

Formation of a Senate Law Enforcement Caucus Cont.

NAPO is working with staff on both sides of the aisle to ensure that our legislative priorities are addressed. NAPO has spoken at length with lead staffers who are coordinating the caucus. We look forward to the first meeting expected during September. The formation of a Senate Law Enforcement Caucus will be in addition to the House Law

Enforcement Caucus co-chaired by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA). Once the Senate committee is set, NAPO will post a list of participating Senate members. If you have any questions regarding the Law Enforcement Caucus, please contact the NAPO office.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

A basic responsibility of NAPO is advocacy for continued health and safety of our members and their families. We believe that all NAPO members and their families should receive the most effective, efficient and equitable pre-hospital care that is available in this nation. Geographic boundaries should not be barriers to the effective delivery of pre-hospital care or the resulting improved health outcomes.

Police officers and EMS providers rely on each other for mutual support and safety. Police officers and EMS providers respond together to a myriad of emergencies that confront America on a daily basis. Large scale events, natural and man-made disasters, and acts of terrorism compound the need for integrated and coordinated EMS and law enforcement operations. This integration and coordination ensures the best health outcomes for victims and responders alike. The knowledge that the nation supports the best health outcomes for responders is a critical element of an effective homeland security strategy.

NAPO represents many Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers who are deployed with police agencies and

has been working to advance recommendations contained in the "Consolidated Federal Leadership" white paper.

Effective and equitable delivery of Emergency Medical Services is an important health and safety measure that law enforcement supports. NAPO believes the recommendations contained in "Consolidated Federal Leadership for EMS" are essential steps to improve national preparedness and necessary to the law enforcement community in the protection of our nation. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, our nation adopted a standardized operational strategy to maximize the command and control of response assets.

Clearly defined lines of authority for an incident commander on a national level will help standardize control for EMS as a profession. The "Consolidated Federal Leadership" white paper addresses this problem by outlining a clear path for federal leadership in America. NAPO has been in contact with **Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano** and members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to voice our support. ●

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