

NATIONAL EMS ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Federal Interagency Committee for Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) has released the 2011 National EMS Assessment. Sponsored by FICEMS and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the 550 page report provides the first ever comprehensive description of emergency medical services, EMS emergency preparedness and 911 systems at state and national levels using existing data sources.

The National EMS Assessment, which was completed over a 24-month period from September 2009 to August 2011, provides a detailed description of the nation's EMS systems which comprise an estimated 19,971 local EMS agencies, their 81,295 vehicles and 826,111 licensed and credentialed personnel. The landmark document is a powerful resource and the first national assessment of Emergency Medical Services that provides comprehensive data aggregated at both the state and national levels. These data will allow the officials responsible for improving EMS systems to benchmark current and future performance and identify areas of strength and weakness. To download the report go to http://www.nasemso.org/documents/National_EMS_Assessment_Final_Draft_12202011.pdf