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**1. Dia Gainor Selected to Receive NHTSA Public Service Award**

Dia Gainor has been selected to receive a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Award for Public Service. Because of her dedication to making highways safer, progress continues to be made in reducing the senseless deaths and injuries caused by traffic crashes. We are now experiencing the lowest number of total highway fatalities since 1949. This record breaking decline in traffic fatalities occurred even as American drivers traveled slightly more miles during 2010, an increase of 0.3 percent over the 2009 level. We saw seat belt use remain steady last year in addition to more than a 4.9 percent reduction in alcohol-impaired driving fatalities. Latest estimates for 2011 show a further decline in fatalities, falling to 32,310 (a 1.7 percent decrease from 2010).

While the numbers are heading in the right direction, we still have much to do. Awards will be presented during the NHTSA Awards luncheon at Lifesavers 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

**2. Conclusion of EMS Bike Ride Honors Fallen Heroes**

Joe Schmider (PA) and crew finish EMS Bike Ride! For several days, they pedaled through the countryside and up the hills of the East Coast. They were sore and tired, yet they pedaled on in the memory of their fallen EMS family and to bring attention to the calling of those who provide pre-hospital care. They are the Muddy Angels. Riders and their wingmen traded bike shorts for Class A uniforms to remember the fallen heroes. Emotions ran the gamut as the FDNY EMS pipers marched in, and paused to play Amazing Grace. Click [here](#) to read the full EMS World article.

**3. Free Training for the Fire and Emergency Services**

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and Fire Corps are offering a wide variety of FREE online training in the coming weeks for your emergency service personnel as well as your auxiliary/support program (Fire Corps). Register for these sessions early as space is limited. [For more information...](#)

**4. NSC Calls On Americans To Bring Safety To The Forefront This June**

Each June, the National Safety Council (NSC) encourages organizations and communities to participate in National Safety Month – an annual observance to educate and encourage safe behaviors around leading causes of preventable injuries and deaths. This year’s observance highlights the need to practice safe behaviors 24/7, as three times as many employees are injured off the job than while at work. Free materials including posters, facts sheets and quizzes are available [here](#) to help spread these important safety messages.

**5. Third Draft of Strategy for a National EMS Culture of Safety Released for Comments**

EMS has been identified as a high-risk industry and safety impacts more than just EMS personnel. Safety in EMS affects our patients, EMS responders, and the public and includes factors such as vehicle operations, medical errors, infectious diseases, scene safety and responder health and fitness, just to name a few. Now, a three-year cooperative agreement between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) EMS for Children (EMSC) Program, and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) has brought together representatives from national EMS and fire organizations to develop a national EMS “Culture of Safety” Strategy. Click [here](#) to review the third draft of its road map to getting there, the *Strategy for a National EMS Culture of Safety*, which incorporates the contents of its various meetings and reviews, two prior drafts and an initial public comment period. Another public comment period now commences, culminating in a review meeting in Washington, DC, on June 19. A fourth and final version of the strategy will ultimately follow that.

**6. Portland State University Launches an Emergency Management and Homeland Security Leadership Program**

Portland State University has launched an Emergency Management and Homeland Security Leadership Program, with courses beginning Fall 2012. The program includes courses that will provide a foundation in the core concepts, contemporary practices, and theories of emergency management and homeland security. These courses will provide state-of-the art education, tools, and skills to effectively manage emergencies. The program is specifically designed to improve the leadership and capabilities of those responsible for planning for, mitigating against, responding to, or recovering from emergencies. The program will benefit professionals working in the field of emergency management, persons who have assumed emergency management tasks in addition to their primary

work functions, and those who wish to enter the growing field of emergency management. Individuals from public, private, and non-profit sectors will benefit from their experience in this program. [For more information...](#)

**7. FEMA Offers Independent Study Program: Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)**

An updated Independent Study course [IS-247.a - Integrated Public Alert and Warning System \(IPAWS\)](#) is now available through FEMI's Emergency Management Institute. This course provides basic information on the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). The goal of this course is to provide authorized public safety officials with: increased awareness of the benefits of using IPAWS for effective public warnings; skills to draft more appropriate, effective, and accessible warning messages; and best practices in the effective use of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) to reach all members of their communities. [For more information...](#)

