

FICEMS Preparedness Committee: Proposed 2 Year Priorities

Working Group Focus Area	Objective	Near-Term Focused Goals	Longer Term Focused Goals	Potential Output
<p>Pandemic Influenza Preparedness</p>	<p>Monitor and facilitate the recommendations included in <i>State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: A Report of the FICEMS</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin tracking recommendations in the FICEMS Flu Report for the following areas: Improve Federal financial and technical assistance to support EMS and 9-1-1; Assure the personal protection and safety of EMS personnel; Improve medical oversight; Coordinate community mitigation strategies; Enhance continuity of operations and surge capacity. • Revise the current H1N1 PPE recommendations for EMS in CDC guidance for EMS and 9-1-1. [2.2] • Set up FICEMS meeting to discuss new grant program. [1.3] • Work with DHS-HHS grants coordinating committee (DHCC). [1.1] • Work with DHS/OHA on COOP guidance for EMS. [5.1] • Distribute CDC guidance on PPE. [2.2] • HHS coordination of SNS w/State EMS Offices. [2.1] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with the FETIG to develop a conceptual model for providing just-in-time training system support to State EMS Offices. [4.3] • Increase grant program support for State and local EMS and 9-1-1 systems to enable just-in-time training, including funding for LMS platforms and other associated costs. [3.1] • Create a new State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant program to address pandemic influenza preparedness gaps that are outside of the statutory scope of existing preparedness grant programs. [1.3] • Disseminate model legislation and model regulations to States for modifying the scope of practice of EMS personnel during an influenza pandemic and other public health emergencies. [4.5] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a quarterly written status report to TWG. • CDC H1N1 revised guidance for EMS and 9-1-1 • Conceptual model for LMS. • LMS platform for just-in-time (JIT) training. • Model legislation and regulations disseminated. • FICEMS meeting on grant program. • Grant program established.

Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Triage	Establish a national MCI triage guideline with sufficient specificity to ensure uniformity and interoperability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to work with the CDC's Terrorism Injuries: Information Dissemination Exchange (TIIDE) on revising Sort Assess and Lifesaving Treatment (SALT) guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate national MCI triage guideline into National EMS Education Standards.• Develop Evidence Based Guideline (EBG) process for future changes in MCI triage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update MCI triage guidelines in EMS Education Standards.
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<p>Mass Casualty Incident Preparedness</p>	<p>Improve EMS response to MCI's.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and Coordinate with the National EMS Assessment, regarding EMS preparedness. • Continue to monitor the status and FICEMS response to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report NTSB/HAR-09/01 (Mexican Hat report) recommendation H-09-5 (<i>"Evaluate the system of emergency care response to large-scale transportation related rural accidents and, once that evaluation is completed, develop guidelines for emergency medical service response and provide those guidelines to the States"</i>) with the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)/HITS committee, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the TWG. • Monitor and comment on the Target Capabilities List (TCL) and the National Health Security Strategy (NHSS). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review report of the National EMS Assessment and identify preparedness gaps. • Review recommendations/guidelines of NASEMSO HITS committee concerning the Mexican Hat report recommendation H-09-5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft recommendations to TWG regarding Mexican Hat report. • Draft recommendations to TWG regarding preparedness based on National Assessment gap analysis.
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