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August 19, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Safety, Department of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services, to pay **Retroactive** annual membership dues to the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (VC#172949-B001), Falls Church, VA, in the amount of \$3,500 for membership dues for State Fiscal Year 2027, effective upon approval Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. **100% Revolving Funds.**

Funding is available in account, Administration, as follows:

02-23-23-237010-40650000-026-500251 - Membership Fees

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\$3,500

EXPLANATION

This request is being submitted **Retroactively** because the automated email notification from the vendor was inadvertently delivered to the Division recipient's spam folder and was not discovered until July 14, 2026. Consequently, the request could not be submitted within the required timeframe. To prevent similar issues in the future, the Department has requested that all invoices be sent directly to the Accounts Payable general inbox.

NASEMSO is the national professional organization representing state, territorial, and tribal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) offices. Membership provides the Department with access to national collaboration, policy guidance, technical expertise, best practices, and professional resources that support its responsibility for overseeing New Hampshire's EMS system. Participation also ensures the Department remains informed of emerging federal initiatives, regulatory changes, and evidence-based practices, helping to strengthen emergency medical services and enhance public safety throughout the State.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- How long has this organization been in existence and how long has the agency been a member of this organization?*
NASEMSO was formed in 1980 and New Hampshire has been a member for over twenty years.
- Is there is no other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?*
No
- How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?*

There are 64 total entities that belong to this organization; these include all States, Districts, Commonwealths, and Territories. The Department is the sole entity in New Hampshire that belongs to this organization since the Department is recognized as the State EMS office.

4. *How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)*

The standard fee is \$3,500.00 for up to 10 State officials. There is a standard fee of \$250.00 each additional member.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?*

NASEMSO affords the State of New Hampshire the opportunity to work collaboratively with other state government officials to plan for and to promote the orderly development of EMS systems across the country. By working with state and national government agencies, professional organizations and other concerned parties, this membership supports the ongoing development of emergency medical services systems. Membership also provides a forum for exchanging information and discussing problems with other state governments and personnel which allows solutions to be developed and applied to issues that impact the health and safety of communities across the State of NH.

In addition, membership also enables New Hampshire to be a part of other National initiatives and focuses such as,

- The development of broad policies in order to ease interstate cooperation.
- The promotion of uniform quality of care for critically ill and injured patients by developing and maintaining national standards and criteria.

NASEMSO is the permanent national leadership organization that supports, equips, and advocates for state, territorial, and tribal EMS officials in their work to improve systems of care and the professionals operating in them. They do this through the collective of all State, Territories, Commonwealths, and districts, and through partnerships with other National private entities and federal agencies involved in all aspects of EMS. These relationships greatly benefit New Hampshire by having a trusted conduit, NASEMSO, to gain unique access and forums to address critical issues our State may face.

In addition, the current Chief of the New Hampshire Bureau of EMS, Justin Romanello, is the Treasurer of NASEMSO and seated on the Executive Committee of the organization. This allows for New Hampshire representation to be on the forefront of emergency National EMS related issues. This membership allows representatives to communicate with other EMS professionals on ongoing trends throughout the entire country which allows solutions to potential challenges and new initiatives to be brought to the State of New Hampshire.

6. *Are training or educational research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.*

Included in the membership dues are the following: a twice-monthly newsletter with EMS issues updates, a professional journal, "mini-survey" short data collection projects on specific EMS issues, an Annual Meeting and Expo; the EMS Leadership Skills Workshop. This information allows our representatives to bring information back and share with appropriate constituencies such as the Trauma and Emergency Medical Service Coordinating Board and the Medical Control Board.

7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.*

To make New Hampshire the safest state in the Nation with the highest quality of life for all.

This membership is not required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams.

8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if know and purposes of membership supported trips.*

There is no travel included with this membership fee.

9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization).*

The state agency employees are directly involved with this organization are as follows: 1) Acting as State Director to organization, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; 2) Acting as State Data Manager, Captain Richard Cooper; 3) Acting as State Health and Medical Preparedness Coordinator, Captain Matt Robblee; 4) Acting as State Medical Director, Dr. Robert Rix; 4) Acting as State Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator, Maria Varanka; 6) Acting as State Personal Licensure Coordinator Captain Joe Cartier; 7) Acting as State Trauma Manager, Walter Trachim; 8) Acting as State Alternate Member, Acting Director Jeffrey Phillips; 9) Acting as State Education Coordinator Captain Joe Cartier; and 10) Acting as Compliance Coordinator Karen Scott.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.*

NAEMSO is a nationally recognized organization that provides multiple benefits, as indicated above, to its members across the United States. At this time the organization has representation to all fifty States as well as the District of Columbia and the five territories. By electing to not participate in the organization we would lose the opportunity to collaborate with all of the other representatives on both daily and long-term operational needs. If we choose not to belong to this organization, our State would become isolated from the rest of the country and miss out on important national developments and trends.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

National Association of State EMS Officials - Membership Renewal

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To Romanello, Justin <justin.romanello@dos.nh.gov>

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National Association of State EMS Officials

Dear Justin:

Your State EMS Official membership with the National Association of State EMS Officials will expire on 6/30/2026. We hope you will continue your membership by renewing as soon as possible.

To renew online, [click here](#).

At the end of the renewal process, you will have the option of paying by secure credit-card transaction, or printing an invoice and mailing a check.

If you have any questions about the membership process or your account, contact info@nasemso.org.

Thank you,
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Executive Director

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