**8. FCC Initiates Proceeding to Create Public Safety Do-Not-Call Registry**

FCC initiated a proceeding to create a Do-Not-Call registry for public safety answering points (PSAP) as required by the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012." Specifically, section 6507 of the Tax Relief Act requires the Commission, among other things, to establish a registry that allows PSAPs to register telephone numbers on a Do-Not-Call list and prohibit the use of automatic dialing or "robocall" equipment to contact those numbers. In addition, the Tax Relief Act establishes a range of monetary penalties for entities that disclose the registered numbers or use automatic dialing equipment to contact a number on the PSAP registry. These provisions are designed to address concerns about the use of "automatic dialing equipment," which can generate large numbers of phone calls in a short period of time, tie up public safety lines, divert critical responder resources away from emergency services and impede access by the public to emergency lines. Because there is a statutory mandate to create such a registry, our focus in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM or Notice) is to obtain the information necessary to implement this mandate consistent with the requirements set forth in the Tax Relief Act. [For more information...](#)

**9. FEMA Urges Preparedness for Hurricanes and Severe Weather**

Mobile wireless emergency alerting capabilities will be available nationwide through participating carriers. Hurricane Season begins June 1, 2012, FEMA is providing additional tools for federal, state, local, tribal and territorial officials to alert and warn the public about severe weather. Using the Commercial Mobile Alert System, or CMAS, which is a part of FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, this structure will be used to deliver Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to wireless carriers for distribution to the public. [For more information...](#)

**10. FEMA Releases Near-Final National Planning Frameworks and New Online Resources**

In March, FEMA asked for feedback from emergency managers on the National Planning Frameworks, and they received more than 3,000 ideas, including comments submitted via the feedback submission forms as well as collected during webinars and in-person workshops. Since then, FEMA has incorporated this feedback into the working draft documents. Click [here](#) to download this FEMA Advisory to learn more and explore links to new documents and resources.

**11. FEMA Releases Tabletop Exercise Focused on Whole Community Preparedness**

The FEMA Private Sector Division has released a new tabletop exercise focused on whole community preparedness. The "[Whole Community: Planning for the Unthinkable Tabletop Exercise](#)" is a great resource that fits well with the Citizen Corps mission of involving all sectors and populations in preparedness activities. This downloadable Tabletop Exercise (TTX) is an interactive exercise, complete with accompanying facilitator's notes

and scripted video injects. It allows organizations to look at the first 72 hours of a response to a catastrophic disaster and brainstorm innovative ways to fill critical gaps in both internal and community emergency management plans. In addition to examining immediate response capabilities, the exercise modules focus specifically on the areas of crisis communications and search and rescue. Check out this great new tool now and continue the great work that you're doing in preparing your community for emergency incidents.

**12. FEMA ICPD Releases New Community Preparedness Education Tools**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) and Emergency Management Institute recently released a new Independent Study Course entitled [IS-909 - Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone](#). This online course includes 16 customizable preparedness modules covering preparedness topic areas such as hazard-reduction and how to make a kit on a budget. Completing preparedness training is a step individuals can take to become better informed and ready for any disaster or emergency event. Course tools include:

- A comprehensive [Program Leaders](#) guide and [Independent Study Course](#) for those just starting a neighborhood preparedness effort. The Program Leaders guide strongly encourages coordination, collaboration and communication with local government and existing preparedness programs before starting a new effort.
- A [facilitator guide](#) to assist the person who will lead the training, related presentation materials and handouts for participants to use and keep.
- [16 preparedness modules](#) to be used as standalone modules or combined to create a comprehensive community training effort up to 2 hours at a time.

**13. DOT Releases New Emergency Response Guidebook**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) (PHMSA) released the 2012 version of its [Emergency Response Guidebook](#) (ERG), providing first responders with an newly revised go-to manual to help deal with hazmat accidents during the critical first 30 minutes. PHMSA will distribute more than two million copies of the guidebook to firefighters, emergency medical technicians and law enforcement officers across the nation who will use it to identify specific risks associated with compromised hazmat items, measures they should take to protect themselves and procedures for containing the incident as quickly and safely as possible. [For more information...](#)

