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1. CMS Health Care Innovation Awards

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued the Health Care Innovation Awards, and NASEMSO is pleased that there are three EMS awards for a combined total of over \$13 million! This was an

extremely competitive process considering there were 3,000 applications and only 166 funded, and EMS applications were competing with others from the entire health care continuum. Congratulations to the states of Washington, Nevada, and Colorado for being home to the award recipients. Click [here](#) to learn more about the grant program and process. Click [here](#) to download the EMS project summaries.

2. 2012 NASEMSO Annual Meeting Registration Opens

The NASEMSO Program Committee, chaired by Paul Patrick (UT), invites you to view the [2012 Annual Meeting Program](#). We are excited about the program we have planned for the September 23-27 Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho, and we think you will find it to be informative and engaging. The registration form has been posted, along with the one-page NASEMSO Annual Meeting Justification, a helpful resource for those who need to assure their administrators of the value of sending multiple program staff to this meeting. We are also pleased to offer Leadership Skills, an 8-hour seminar designed for newer state officials (medical directors, trauma managers, data managers, pediatric care managers, education/ licensing professionals and state directors), but experienced ones are also encouraged to attend. A small fee is necessary now that the popular class is not supported by grant funding. You may contact Mary Hedges (hedges@nasemso.org) if you have questions or suggestions about the program. We have a few speaker spots to fill for those who may be interested or have suggestions! Otherwise, please direct your registration questions to Sharon Kelly (kelly@nasemso.org).

3. Three NASEMSO Members Are Among New Appointees to NEMSAC

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood appointed 25 leaders in the EMS field to serve on the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC), which advises the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on all EMS matters and related issues. Among the appointees are three NASEMSO members: Katrina Altenhofen, NASEMSO Pediatric Emergency Council Chair; Carol Cunningham, NASEMSO Medical Directors Council Chair; and Terry Mullins, West Regional Representative to the NASEMSO Board of Directors. Administered by NHTSA, NEMSAC provides expert advice and recommendations to the safety agency and its federal partners on key issues, including recruitment and retention of EMS personnel, quality assurance, data collection and EMS education over the course of a two-year term. [For more information...](#)

4. Oregon Temporarily Adopts OAR 333-250-0051 Relating to Drug Shortages

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division has temporarily adopted OAR 333-250-0051 relating to drug shortages and the use of expired pharmacological and medical supplies in ambulance services. Emergency medical services (EMS) providers in Oregon may periodically be unable to obtain necessary and sometimes life-saving pharmacological and medical supplies due to national or regional shortages. Currently, ambulance services are prohibited from carrying expired pharmacological and medical supplies. The intent of this temporary rule is to provide that an ambulance service will not be subject to discipline for retaining expired pharmacological or medical supplies when certain standards are met. By adopting this temporary rule an ambulance service may carry expired pharmacological and medical supplies and use them, at the direction of a medical director, if not providing the drug would adversely affect patient care or if necessary to potentially save a patient's life. [For more information...](#)

NOTE: Remember that states' mitigation policies are posted on the NASEMSO [drug shortage page](#). You are encouraged to submit policies, rules, or other guidance documents to be posted.

5. CDC Implementation of the Anti-Lobbying Provisions

This past year Congress modified anti-lobbying provisions in The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Appropriations Act. New appropriations language reinforces and (in selected respects) expands long-standing provisions governing the use of appropriated funds by CDC and our grantees for advocacy, lobbying, and

related activities. The document, [CDC Implementation of Anti-Lobbying Provisions](#), provides a general overview of what is permissible and restricted, with examples, and describes how this differs based on whether the activity is being performed by CDC itself, by State/Local health departments, or by non-governmental organizations. The aim of the document is to help simplify guidelines – but it is important to note that there are many situations and activities that may require clarification from a grantee’s counsel or CDC project officer. As a renewed expression of Congressional intent, the language serves as an important reminder of limits on lobbying activities that have always governed CDC. These long-standing guidelines have enabled CDC and our public health partners to advance a strong public health agenda, and the new language continues to enable many of these same activities. At the same time, continuing oversight and scrutiny of CDC and our grantees highlight the need for continuing, careful attention to adherence. [For more information...](#)

