

FICEMS Strategic Plan Implementation Progress			
Objective	Activities to Date	FICEMS Committee	Agencies Involved
GOAL 1: Coordinated, regionalized, and accountable EMS and 9-1-1 systems that provide safe, high-quality care			
1.1	Identify and promote the development and use of EMS performance measures and benchmarks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHTSA awarded a cooperative agreement to NASEMSO to develop comprehensive, NEMSIS-based performance measures that are agreed upon and validated by the EMS community. End date: September 2016 	NHTSA and FICEMS
1.2	Promote the comprehensive identification and dissemination of best practices in regionalized EMS and emergency medical care, including treatment for time-critical and sensitive conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several federal agencies, including NHTSA and HRSA, continue to fund the development and implementation of evidence-based guidelines for prehospital care. See more at http://ems.gov/research.htm. 	EBG Committee NHTSA, HRSA, AHRQ
1.3	Promote measurement and reporting of the relationship between EMS care and outcomes, especially for time-critical and sensitive conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASPR initiated a project to establish the foundational work for the Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE) use case in California (i.e., partner engagement, technical specifications, identification of pilot recommendations and activities, and policy issues). The pilot will use disasters as the trigger for system activation, but in the end a state-wide system to access health information is created. 	Data Standardization Committee ASPR
1.4	Identify and promote best practices to reduce regional disparities in care, including supporting States in improving data quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHTSA is completing a study of EMS data quality and its utility to measure performance, including recommendations for enhancing data quality. HRSA regionalization grants as in Objective 1.5. 	NHTSA, HRSA

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1.5	Develop partnerships with State regulatory agencies to promote regionalized and accountable care systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRSA EMSC Regionalization Grants - Project funds six states to develop approaches to delivery optimal pediatric care in rural and tribal communities. The focus is on advancing telehealth, and increasing workforce competency while addressing geographical and jurisdictional challenges 		HRSA

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GOAL 2: Data-driven and evidence-based EMS systems that promote improved patient care quality				
2.1	Support the development, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) according to the National Prehospital EBG Model Process.	See 2.1 RACI Matrix	EBG Committee	All
2.2	Promote standardization and quality improvement of prehospital EMS data by supporting the adoption and implementation of NEMSIS-compliant systems.	See 2.2 RACI Matrix	Data Standardization Committee	All
2.3	Develop relationships with Federal and non-Federal stakeholders to support the development of scientific evidence for prehospital care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full spectrum of EBG activities is available at www.EMS.gov/research.htm. • NHTSA is sponsoring the development of a comprehensive and inclusive plan for National Evidence Based Guidelines by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). • HRSA EMSC targeted issues grants promote EBG development and testing. 		NHTSA, HRSA
2.4	Improve linkages between NEMSIS data and other databases, registries, or other sources to measure system effectiveness and improve clinical outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHTSA is working with the Transportation Research Board and state highway safety offices to improve linkage between EMS data, state crash records and hospital discharge data. • ASPR is partnering with the Office of National Coordinator for HIT on EMS data linkage. 		NHTSA, ASPR, ONC

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2.5	Promote the evaluation of the characteristics of EMS systems that are associated with high-quality care and improved patient outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In its second round, the CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation awarded funding to several EMS-related proposals (Icahn's Bundled Payment for Mobile Acute Care Team - \$9.6 million; Yale's Paramedic Referrals for Increased Independence and Decreased Disability in the Elderly - \$7.2 million; and City of Mesa's Community care Response Initiative - \$12.5 million). • See also objective 1.1 (performance measures) and the EMSC targeted issues grants. 		CMS, ASPR, NHTSA, HRSA.
2.6	Explore the use of technology that enables enhanced information sharing for increased situational awareness, operational efficiency, and scene safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Response, Emergency Staging and Communications, Uniform Management, and Evacuation (RESCUME) program at USDOT includes a suite of new technologies that will help keep responding officials safe on roadways and enhance emergency communications during evacuations. 		DOT (RITA & NHTSA)