**14. House Approves Bill to Help Address the Nationwide Drug Shortage Issue**

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the House approved H.R. 5651, the Food and Drug Administration Reform Act, in a 387-5 vote (click [here](#) to see the vote breakdown). The bipartisan bill includes provisions to help address the nationwide drug shortage issue. In particular, the [report](#) language accompanying the bill clarifies that drugs used for treatment in emergency care situations, including resuscitation, are to be included in the FDA's drug shortage notification process. Furthermore, Rep. Burgess (R-TX) secured an additional component of the GAO study in the legislation that would evaluate how providers are compensating for a lack of access to preferred drugs in caring for their patients and whether there are impediments to their ability to adjust accordingly that can be ameliorated. Last week the Senate passed S. 3187, the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act, by a vote of 96-1. This bill included statutory changes to the drug shortage notification process to cover manufacturers of drugs used in the provision of emergency medical care and surgery, as well as all sterile injectable drugs. (The original draft bill only included "life-supporting" and "life-sustaining" drugs, but did not make specific reference to drugs used in emergency situations.) The House and Senate will now move to a Conference Committee to iron out the differences between the two bills.

**15. IAFF Proposes Changing Name of USFA to "U.S. Fire, EMS, and All-Hazards Preparedness Administration"**

Testimony to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation calls for the USFA of the 21st century to reflect the all-hazards role and mission of the 21st century fire service. While outlining the priorities of the USFA to legislators Thursday morning, Administrator Ernest Mitchell said his agency has much more work to do to support the nation's fire and emergency responders. Mitchell told the Committee: "The combined efforts of USFA and fire service stakeholders have contributed to a decline in fire-related deaths through public safety education, fire prevention inspections, fire code initiatives, and installation of smoke alarms and residential sprinkler systems." Read the full article [here](#). For the Committee Hearing Webcast, click [here](#).

**16. NSC Releases White Paper: "Employer Liability and the Case for Comprehensive Cell Phone Policies"**

Car crashes are the leading cause of workplace death. Business leaders should put the safety of their employees first while realizing the effect these crashes could have on their organization's bottom line. The newest white paper released by the National Safety Council (NSC), "Employer Liability and the Case for Comprehensive Cell Phone Policies," details the potential liability employers face when employees are involved in crashes where cell phone use is a factor. It explains why cell phone policies are imperative for the safety of all employees. [For more information...](#)

**17. New App to Help Stop Texting and Driving**

iTextSafely allows users to activate the app with just one touch to prevent crashes caused by texting while driving! This is a free app for Android phones and should soon be available for iPhones.

- One touch activates the app before you get behind the wheel
- All text messages will be held in queue until the app is turned off
- When activated, the auto response feature automatically replies to all incoming text messages. The message will let others know you received their message with an automatic response, or you can create your own response.

For more information and to download the app, click [here](#).

**18. New Study: No Progress in Reducing Motorcyclist Deaths**

A [report](#) released today by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) finds that no progress was made in reducing motorcyclist deaths in 2011. Based upon preliminary data from 50 states and the District of Columbia, GHSA projects that motorcycle fatalities remained at about 4,500 in 2011, the same level as 2010. Meanwhile, earlier this month, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration projected that overall motor vehicle fatalities declined 1.7 percent in 2011, reaching their lowest level since 1949. Motorcycle deaths remain one of the few areas in highway safety where progress is not being made. The new report -- the first state-by-state look at motorcycle fatalities occurring in 2011 -- was authored by Dr. James Hedlund of Highway Safety North. Most states have reasonably complete fatality counts for at least the first nine months of 2011, enabling GHSA to confidently project the full year. Dr. Hedlund completed similar projections for GHSA in 2009 and 2010, with both being very close to the final fatality numbers. [For more information...](#)

**19. Annual Click It Or Ticket Effort Saves Lives With Simple Message: Buckle Up, For Real**

This year's Department of Transportation's (DOT) "Click It Or Ticket" campaign coincides with new advertisements by DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that highlight unsafe attempts by drivers to fake seat belt use. The advertisements offer a humorous take on techniques attempted by drivers trying to fake seat belt use. The advertisements target male passenger vehicle occupants ages 18 to 34 years old, a group that comprised 66 percent of unrestrained occupants killed in traffic crashes in 2010—the highest proportion among all

occupants. Click [here](#) to view the ads. NHTSA studies show seat belt use among drivers at 84 percent for 2011. Additional data show that seat belts have saved thousands of lives each year nationwide. From 2006 to 2010, seat belts saved the lives of more than 69,000 people in motor vehicle crashes. However, if all passenger vehicle occupants aged 5 and older in 2010 had worn seat belts, an estimated 3,341 more lives could have been saved. Click [here](#) to view the latest 2010 fatality statistics. Click [here](#) to view the latest 2010 report on restraint use. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