6. EMSC State Partnership Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is pleased to announce a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for the New and Competing Continuation EMSC State Partnership Grant Program. Click [here](#) for the (FOA) Grant Guidance and Application Package. The application deadline is on September 26, 2012 at 8:00 pm (Eastern). The purpose of the EMSC State Partnership Grant Program is to assist States in expanding and improving their capacity to reduce and ameliorate pediatric emergencies, taking special care to include children with special health needs, culturally distinct populations and historically underrepresented groups, including the U.S. Territories, the Freely Associated States, and American Indian/Native Americans. [For more information...](#)

7. CDC Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention: Interactive Atlas

This application allows users to view county-level maps of heart disease and stroke, along with maps of social environmental conditions and health services for the entire United States or for a chosen state or territory. Congressional boundaries and health care facilities can be added with an overlay. Click [here](#) to access the interactive atlas.

8. AHRQ Releases 2011 State Snapshots

AHRQ’s *2011 State Snapshots* offer an in-depth analysis of the quality of care provided in each State, by type of condition, level of care, treatment setting, race and income, and insurance status. This resource also includes strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement in each State and in the District of Columbia. *2011 State Snapshots* feature easy-to-read charts and individual State performance summaries based on 150 quality measures, such as preventing pressure sores, screening for diabetes-related foot problems, and giving recommended care to pneumonia patients. Also included is a State Resource Directory that provides best practices and innovations highlighted on AHRQ’s Health Care Innovations Exchange to help States learn about what others have used to improve the quality and safety of health care services. Data is included from more than 30 sources, including government surveys, health care facilities, and health care organizations. [For more information...](#)

9. New Law in Minnesota Funds Community Paramedics

A new law funding community paramedics is expected to save hospitals and the state a lot of money will take effect in Minnesota on July 1st. One ambulance ride to the emergency room can cost thousands. Some people end up in the ambulance more often than necessary, costing hospitals and the state a lot of money. Sponsor of the new law Senator Rosen said, "Some people are going to the emergency room for their primary care." Rosen says a

community paramedic can help prevent these people from always using the emergency room for primary care. [For more information...](#)

10. Massachusetts Hiring Office of EMS Director

Massachusetts has posted a job for Director, Office of EMS. Click [here](#) to see the posting as well as other state EMS job opportunities across the country.

11. Clarification on Use of DHS/FEMA Public Safety Grant Funds for Broadband-Related Expenditures

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate grantees guidance regarding the use of Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA grant funds for broadband-related expenditures and investments in the 700 megahertz (MHz) public safety broadband spectrum. While some broadband activities (e.g., acquisition, deployment) are temporarily restricted under this notice, this IB explains that grantees may continue to apply grant funds toward low-risk broadband activities (which are further explained in this IB), as well as for other emergency communications and homeland security needs. [For more information...](#)

12. Special Webinar for EMS Association Leaders and Members on New Public Safety Broadband Network

Now that public safety has won the battle for the National Public Safety Broadband Network, EMS professionals really need to figure out how to prepare to use it to their best advantage. We stand to be the biggest user of the network, given the applications that EMS colleagues have indicated are in our near future. *But* we also need to be familiar with the process of standing up that network at the national and state level. This will begin to take place soon, and we should be at the various tables where decisions will be made on implementation, operation, and resource allocation. You are invited to a webinar on Tuesday, July 24th, at 2 PM eastern, featuring Anna Gomez, a key leader in this effort at the national level. She will describe the statute governing the network development and build-out, state options and grant opportunities under the statute, and the standing up of "FirstNet" (the First Responder Network Authority) Board and public safety advisory committee. Kevin McGinnis will also present a brief session on why EMS needs broadband. Save the date! Registration required: send an e-mail to Kevin McGinnis at: mcginnis@nasemso.org with the subject "NTIA Webinar". Registrants will receive log-in instructions.

