



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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CEMSAB Legislative Committee Meeting

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DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024 | **TIME:** 0900-1100

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting will come to order

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES –Dec 2023

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTES)

CHAIRS REPORT – Mike

DPH/OEMS REPORT - Attached

OLD BUSINESS

- “Strat Plan 24”
- VoterVoice
- Contact list for PH, PS, AP committees – submitted to CEMSAB
- Fire/EMS Caucus

NEW BUSINESS

- NAEMT CT Coordinator activities
- National Legislative initiatives – NAEMT/AAA
- NCSL National Legislative Database

2024 Upcoming Meeting Dates: 2/15, 3/14, 4/18, 5/16, 6/13, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19



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2024 Meeting Dates

Meetings are held around the third Thursday of the month @ 0900 unless otherwise denoted on the agenda. Upcoming meeting dates will also be displayed at the bottom on each agenda and the minutes for each month.

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Mark your calendars! The 2024 Regular (Short) Session of the Connecticut General Assembly will convene on February 7, 2024 and adjourn on May 8, 2024. CEMSAB Legislative Committee Meetings during session are noted below in **bold**

- 1/18/2024 @ 0900 - Virtual
- 2/15/2024 @ 0900 - Virtual**
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TOP 5 Legislative initiative approved by CEMSAB on 11/22

1. **Standing Trauma Committee** – Like the Medical Advisory Committee, Make Trauma Committee as standing committee of CEMSAB.
2. **Regional Coordinators** – Making them permanent employees
3. **Mileage** – currently, Medicaid does not pay load miles for intracity mileage. Have Medicaid include loaded mileage in the rates for intra-city transports
4. **Wording of “Maximum Allowable”** – remove that language to reflect that the rates set by OEMS are “the Rates”: so as to remove any ambiguity when negotiating with insurers.
5. **Establish EMS as an “Essential Service” in CT**

As other items arise, CEMSAB and the Legislative Committee will evaluate the need to engage on those items throughout the session.

EMS on the Hill in DC is 4/17-18/2024: <https://naemt.org/events/register> | Loiz will be attending on behalf of CT NAEMT Advocacy. [EMS on the Hill: Welcome Guide](#)



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The United States is currently in the 118th Congress. This Congress began on January 3, 2023, and will end on January 3, 2025

Current Legislative Initiatives:

American Ambulance Association: American Ambulance Association: Visit the Action Center to submit testimony easily
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. EMS Workforce: One-Pager on EMS Workforce Shortage2. Medicare Ambulance relief: S.1673 & HR.16663. Balance Billing: One-Pager on Balance Billing4. Veterans affairs: One-Pager on VA Final Rule Delay
NAEMT: NAEMT Advocacy – Use the OLS to submit testimony easily
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. EMS Workforce Bill: EMS Counts Act: S.1115 and HR.25742. SIREN bill S.265 & HR.46463. TIP & TAD bill = Passed4. Extend Ground Ambulance add-ons: S.1673 & HR.16665. Congressional EMS Caucus – Right now, this is the most important because we (CT) don't have any representation on this caucus in DC
NCSL EMS Legislative Database: NCSL EMS Legislative Database

[NAEMT Grassroots Advocacy Guide](#)

[NAEMT's The Art of Advocacy](#)

[NAEMT What is EMS?](#)