**20. Free Pediatric Emergency Learning for Physicians, Nurses and Other Providers**

The Pediatric Emergency Care Safety Initiative (PECSI) is a FREE educational program, part of the University of Florida College of Medicine/Jacksonville’s Department of Emergency Medicine. Here you'll find eight courses to assist healthcare professionals such as physicians, nurses, physician assistants, EMTs, and paramedics to enhance skills in the recognition and management of high acuity, high-risk pediatric patients in an emergent situation. CEUs and CMEs are available for the PECSI lessons, where each one is a self-guided educational experience of text, videos, images, and graphs to assist the adult learner in continuing education. Each course is a stand-alone educational program, but also connects to the others. At the completion of each course and an 80% passing score on the post test, participants will receive CME or CEU credit applicable for that course. Contact information in regard to CMEs and CEUs are provided on the introduction page of each module. [For more information...](#)

**21. Safe Kids: In or On the Water**

Spending time with family and friends at the pool, the beach or on a river or lake is a favorite summer activity. Wherever you get your water fix this summer, keeping an eye on kids at all times is essential to their safety. We hope you’ll celebrate the season by reviewing and sharing Safe Kids [boating safety](#) and [pool and spa](#) safety tips.

**22. Legislation Introduced To Broaden the Scope of Federal Support for Traumatic Brain Injury Programs**

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ), co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, held a news conference on May 30, 2012, at the Kessler Institute on legislation to better serve the millions of Americans who have sustained traumatic brain injury. Joining Rep. Pascrell were a number of the nation's leaders in the research and treatment of traumatic brain injury, including BIAA President and CEO Susan H. Connors. Please [click here](#) to read Susan Connors' remarks. Click [here](#) for the Media Alert.

**23. NHTSA Launches Redesigned EMS.gov Website to Better Serve First Responders & Health Care Community**

As health professionals across the country mark “National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week,” the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on May 25 launched a redesigned [EMS.gov](#) website to better serve first responders and the health care community. NHTSA has spearheaded EMS programs for 40 years, and its [EMS.gov](#) website is a premier online resource for information on EMS programs, events and educational materials. [For more information...](#)

**24. President Obama and HHS Honor EMS Professionals During National EMS Week 2012**

During National Emergency Medical Services Week, many recognized the tremendous role that EMS practitioners make to improve health in communities across the nation. The around-the-clock dedication to providing emergency care is evident with one statistic: more than 36 million patients were cared for by EMS professionals in 2011 alone. Click [here](#) to read the Health and Human Services news release. Click [here](#) to read President Obama’s proclamation.



**25. Workshop Series Summary: Facilitating Access to Antiviral Medications & Information in an Flu Pandemic**

Influenza pandemics overwhelm health care systems with thousands or hundreds of thousands of sick patients, as well as those worried they may be sick. In order to ensure a successful response to the patient swell caused by a pandemic, robust planning is essential. Distribution and dispensing of antiviral medications will need to occur within a potentially limited timeframe, and persist over a period of time to treat multiple waves of the pandemic. In response to a request from the CDC, the IOM held a series of workshops that explored the public's perception of potential alternative strategies for facilitating access to antiviral medications and treatment during an influenza pandemic. [For more information...](#)

**26. IOM Report: Facing the Reality of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis**

An estimated 8.8 million people fell ill with tuberculosis (TB) in 2010 and 1.4 million died from the disease. Although antibiotics to treat TB were developed in the 1950s and are effective against a large percentage of TB cases, resistance to these antibiotics has emerged over the years, resulting in the growing spread of multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB. The IOM held a workshop April 18-19, 2011, in New Delhi, India, in collaboration with the Indian National Science Academy and the Indian Council of Medical Research, to highlight key challenges to controlling the spread of drug-resistant strains of TB in India and to discuss strategies for advancing and integrating local and international efforts to prevent and treat drug-resistant TB. Click [here](#) to read the report.