13. DHS Announces More Than \$1.3 Billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Preparedness Grants

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced the final allocations for seven FY 2012 Preparedness Grant programs, totaling more than \$1.3 billion to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, non-profit agencies, and the private sector in strengthening our nation's ability to prevent, protect, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies in support of the *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG). In FY 2012, DHS preparedness grants were reduced by nearly \$1 billion from the FY 2011 enacted level and \$1.5 billion below the President's FY 2012 request. The FY 2012 grants focus on the nation's highest risk areas, including urban areas that continue to face the most significant threats. Dedicated funding is provided for law enforcement and terrorism prevention activities throughout the country to prepare for and prevent and respond to pre-operational activity and other crimes that are precursors or indicators of terrorist activity. [For more information...](#)

14. FEMA Think Tank Conference Calls Held Monthly

The public health sector is an important component of emergency management and a key factor in building and sustaining prepared and resilient communities. The monthly Think Tank calls are the perfect opportunity to

connect with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and let them know how you, your Citizen Councils and Partner Programs are working to strengthen awareness and preparedness in communities across the nation. You don't have to wait for the monthly calls to participate. You can always [visit the online forum](#) (Ideascale) to share your ideas, comment on other posts and participate in substantive discussions that provide subject-matter for future Think Tank calls. So don't delay! Let FEMA know what you're doing in your community to increase preparedness and build resilience! Conference call details, such as time and dial-in information will be posted to the [FEMA Think Tank page](#) when available. Previous Think Tank calls can be easily accessed through [audio recordings](#).

15. George Washington University Hosts Special Event on Public Health and Emergency Management

On June 7, the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute's Preparedness, Response, and Resilience Task Force hosted a special event on Public Health and Emergency Management. Distinguished practitioners discussed efforts to synchronize policies and programs for these two disciplines. A task force report on the topic was released at the event. Click [here](#) to watch a webcast of the event or read the report.

16. DOT Releases New Emergency Response Guidebook

The new 2012 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG2012) has been released by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for use by fire fighters, police, and other emergency services personnel who may be the first to arrive at the scene of a transportation incident involving dangerous goods. The ERG2012 is primarily a guide to aid first responders in quickly identifying the specific or generic hazards of the material(s) involved in the incident, and protecting themselves and the general public during the initial response phase of the incident. Click [here](#) to download the guide.

17. House and Senate Leaders Release Two-Year Surface Transportation Bill

On Thursday June 28th, House and Senate leaders unveiled a compromise version of the surface transportation reauthorization bill which has been the topic of intense negotiations. Congressional leaders will be working to pass the final bill through both the House and Senate by the end of the week before Congress adjourns for the July 4th recess. The Conference Report merges the Senate-passed bill, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21), with numerous provisions from the House T&I Committee proposal. Read the Conference Report bill text [here](#) and the Joint Explanatory Statement [here](#). Read the entire summary provided courtesy of Intelligent Transportation Society of America [here](#) to see several references to safety projects as well as "reduction...of serious injuries on all roads."

18. Lifesaving (Drug Shortage) Legislation Now Goes to President Obama for His Signature

The Senate has approved the "Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act," which includes drug shortage notification language that makes particular reference to drugs used during the provision of emergency medical care and surgery. NASEMSO was part of a group of several national EMS organizations that has argued to require manufacturers of drugs used in the provision of emergency medical care and surgery to report permanent discontinuances or temporary shortages to the Food and Drug Administration. (The original draft of the Bill only included "life-supporting" and "life-sustaining" drugs.) [For more information...](#)

19. GHSA/NHTSA Announces Crash Criteria Guidelines for States To Help Better Cultivate Crash Data

Capturing good data at crash scenes helps states hone their safety programs to reduce crashes, serious injuries and fatalities. Now states have a new and improved tool to do just that. The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) have announced the release of a

revised voluntary Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) Guideline, which includes broader distracted driving definitions so law enforcement can more accurately pinpoint which distractions lead to crashes. Under the new surface transportation bill, MAP-21, states can use federal funding to make improvements in their crash and other related data systems and to comply with the new MMUCC Guideline. Most notably, the document now includes an ambulance in the vehicle diagrams with corresponding seating positions to improve ambulance-involved crash data analysis, clearer definitions for emergency vehicle operating conditions, and refinements to the classification of severity of injury." [For more information...](#)

20. NIOSH Seeks Comments on Proposed Revision to Requirements for SCBA Remaining Service Life Indicators

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is seeking comment (Docket 2012-0009) on a proposed revision to the requirements for remaining service life indicators on self-contained breathing apparatus. The proposed revision sets a default service-life at 25% of the rated service-time and allows the indicator to be adjusted higher by the manufacturer, at the request of the purchaser. Comments must be received by August 24, 2012. The entire Federal Register Notice can be viewed [here](#).

