

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Emergency Medical Services  
Advisory Council

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

29152

## 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

04/26/2023

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

04/26/2025

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C § 300d-4(b)

## 13. Effective Date

04/24/2012

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

## 16a. Total

## Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

## 17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Council provides information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Administrator of NHTSA, and to the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) on all aspects of the development and implementation of emergency medical services. Throughout FY22, the Council had 6 very active sub-committees that met monthly via teleconference. The Council has approved several well-developed advisories with recommendations for FICEMS and DOT (via NHTSA). Both NHTSA and FICEMS member agencies have incorporated them into ongoing project activities and project planning for the future.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee comprises 25 members, each representing a particular emergency medical services community sector. The NEMSAC selection panel selects nominees according to a membership balancing plan that ensures its broad-based membership has sufficient EMS system expertise yet the geographic and demographic diversity to reflect the whole EMS community accurately. Nominees are selected based on application materials submitted and in a manner that ensures equal opportunity for all people and avoided discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or age. Nomination selection is undertaken in a manner that encourages participation by members of underrepresented and underserved communities in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 13985.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Council met four times in FY23 (November 2-3, 2022; February 15-16, 2023; May 10-11, 2023; and August 9-10, 2023). The Council has made several significant recommendations to DOT via NHTSA and to FICEMS.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Prior to the establishment of NEMSAC, there was no such forum for EMS community/stakeholder input on the work of NHTSA or other Federal agencies on EMS matters. This is a critical public safety/healthcare service and it is very valuable to have thoughtful input from selected EMS representatives to ensure that NHTSA programs

and activities are as beneficial as possible. The NEMSAC has provided invaluable advice to NHTSA and the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Gamunu Wijetunge Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Arkins, Thomas	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Data Manager	Representative Member
Basgall, Lisa	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	EMS Director	Representative Member
Brennen, Paul	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Hospital-based EMS leader	Representative Member
Byers, Eveline	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Air EMS	Representative Member
Estochen, Bradley	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Traffic Safety Engineer	Representative Member
Fifer, David	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Paramedic	Representative Member
Gerard, Daniel	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	EMS Educator	Representative Member
Gestring, Mark	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Physician	Representative Member
Hayden, Brenden	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	EMS Administrator	Representative Member
Jorgensen, Carol	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	PH EMS Program Manager	Representative Member
Koehler, Danita	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Physician	Representative Member
McKenzie, L.	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Emergency Physician	Representative Member
McMullen, Jason	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Physician	Representative Member
Miles, Wade	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Volunteer EMS Agency Director	Representative Member
Morshedi, Brandon	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Medical Director	Representative Member

Ogunsola, Ayobami	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Consumer	Representative Member
Owusu-Ansah, Sylvia	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Pediatric Emergency Physician	Representative Member
Prentiss, Suzanne	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	State Legislator of NH	Representative Member
Quintard, Casey	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	911	Representative Member
Quintero, Frank	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Emergency Preparedness Director	Representative Member
Romanello, Justin	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	State EMS Director	Representative Member
Taigman, Mike	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Quality Assurance Manager	Representative Member
Vaughn, Tabitha	04/21/2023	04/20/2025	Emergency Department Nurse	Representative Member

### **Number of Committee Members Listed: 23**

### **Narrative Description**

The NEMSAC was chartered by the Secretary of Transportation in FY 2007 and members were first appointed in early 2008. NEMSAC became a statutory FACA Committee in 2013 pursuant to the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012. The NEMSAC is comprised of representatives of the many sectors of EMS and they provide advice and recommendations to DOT and FICEMS carrying out its work on improving Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and post-crash care. NEMSAC has produced multiple recommendations and several comprehensive reports on issues related to a Culture of Safety in EMS (both provider and patient safety), the role of EMS in Healthcare Reform, need for guidelines regarding Mode of Transport, including issues related to helicopter EMS transport, emergency vehicle operator training, and several recommendations regarding appropriate reimbursement of EMS. NHTSA has implemented several projects based on recommendations from the NEMSAC including undertaking research to better understand the effects of fatigue on EMS providers and steps to better measure and report performance and quality in EMS. These recommendations help to prioritize the activities of FICEMS and DOT as they relate to emergency medical services. EMS is a critical component of both the healthcare

system and one of the foundations of traffic safety.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Projects at NHTSA directly impact the quality of care provided by EMS clinicians across the country. NEMSAC has provided invaluable guidance that has improved how NHTSA Office of EMS programs and projects are implemented, thereby improving program and project outcomes. NEMSAC services as the mechanism by which the federal government attains feedback and comment from the public and the national EMS community. NEMSAC has increased external customer satisfaction and has improved the ability of DOT, NHTSA, and FICEMS to address SLTT issues and concerns and support the delivery of the EMS community nationwide.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Cost Savings Comments**

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

150

## **Number of Recommendations Comments**

NEMSAC has addressed multiple EMS issues through its advisories and has been pivotal in making recommendations that improve the delivery of EMS across the US. These recommendations have been directed both toward NHTSA and the statutorily created Federal Interagency Committee on EMS of which NHTSA is a member.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

40%

## **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Many of the recommendations from NEMSAC have been fully or partially implemented by NHTSA and FICEMS member agencies. Others require statutory changes outside the scope of NHTSA and FICEMS. More recent recommendations have been provided in sets and while NHTSA has begun work on several aspects of the recommendation, full implementation remains a challenge. Often NHTSA is able to accomplish most of the spirit of the recommendation without fully implementing it verbatim. Recommendations are sometimes broad and require long-term policy discussions with Federal partners and external stakeholder groups. Other recommendations are specific but frequently cost prohibitive. However, NHTSA uses the recommendations to inform its strategic planning and budget planning processes. Obtaining funding and approval for these projects frequently take considerable time. Lists of recommendations are distributed to Federal partners and projects are often jointly funded by several offices across the U.S. Government. FICEMS used NEMSAC recommendations to formulate its FICEMS Strategic Plan, a high-level planning document to coordinate the EMS activities of federal agencies. NEMSAC provides a very tangible return on investment for the Department in regards to its guidance, but also provides an intangible impact on the national EMS community and raises the stature of this life-saving profession in the broader health system.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or**

**will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

50%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

As with above, many recommendations have been partially implemented by NHTSA and FICEMS. Often NHTSA is able to accomplish most of the spirit of the recommendation without fully implementing it verbatim.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The NHTSA Office of EMS does provide feedback to NEMSAC relative to their recommendations. At each NEMSAC Meeting, the DFO addresses what action has been taken on specific recommendations. The NEMSAC understands the time it takes develop new projects, especially involving procurements, based on the lead time needed for various budget cycles. The NEMSAC Chair is also invited to present recommendations directly to FICEMS at their biannual meetings and receive feedback from FICEMS members in person.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A



**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

All NEMSAC minutes and related documents are posted on <http://www.ems.gov>