Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee.

Albuquerque Ambulance Crash – Harold Herrera, NHTSA Special Crash Investigations, provided an overview of the 2016 Albuquerque ambulance crash. The crash occurred at an intersection when the Ford ambulance was struck on the left side by a Dodge Ram. Harold noted there were 7 occupants in the ambulance and that no one in the patient compartment was belted. The patient was a six-week-old preterm female who was being transported for surgery. During the rollover, the incubator detached from the cot, the top mounted incubator door came open and the baby was ejected. The baby was retrieved from the wreckage and administered support by a nurse on board before being transported by another ambulance and eventually an air ambulance. The patient expired 28 days post-crash, likely due to pre-existing conditions, as determined by NHTSA investigators. The report is available online at <https://nasemsso.org/wp-content/uploads/New-Mexico-Ambulance-Crash-Investigation-NHTSA-report.pdf>

Dave Harden noted the infant was not belted inside of the incubator. When asked, Dave Bryson said the firefighter fatality investigation program would not be involved in

investigating because there was no firefighter death. Harold said there is much more information, including photos and diagrams, available on the NHTSA website at <https://crashviewer.nhtsa.dot.gov/>. Enter the report number to access the additional data.

Jim Green noted the three concerns that NASEMSO has are (1) the fact that the incubator did not stay attached to the cot; (2) there were no means of restraint for the infant within the incubator; and (3) the door to the incubator did not remain closed during the crash. The cot, however, did stay attached to the floor.

Arizona's Premier Ambulance Designation – David Harden, Arizona Bureau of EMS & Trauma, presented Arizona's recognition program for ambulance agencies. The program is intended to recognize those EMS services that meet a number of criteria the Bureau has established. One of the criteria for recognition is to adopt the Interim Guidance for Safe Transport of Children. More information is available at [Premier EMS Agency Program \(PEAP\)](#)

Pediatric Transport Products for Ground Ambulances, V 2.1 – Mary pointed out that a technical correction was made to the product list, and it has been updated and renamed Version 2.1. It is posted at <https://nasemsso.org/wp-content/uploads/Pediatric-Transport-Products-for-Ground-Ambulances-v2.1.pdf>

Project Manager Update – Jim Green deferred to Dia Gainor to provide an update on the Pediatric Transport Crash Test Project. Dia reported that NASEMSO is in the closing stages of collecting letters of support for the project from EMS and related organizations and intend to begin actively seeking funding partners next month. Mary will send an updated synopsis of the project to members. Dia encouraged members to share the synopsis.

Federal Partner Comments/Update

There were no comments or updates from federal partners.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM EDT.

Next Meeting – October 24th

The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.