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Mr. Mark Kehrli
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Federal Highway Administration, Office of Operations
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Kehrli:

The National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) has been a strong supporter of the Federal Highway Administration's efforts to promote the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training for those responding to the scene of traffic incidents. Representing the 56 state and territorial EMS Offices, NASEMSO plays an important role in developing model regulations and policy for the state agencies that oversee the licensing of EMS personnel and ambulance agencies.

Our efforts to promote the TIM training to EMS professionals include the successful request (December of 2015) to the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) to approve the TIM 4-hour course for continuing education credit for EMS personnel seeking renewal of their NREMT registration. In addition, most state EMS offices now accept the TIM course for continuing education credit for renewal of state licenses. We have also participated in sending members and other EMS personnel to TIM train-the-trainer classes. NASEMSO continues to promote TIM to our members at our Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee meetings and devote information on our website to this effort. See <https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/HITS/TrafficIncidentManagement.asp>

We recognize that the TIM training status reports indicate that the EMS discipline is a relatively small portion of the total trained at 4.7%. However, we continue to believe that this figure is under-representative of actual EMS personnel due to the fact that a significant portion of EMS personnel are also Fire/Rescue personnel and are counted in that discipline, which represents 38.7% of the total trained.

Please accept this letter as NASEMSO's endorsement of FHWA's efforts to promote the TIM training to all those who respond to traffic incidents on our nation's roadways. NASEMSO values its role in the TIM Executive Leadership Group and commits to continued efforts to promote the valuable training to EMS personnel.

We look forward to our continued working relationship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Dia Gainor at dia@nasemso.org or Program Manager Mary Hedges at hedges@nasemso.org.

Sincerely,



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