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GOAL 3: EMS systems fully integrated into State, territorial, local, tribal, regional, and Federal preparedness planning, response, and recovery				
3.1	Develop and use reliable and consistent measures of EMS system preparedness.	See 1.1 (performance measures) and the CDC's Public Health Preparedness Capabilities	Preparedness Committee	All
3.2	Develop a rapid process for providing guidance on emerging EMS issues.	Assigned to Preparedness Committee	Preparedness Committee	All
3.3	Improve EMS system preparedness for all-hazards, including pandemic influenza, through support of coordinated multidisciplinary planning for disasters.	See Objective 3.3 RACI Matrix	Preparedness Committee	NHTSA, OHA, CDC, ASPR
3.4	Develop strategies to close the gaps identified in the preparedness component of the “National EMS Assessment”.	DHS/OHA partnered with NASEMSO to develop an EMS preparedness solutions document to address identified gaps in EMS preparedness.	Preparedness Committee	NHTSA, OHA, CDC, ASPR
3.5	Develop training and exercise standards within NIMS guidance to promote interoperability.	FEMA has published the Resource Typing Library Tool (RTLTL). The RTLTL is an online catalogue of national resource typing definitions and job titles/position qualifications. Definitions and job titles/position qualifications are easily searchable and discoverable at https://rtlt.ptaccenter.org	Preparedness Committee	DHS

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GOAL 4: EMS systems that are sustainable, forward looking, and integrated with the evolving health care system			
4.1	Foster EMS participation in regional and State Health Information Exchanges (HIE).		ASPR and NHTSA
4.2	Foster and evaluate the development of innovative delivery models for EMS systems that could lead to changes in the reimbursement model.		NHTSA, OHA, ASPR, CMS
4.3	Provide coordinated Federal support for incorporating enhanced EMS and 9-1-1 technology for both patient and provider.		FCC, NHTSA, DHS, ASPR

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4.4	Apply lessons learned from military and civilian incidents to the EMS community.	While work on a generalized plan to apply lessons learned from the military to civilian EMS communities is ongoing, NHTSA and HRSA have developed an evidence-based guideline on external hemorrhage control with the assistance of the American College of Surgeons based largely on military research.		NHTSA, HRSA, DoD
4.5	Address the challenges of emergency care in areas where there are special concerns posed by geography or in which access may be limited.			

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GOAL 5: An EMS culture in which safety considerations for patients, providers, and the community permeate the full spectrum of activities			
5.1	Promote the reporting, measurement, prevention and mitigation of occupational injuries, deaths, and exposures to serious infectious illnesses in the EMS workforce.	NHTSA and NIOSH partnership to measure and study occupational injuries and exposures. Also NHTSA ambulance safety initiatives.	NHTSA, CDC, NIST
5.2	Evaluate factors within EMS practices that contribute to medical errors or threaten patient safety.		
5.3	Support the development and use of anonymous reporting systems to record and evaluate medical errors, adverse events, and “near misses”.		
5.4	Evaluate FICEMS role in supporting implementation of the “Strategy for a National EMS Culture of Safety”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS responder safety research by NHTSA, USFA, OHA • National Safety Culture Change Initiative (NSCCI) between the USFA and the International Association of Fire Chiefs • FICEMS remains dedicated to implementing the EMS Culture of Safety Strategy and NHTSA recently received recommendations from NEMSAC on short-term projects to jumpstart that implementation 	NHTSA, USFA, OHA
5.5	Promote the use of detection equipment, training, and personal protective equipment known to enhance the safety of EMS personnel.		

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GOAL 6: A well-educated and uniformly credentialed EMS workforce			
6.1	Promote implementation of the “EMS Education Agenda for the Future” to encourage more uniform EMS education, national certification, and state licensing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMSAC is preparing final recommendations for alterations to the Education Agenda in December 2014, which may be adopted by NHTSA. • NASEMSO is funded by NHTSA to implement the Education Agenda by providing technical assistance to states and annually reporting on implementation progress. 	NHTSA
6.2	Support State, territorial and tribal efforts to enhance interstate legal recognition and reciprocity of EMS personnel.	DHS/OHA recently completed a cooperative agreement with NASEMSO to develop a Model EMS Interstate Compact which may be implemented by states.	DHS/OHA
6.3	Work with State EMS Offices to support the transition of military EMS providers to civilian practice.	See Objective 6.3 RACI Matrix	Veterans Credentialing Committee NHTSA and DoD
6.4	Promote the implementation of the “EMS Workforce Agenda for the Future” to encourage data-driven EMS workforce planning.	NHTSA has partnered with NASEMSO to implementation of several components of the EMS Workforce Agenda for the Future, including standardizing workforce data definitions for state planning organizations and assisting states with easing the transition of veterans to civilian EMS positions.	NHTSA

- Actively engaging
- Activities planned
- No activities currently planned

- FICEMS Priority Objectives