21. Focus on Water Safety: CSN Resource Guide 2012

With the start of summer, Children’s Safety Network (CSN) is providing this resource guide on water safety. This guide contains data on drowning and scald injuries; information about water safety laws; prevention strategies and programs; evaluations of the effectiveness of lifeguards and swimming lessons to support safe swimming practices; policies and campaigns to encourage water safety; and safety barrier restrictions and other safety guidelines. Click [here](#) to view the guide.

22. New High School Toolkit Offers Hope in Preventing Suicide Among Adolescents

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) recently unveiled a new toolkit to help prevent suicide. *Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools* aims at reducing the risk of suicide among high school students by providing school administrators, principals, mental health professionals, health educators, guidance counselors, nurses, student services coordinators, teachers and others guidelines for identifying teenagers at risk and resources for taking appropriate actions to provide help. The suicide prevention tool kit is based on years of practical experience in high school suicide prevention programs. It draws upon the elements that are easily adaptable to any high school setting. In addition, it provides high schools with useful information on the many federal, state and community programs that are available to help bolster their suicide prevention efforts. The toolkit is available [here](#).

23. New Jersey EMSC Program Publishes Model Program in Pediatric Emergency Care

Alfred Sacchetti, MD, chair of the New Jersey EMSC Advisory Council; Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, EMT-P, New Jersey project director; and Erick Hicken, MICP, New Jersey EMSC program manager, have published [Emergency Medical Services for Children: The New Jersey Model](#) (*Pediatric Emergency Care*, April 2012; 28(4), p. 310–312). This article "examines a model developed by New Jersey in which every emergency department (ED) in the state is required by regulation to meet the standards of a traditional ED's Approved for Pediatrics." As a result, the article finds "the New Jersey model leads to more accessible care and more rapid stabilization of children regardless of their mode of delivery to the ED."

24. ITLS eTrauma: Taking Trauma Training Online

ITLS eTrauma is an online education option developed by International Trauma Life Support. The program covers the eight hours of ITLS Provider classroom instruction, training on the core principles of rapid assessment, resuscitation, stabilization and transportation of trauma patients. Because of the program’s comprehensive

approach (based on the 6th edition *ITLS for Prehospital Care Providers* manual), ITLS eTrauma is appropriate for all levels of EMS personnel—from EMT-Bs and first responders to advanced EMTs, paramedics, trauma nurses and physicians. What the Program Provides:

- 13 multimedia interactive lessons that correspond to textbook chapters
- 6th edition *ITLS for Prehospital Care Providers* textbook to accompany online course material
- Lessons utilize video clips, quiz questions, click-and-drag matching exercises, new case studies, and more to maximize learning and retention
- 8 hours of CECBEMS continuing education credit upon successful completion

[For more information...](#)

25. IOM Hosts Workshop: The Role of Telehealth in an Evolving Health Care Environment

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) will host a workshop August 8-9 in Washington, DC. This workshop will revolve around the potential for telehealth to serve geographically isolated individuals and extend the reach of scarce resources while also emphasizing quality and value in the delivery of health care services. Other topics to be covered include:

- evolution of telehealth
- current evidence base
- technological developments
- effects of public policies
- role of the Department of Health and Human Services in promoting the use of telehealth

Registration is FREE. [For more information...](#)

26. HHS Launches New Web-Based Tool to Track Performance of Nation’s Health Care System

The public can view data by age, income level, ethnicity, and other factors as HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced the launch of a new web-based tool that will make it easier for all Americans to monitor and measure how the nation’s health care system is performing. The web-based tool, known as the Health System Measurement Project, will allow policymakers, providers, and the public to develop consistent data-driven views of changes in critical U.S. health system indicators. The Health System Measurement Project brings together datasets from across the Federal government that span topical areas, such as access to care, cost and affordability, prevention and health information technology. It presents these indicators by population characteristics, such as age, sex, income level, insurance coverage, and geography. Click [here](#) to access the Health System Measurement Project.

