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Dear NEMSQA members,

As we come to the end of the year, we are excited to look back at what we have accomplished in 2022 and eager to share what lies ahead in 2023. The NEMSQA community is a passionate, dedicated group of professionals with diverse backgrounds and experience that make these successes possible.

At the risk of being redundant, this year we are proud to have:

1. Initiated the first ever, nation EMS quality improvement collaborative, [The Lights & Siren \(L&S\) Collaborative](#), engaging 50 EMS organizations to improve safety in their use of lights and siren.
2. Collaborated with The American College of Surgeons (ACS) to create the measures to support the implementation of the [2021 National Guidelines for the Field Triage of Injured Patients](#).
3. Grown our membership, our conference presence, and our web following. Check out the [member spotlights](#) to learn more about our community as well as [podcasts](#) and [presentations](#) featuring NEMSQA.
4. Completed the Florida F.A.I.R. Measures project (at the end of this year) with the development of over 30 EMS measures.
5. Started work with NASEMSO's Prehospital Airway Management Evidence-Based Guideline project. We look forward to another great partnership aligning measure development with evidence-based guidelines!

Here is a look at what's to come in 2023:

1. The release of the first set of NEMSQA endorsed EMS measures.
2. The creation of a new committee to focus on measure implementation.
3. Collaboration with Pre-Hospital Guidelines Consortium to identify measure development priorities from pre-hospital evidence-based guidelines.
4. Creation of new member forums for enhanced networking and shared learning.
5. Membership discounts for affiliated organizations.

We look forward to continued success in 2023.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Michael Redlener, MD, FAEMS
President of the Board, NEMSQA

NEMSQA Highlights

Board Elections Results

Congratulations to our recently elected NEMSQA Board Members. They will begin their 3-year term in January 2023.



Steve McCoy
Steering Member
National Association of State
EMS Officials



Peter Fischer
Stakeholder Member
American College of Surgeons
Committee on Trauma



Jamie Smitley
Member-at-Large

The current Board Officers will be running for their respective positions again this year and are uncontested.

- Board President: Michael Redlener, MD, FAEMS
- Board Vice President: Brooke Burton, NRP
- Board Secretary/Treasurer: Chief Mike McEvoy, PhD, NRP, RN, CCRN

The Board Officer structure will be updated for 2024 to include a President-Elect and Immediate Past President to support the growth of the organization.

Welcome New Members!

NEMSQA launched our updated membership offerings including Agency, Individual, and Affiliate Organization options in May. We are excited to welcome these new members in 2022 and expand NEMSQA's expertise and capacity to advance the mission. Get to know our NEMSQA community through our [Member Spotlights](#). Interested in being spotlighted? Contact smurphy@nemsqa.org.



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Individual Members

Steven Deutsch, Irving Fire Department
Charles Dunn, Yale New Haven Hospital
Julie Charbonneau, Sioux Falls REMSA
Anthony Tucci, Western Berks Ambulance
Marshall Washick, DC Fire & EMS
Brian Levinsky, Northwell Health
Brian Staub, WellSpan Health EMS
T.J. Bishop, San Juan Island EMS
Michael Bentley, Kalamazoo County Medical Control Authority
Jonathan Taft, First Responder EMS
Zainab AlHussaini, King AbdulAziz Medical City- National Guard Health Affairs
Jonathan Taft, First Responder EMS
Lyn Berghuis, EMS Survey Team
Jamie Smitley, Mon EMS
Brandi Dupoux, US Army Combat Paramedic Program
Bryan Wilson, St. Luke's Univ. Health Network
Robert Szeli, Mobile Life Support Services
Connie Mattera, Northwest Community Hospital
Jarrod Sights, Scott Township Fire & EMS
Matt Miller, Oconto County EMS
Matthew McCune, Grand County EMS
David Chapek, Albuquerque Ambulance

Agency Members

RWJBarnabas Mobile Health

- Jamie Baker
- Steve Cohen
- Jenna Ferlazzo
- Neil Thorn
- Bill Wang, MD

Western Banks Ambulance

- Zac Derolf
- Carrie Frey
- Kelly Hackman
- Anthony Tucci

Memphis Fire Department

- Janet Hamm

Schuyler EMS

- Scott Lyerla

UT Health San Antonio

- Mark Dieterle
- Bill Drees
- Stephan Harper
- David Miramontes
- Lance Villers

Lights & Siren Collaborative

The [Lights and Siren Collaborative](#) continues to inform on the challenges and successes to improving NEMSQA Safety-01 and 02 measures on use of lights and siren. These 50 agencies have participated in 4 learning sessions, with the fourth and final learning session taking place December 1st. During this final session, the teams will share new changes and lessons learned as well as provided input and feedback on the draft change package in which the change ideas and lessons learned from the project will be catalogued. The change package will provide recommendations and serve as a road map for agencies embarking on improvement efforts aimed at improving use of lights and siren. Collectively, the participating teams have 185 participants, conducted 85 PDSA cycles, entered almost 9,000 data points, and shared over 70 resources! The project end date has been extended to allow some teams



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time to see the effects of the changes that may not have been started until September or October. One thing we have learned is that a lot of prep work goes into setting up for success and it may take longer to make meaningful change in the response matrix. The new end date is 04/30/2023. After the Change Package has been finalized, a Summative Congress will be planned to share the final results and recommendations.

While the work that these 50 agencies are doing will continue, as the Lights and Siren Collaborative interventions (learning sessions, data collection etc.) come to an end. But NEMSQA is planning for the next National EMS Quality Improvement Partnership project. We will look to gaps in NEMSQA quality measure performance, align with national priorities or focus areas, and support implementation of new or updated recommendations or guidelines as we consider the next target for improvement. Have thoughts or ideas? Let us know!

Check out our most recent [L&S in the media featuring Plum EMS.](#)

Florida F.A.I.R Measures Update

The Florida F.A.I.R project comes to a close at the end of 2022. The second public comment period closed on November 4th. Live measure testing has been completed and Florida F.A.I.R. measures have been implemented in biospatial.

We anticipate sharing updates about how NEMSQA will use these measures in the new year.

NEMSQA Safety 01 & 02 Update

Safety-01 and Safety-02 have had a measure name change to more accurately reflect what is being measured which is not using lights and siren.

- Safety-01 is now No Lights or Sirens During Response to Scene
- Safety-02 is now No Lights or Sirens During Transport

Measure Development Committee

Did you know there are 3 pathways to NEMSQA measure development? The NEMSQA Measure Development Committee is coming to the end of a measure development cycle that focused on identifying existing EMS measures/measure concepts. The Committee has identified and prioritized evidence-based EMS quality measures used by national or state organizations with high impact, clinical value and ease of adoption and will recommend 8-10 of those measures to the Board for endorsement. The next pathway will start with evidence-based guidelines (EBG) as the source of measure concepts and prioritize EBGs to move forward to new measure development. We look forward to releasing the endorsed measure set in early 2023.



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