National Rural Emergency Medical Services Conference Poster Contest

- **Overview:** This is a two-category poster contest:
    - *Problem Category*: To inform attendees of problems facing other rural EMS agencies/systems, and for those agencies/systems to be exposed to suggested solutions during breaks and, for the winner, in one general session.
    - *Solution Category*: To provide attendees with exposure to a problem experienced by a rural EMS agency/system which was resolved. Winner will present in general session.
- **Format:**
    - The Problem Category submission must include:
        - Statement of the Problem – A clearly defined operational cause is presented (clinical…not operational!... example: patient's finger was amputated) as opposed to signs of the cause (clinical example: lots of bleeding) or symptoms of the cause (patient expresses pain).
        - Impact of the Problem – The signs, symptoms and deleterious impacts the problem has had on the service/system.
        - Solutions, if any, and pros/cons of each, explored. Why didn't they work?
    - The Solution Category submission must include:
        - All of the above Problem Category components.
        - An explanation of the solution selected and a description of evidence that it worked.
- **Submission**: All poster content must be submitted electronically in a format accessible to Microsoft Office products no later than close of business on Friday, April 7th, 2017 to be received at mcginnis@nasemso.org . These submissions are just to establish the number to be judged at the conference and general their background. They will not be used to determine winners.

- **Display**: All submissions must be on *one or two* 24" by 36" standard poster boards (cardboard as found in craft or office supply stores). Judging will be based on the quality of information, presented in the format described above, enabling the reader to understand the problem, its impact, solutions considered/attempted, and (for the Solution Category) the solution implemented and why it was considered successful.

- **Eligibility:** Contestants must registered attendees who are employees/members of the service/system involved in the submission.

- **Prizes:**
    - Grand Prize in Problem Category: $200
    - Grand Prize in Solution Category: $300
    - 2nd Prize in Problem Category: $100
    - 2nd Prize in Solution Category: $150