27. Dr. Rick Hunt Leaves NCIPC

Dr. Rick Hunt will be leaving the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). His last day will be Friday, 29 June. For the past 8 years, Rick has served as director of DIR. Rick will be leaving to pursue new career opportunities. During his time at NCIPC, Rick has led the development of various initiatives related to trauma care and disaster preparedness, and has developed partnerships with acute care organizations to move these initiatives forward. In addition, he has provided support for the continued development of the Core VIPP program and activities in the area of traumatic brain injury (TBI). His work has laid a foundation for our future work, and his contributions and leadership will not soon be forgotten.

28. Release of the 2012 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategy

The *2012 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategy* articulates the strategic direction for federal efforts to protect our population from national health security threats through the use of medical countermeasures. It is in alignment with the Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS)

Strategic Plan, the HHS Secretary's Strategic Initiatives and the *National Health Security Strategy* and it supports our nation in achieving health security. The *2012 PHEMCE Strategy* establishes the following strategic goals:

- **Goal 1:** Create, develop, manufacture, and procure critical medical countermeasures.
- **Goal 2:** Establish and communicate clear pathways to facilitate medical countermeasure development and use.
- **Goal 3:** Develop logistics and operational plans for optimized use of medical countermeasures at all levels of response.
- **Goal 4:** Address medical countermeasure gaps for all sectors of the American population.

This *2012 PHEMCE Strategy* reflects the HHS commitment, in collaboration with its interagency partners in the PHEMCE, to provide the nation with a nimble, flexible capacity to rapidly produce and effectively use medical countermeasures in the face of any emergency public health incident or attack, from known or unknown threats. [For more information...](#)

29. 100% Of WA Hospitals Enrolled In Program To Reduce Preventable Medicaid ED Visits

A coalition of health care providers announced that it has achieved 100% participation in a plan to reduce Medicaid ED visits while saving the state millions of dollars and protecting patient safety and patient access to care. While the plan called for hospitals representing 75% of Medicaid visits to enroll by July 1, 2012, the coalition secured 100 percent participation by mid-June. [For more information...](#)

30. APHA Releases Brief: *The Prevention and Public Health Fund*

The American Public Health Association (APHA) has released *The Prevention and Public Health Fund: A critical investment in the nation's physical and fiscal health*. The brief summarizes the need for and impact of prevention and public health funding, reviews the design and intentions of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, and provides an update on how the Fund has been implemented and allocated to date. It also offers information on topics such as Fund allocations to date by agency, state, year, and funding category; the recent cut to the Fund and other threats to it, as well as the use of the Fund to supplant existing appropriations; and evidence that public health and prevention spending improves health outcomes and reduces healthcare costs. Click [here](#) to read the brief.

31. NARR Releases Fukushima After Action Report

The National Alliance for Radiation Readiness (NARR) led a review of the U.S. public health and medical response to domestic concerns arising from the 2011 incident at the Japanese Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Based on the review, NARR agrees on several recommendations, including the need for:

- Strong, visible federal leadership.
- Timely and proactive public information and education.
- A robust "whole community response" through the leverage of public and private resources.
- Continued investment in public health.

Click [here](#) to read the report.