**27. CPC Announces Name Change to the Chief Medical Officer Designation**

The Center for Public Safety Excellence's (CPSE) Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC), in conjunction with EMS Week 2012, is re-launching the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) designation under the new name of Chief EMS Officer (CEMSO). "We're not only changing the title, we're also going to be reaching out to all of the major EMS associations to further expand this credential on a much wider basis," said Commission Chair Stephan D. Cox. He continued, "It's about moving this designation and the EMS profession forward." Approximately 90 people have received this designation since its inception. The program offers an opportunity to critically review an individual's managerial performance in EMS, and lays out a path on areas for continual improvement. [For more information...](#)

**28. Heart Disease and Stroke Deaths Drop Significantly for People with Diabetes**

Healthier lifestyles, better disease management are helping people live longer. Death rates for people with diabetes dropped substantially from 1997 to 2006, especially deaths related to heart disease and stroke, according to researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health. [For more information...](#)

**29. TFAH and RWJF Release New Report: *The Facts Hurt: A State-By-State Injury Prevention Policy Report***

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) released a new report, *The Facts Hurt: A State-By-State Injury Prevention Policy Report*. TFAH and RWJF worked with a committee of injury prevention experts to develop a set of 10 indicators of evidence-based strategies that have been shown to reduce injuries and save lives. In addition, the report features injury death rates on a state-by-state basis. The report is available at [www.healthyamericans.org](http://www.healthyamericans.org); related interviews will also be featured on RWJF's public health website, [www.newpublichealth.org](http://www.newpublichealth.org).

**30. Most People Visit the ER Because 'Only a Hospital Could Help;' CDC Report Highlights Lack of Access to Care**

Rising health care costs make it important to understand the reasons that people seek emergency room care rather than less expensive outpatient or office-based care (1). Surveys in 2007 and 2010 showed that about 20% of



U.S. adults had used the emergency room in the past 12 months, with usage most common for those with public health insurance and living outside a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) (2,3). Questions on reasons for emergency room use were added to the 2011 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). NHIS data collected January– June 2011 show that 19.5% of adults aged 18–64 visited an emergency room in the past 12 months, 26.7% of whom were admitted at their last visit. This report provides preliminary estimates of reasons for emergency room use among U.S adults aged 18–64 whose last visit in the past 12 months did not result in a hospital admission, by health insurance status, area of residence (within or outside an MSA), and other selected variables. This report is produced by the NHIS Early Release Program. Click [here](#) to read the abstract.

**31. Individuals Under the Influence Denied Coverage for Emergency Department Care**

A study published in the [Annals of Surgery](#) found that close to half of patients seen in an emergency department or trauma center are under the influence of alcohol. [Kaiser Health News](#), however, reports that the majority of states have laws that allow insurance companies to withhold payment for treatment of illnesses or injuries caused by alcohol use. Therefore, to be sure patients receive the care they need, providers may forgo drug and alcohol screening, but then also forgo an opportunity to discuss the dangers of substance use and abuse with their patients.

**32. MCHB to Host The National Pediatric Readiness Project Webcast**

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) will host the webcast *The National Pediatric Readiness Project* from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (Eastern) on June 18, 2012. Presenters include: Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD, professor of clinical medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and vice chair and chief of the division of pediatric emergency medicine, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Katherine Remick, MD, clinical instructor in pediatrics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a multi-phase on-going quality improvement initiative to ensure that emergency departments are ready to care for children. The EMSC Program is sponsoring this effort in partnership with several national and professional organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). One of the first steps of the National Pediatric Readiness Project is to assess the current capability of all emergency departments across the nation to care for children. A national assessment tool has been developed, based on the 2009 "Joint Policy Statement: Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department" (published in Pediatrics, October 2009). The assessment will be sent to an estimated 5,000 emergency departments across the country. Click [here](#) to register for the webcast.

**33. Community Preparedness Webinar Series, National Preparedness Month, September 2012**

Please join us on June 5th for the official launch webinar for National Preparedness Month 2012 this September. National Preparedness Month has grown every year, and with your help, this will be our most successful and coordinated effort to date! The theme for this year’s National Preparedness Month is *Pledge to Prepare*. Don’t miss this great opportunity to learn about the number of easy ways that you, your organization, or your business or place of work can fulfill the pledge and become better prepared for disasters this year. For more information, including how to register for the webinar, click [here](#).

