

NWCG Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee, (208) 387-5175

National Association of State EMS Officials Update

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The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is comprised of state-level officials in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and territories charged with oversight of EMS systems and overall planning, coordination, and regulation of the EMS system within the state through mechanisms including but not limited to licensure of local EMS agencies, licensure of EMS personnel, statewide and regional care protocols, and collection and analysis of response data.

In one of the most labor intensive projects of national significance in its history, NASEMSO brought industry partners and experts in the field of interstate compacts together over a two-year period to develop model legislation for states' consideration and enactment. The "Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact" ("REPLICA") final model legislation was finalized and distributed to State EMS Directors in the fall of 2014. Many states are now actively pursuing this legislation. At the time of this writing, REPLICA has been enacted in Colorado and is awaiting the Governor's signature in Texas.

EMS is at the leading edge of a growing wave of medical disciplines' leadership who has discovered that interstate compacts are a novel yet time tested way to

solve the pervasive dilemma of providing appropriately credentialed individuals from other states the legal ability to practice under specified conditions, and introduce unprecedented accountability related to those personnel. On average, any given state is already a party to 25 different compacts.

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the members of which include your state medical board(s) Executive Director(s), has also just completed a compact to streamline physician licensure across state lines. Information about the FSMB initiative and a link to download their physician model interstate compact can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1LVu4mo>. This may be a promising solution for EMS medical directors.

Once 10 states become members of REPLICA (the trigger for activation), EMS personnel who hold a license in one Compact state will be able to legally enter another Compact state on time limited intermittent deployments. This will significantly help the wildland fire medical community with EMS resources on fires. Compact states, incidents, and

individuals must meet certain criteria for EMS personnel to enjoy an immediate privilege to practice in a remote state. For more information on this exciting project, please visit the NASEMSO REPLICA page: <http://bit.ly/1JofPEm>.

Until this compact is activated, NASEMSO has an informational resource for EMTs deployed to a fire in the West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY). This guide gives an overview of each state's process for an out-of-state EMT, with current state license, to gain temporary, legal recognition. This guide is intended as reference material only and can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1SYFKKw>. State policies are subject to change, and may not be immediately reflected in this resource.

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Calling All MEDLs and MEDL trainees

The IEMS is seeking to update its list of all current Medical Unit Leaders (MEDL) and trainees (MEDLts).

Please provide the following information and return it to: IEMS-MEDL Update c/o jthomas@blm.gov

Your Name:

(example: John Smith)

Agency: (example: Forest Service)

Current Exp of MEDL

(on Red Card)

(example: Mar/13/17)

IMT Affiliation:

(example: NO-CAL 3)

Email Address:

(example: jsmith2@fs.fed.us)

FACEBOOK Page

Last December, the IEMS launched a Facebook page, with the purpose to ensure the health and safety of workers on wildland fire incidents in an efficient and cost effective manner. The focus of the page is to provide information, updates, and guidance as necessary in the development and ongoing effort for successful outcomes.

Please visit our Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/1H4G4mf>. We welcome comments and stories as appropriate to wildland fire medical operations.

2015 Medical Unit Status Survey

We are asking the wildland fire medical community for your input on a survey to help us understand the current status of wildland fire medical units, as well as expose the fire community to the IEMS, our mission, and website resources.

Input from wildland fire personnel with regard to Medical Standards and Practices on all incidents will also help us determine where we can best assist you during future fire seasons. Your helpful feedback and comments will enable the IEMS to prioritize informational and support needs of medical units.

Results of this survey will be made available on the IEMS website by Fall 2015. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. You can access the survey here: <https://www.research.net/s/NQWP3B7>

MEDL EMAIL LISTSERV

The NWCG Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS) has created this group list to establish an information dissemination vehicle for topics of interest to the wildland fire medical community.

Communications to this group will be sent monthly, unless there is an important alert or update. An introductory email went out to this group on April 30th. If you did not receive an email, are a Medical Unit Leader, and would like to receive future emails, please contact Jon Thomas: jonofalaska@gmail.com.

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About Wildfire EMS eNews

This is the seventh issue of Wildfire EMS eNews. It is part of the NWCG’s Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee’s communication effort to reach out to those who work in medical units, provide contract EMS, or have a passion about EMS and are involved with wildfires. Our

commitment to you, the reader, is to do our best to bring timely, relevant “news you can use” about issues & topics in and affecting wildfire EMS. Our goal is to publish this newsletter several times every year. If you would like to suggest a topic, submit an article, picture, or opinion,

or ask a question, send it to:

Debbie Anderson, call (503) 808-2286 or email danderson01@fs.fed.us

About Our Organization

The Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee’s (IEMS) mission is to establish a methodology that meets the emergency medical and occupational health care needs of managed incidents with the integration of local, state, tribal, and federal systems.

Core Members:

Jan Peterson, BLM; Jon Thomas, BLM; David Bihl, USFS; MJ Lommen, USFS; Dean Ross, NPS; Mark Hnat, NPS; Larry Grubbs, NASF; Larry Sutton, USFS; RMC Liaison; Dr. Jim Upchurch, Medical Advisor; Wayne Denny, NASEMSO Rep; Rachel Adler, NASEMSO Rep.

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Alex Abols; Debbie Anderson; TJ Gholson; Bruce Hicks; Fergus Laughridge; Steve Otoupalik; Jim Powell; Rodney Schmidt; Travis Sorenson; Tracy Stull



“OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU, THE READER, IS TO DO OUR BEST TO BRING TIMELY, RELEVANT “NEWS YOU CAN USE” ABOUT ISSUES & TOPICS IN AND AFFECTING WILDFIRE EMS.”

We're on the Web!
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<http://www.nwccg.gov/b ranches/pre/rmc/iems/index.html>