32. New First Aid App Brings American Red Cross Safety Tips to Smart Phones

The American Red Cross launched its official first aid app, putting free and simple lifesaving information right in the hands of smart phone users. This app gives instant access to information on how to handle the most common first aid situations, and includes videos and interactive quizzes. Users who take quizzes can earn badges they can share with friends through social media to show off their lifesaving knowledge. Downloading the app is not a substitute

for training. The app is free and available for iPhone and Android users. Find the app in the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android by searching for American Red Cross. [For more information...](#)

33. Hospital Visits in the U.S. for Firearm-Related Injuries, 2009: A HCUP Statistical Brief

Firearm injuries make up a relatively small fraction of all injuries in the emergency department (ED), but their role in suicide, homicide, and unintentional injury is significant. In 2008, firearms were estimated to be involved in 18,200 suicides (50 percent of all suicides) and 12,200 homicides (68 percent of all homicides) in the United States. Assault involving a firearm was the eighth leading cause of non-fatal violence-related injury in the United States in 2009. This Statistical Brief presents information from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) about hospital visits for firearm-related injuries in 2009. ED visits and inpatient hospital stays are identified using the external cause of injury codes (E Codes). We examine the characteristics of firearm injuries in terms of manner and intent related to patient characteristics such as age, gender, expected payer, and geographic differences. All differences between estimates noted in the text are statistically significant at the 0.05 level or better. Click [here](#) to read the full report (free).

34. The Health Data Initiative Forum 2012

The Health Data Initiative Forum III: The Health Datapalooza was held June 5 and 6, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The event brought together a diverse group of more than 1,500 data experts, technology developers, entrepreneurs, policy makers, health care system leaders, and community advocates to support innovative applications of health and health care data. Click [here](#) to see highlights of the forum.

35. Survey Assesses Ideal Characteristics of a Photographic-based Family Reunification Tool

A [study](#) published in *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* assessed the ideal features and parameters of a photographic-based reunification tool. A convenience sample of emergency management professionals were surveyed to elicit their preferences regarding an image-based reunification algorithm, to assess the parents' level of difficulty in viewing images with facial trauma, and to determine the minimum percentage of successful reunifications needed to justify adoption of a reunification tool. Results indicated there was a 40% survey response rate of emergency management professionals and only 18% favored a photographic-based tool that would display images in which only the categories of age, gender, and facial features would exactly match the parent's description of the missing child. This study concluded that emergency management professionals were able to identify desirable characteristics of the reunification tool with an algorithm in place to display unedited photographic of missing children that loosely matches the parents' description.

36. Access to 24-Hour Primary Care Can Reduce Emergency Department Visits

According to a study from the [Center for Studying Health System Change](#), all-hours access to primary health care can help reduce unnecessary emergency department visits. [Modern Physician](#) cites the study in stating that this is especially effective when providers coordinate patient care and when a system of after-hours care is coupled with increased health care access during normal, daytime office hours. Researchers suggest that grants and other funding support could help small physician practices, which provide 70 percent of office-based care, offset the costs of implementing an all-hours primary care model.

37. Psychiatric Patients Face Long Stays in the Emergency Department

National Public Radio reports that as an increasing number of hospitals close their psychiatric wards due to cost concerns, such patients are being boarded in the emergency department (ED) until care can be found for them.

Specifically, a study published in [Annals of Emergency Medicine](#) (subscription required) found that psychiatric patients spend more than 11 hours in the ED, on average. Wait times are even longer for patients who have been using alcohol or who require the use of restraints. [For more information...](#)

38. Webinar Recording of "National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Update" Now Available

The [Webinar recording](#) of the June 13th EMForum.org program, "National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Update," with James M. Mullen, current NEMA President and Director of the Washington State Emergency Management Division, is now available. This is a large file and requires [Windows Media Player](#) or [Windows Media Components for QuickTime](#) or a similar product to view. The [Audio Podcast](#), presentation [Slides](#), as well as [Ratings and Comments](#), are available from the [Background Page](#). The [text transcript](#) is now available.

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 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...](#)

18th 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...](#)

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

*****National Conferences and Special Meetings*****

*Association of Critical Care Transport Annual Meeting & Education Program. July 16, 2012. Cheyenne Mountain Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO. [For more information...](#)

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

ClinCon 2012. July 19-22, 2012. Caribe Royale Orlando Resort, Orlando, FL. *ClinCon 2012* is designed to create an educational experience that will help Emergency Department and EMS Personnel to obtain information and skills to better assess and manage their patients and scenes. [For more information...](#)

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

*Summer Solutions Conference (American Ambulance Association). August 9-10, 2012. Hyatt Rosemont, Rosemont, IL. [For more information...](#)

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