**34. The Broselow Tape as an Effective Medication Dosing Instrument: A Review of the Literature**

*The Journal of Pediatric Nursing* published an analysis study of literature and research of the Broselow tape as a means of estimating weight in pediatric patients to address medication dosing. The systematic review was conducted using PubMed, Ebscohost, and ProQuest search engines. Inclusion criteria included peer-reviewed literature and original research articles. Results indicated even if the Broselow tape may underestimate the weight

of outlier pediatric patients, it is still the most accurate tool available. In addition, it appears to be more accurate for use with younger patients. Finally, the evidence suggests that when compared with other methods of estimating medication dosing and airway equipment size, the Broselow tape is the most reliable predictor in most situations. [For more information...](#)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **\*\*\*STATEWIDE EMS CONFERENCES\*\*\***

\*New Mexico EMS Conference and Expo. July 23-28, 2012. Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM. [For more information...](#)

42nd Annual Wyoming Trauma Conference. August 16-19, 2012. Little America Hotel and Resort Cheyenne, Wyoming. Sponsored by the Wyoming Office of EMS, contact Beth Hollingworth at: [beth.hollingworth@wyo.gov](mailto:beth.hollingworth@wyo.gov) or 307-777-7955. [For more information...](#)

Kansas EMS Association Annual Last Blast of Summer Conference. August 9-12, 2012. Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS. [For more information...](#)

Pennsylvania's 35th Annual Statewide EMS Conference and 2nd Annual Pediatric Emergency Care Symposium. August 16-17, 2011. Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott. Lancaster, PA. Click [here](#) for more information, including a call for speakers and exhibitor information.

New York State EMS Conference-Vital Signs. October 18-21, 2012. Syracuse, NY. [For more information...](#)

\*18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocono EMS Conference. October 18-21, 2012. Inn at Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA. [For more information...](#)

New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS. November 1 -4, 2012. Sheraton, Atlantic City, NJ. [For more information...](#)

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas EMS Conference. November 9-14, 2012. Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas. [For more information...](#)

#### **\*\*\*National Conferences and Special Meetings\*\*\***

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Conference. June 4-7, 2012. Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD. Conference theme: Preparing for the Future of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. [For more information...](#)

International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine (IRCP). June 15-17, 2012. Vancouver, British Columbia. IRCP's meeting is preceded by the [Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada](#) annual conference, June 13-15 (there will be a joint EMSCC-IRCP reception June 15). [International Paramedic](#) will meet from 8am to 12pm on June 18<sup>th</sup>. All three meetings will be conducted at the same venue. To register for either the June 13-15 EMSCC or June 15-17 IRCP conference or both, click [here](#). To register for the June 18 International Paramedic meeting, click [here](#).

*Integrated Public Health and Medical Preparedness Summit.* June 19-21, 2012. The Westin in Lombard, Illinois. The Illinois Department of Public Health, in partnership with the Illinois Public Health Association, is hosting its annual statewide *Public Health and Medical Preparedness Summit*. This year's theme is *Partnering with a Shared Vision* and will take a look at critical public health and medical service capabilities to support a collaborative approach to improving our preparedness and response efforts. [For more information...](#)

CoAEMSP Accreditation Workshop. June 28-29, 2012. Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, PA. [For more information...](#)

Pinnacle 2012 EMS Leadership & Management Conference. July 16-20, 2012. Cheyenne Mountain Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO. [For more information...](#)

NAEMSE Annual Symposium and Trade Show. August 6-11, 2012. Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, FL. [For more information...](#)

2012 Transportation Hazards and Security Summit and Peer Exchange. August 20-24, 2012. Irvine, CA. [For more information...](#)

ENA Annual Meeting. September 11-15, 2012. San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA. [For more information...](#)

Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update. September 11-15, 2012. Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL. [For more information...](#)

NASEMSO Annual Meeting. September 24-28, 2012. The Grove Hotel, Boise, ID. [For more information...](#)

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1<sup>st</sup> Annual World Trauma Symposium. November 1, 2012. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA. [For more information...](#)

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