



On the 10th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001

A Position Statement of the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Ten years have passed since the devastating terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. The horrors of that day will never be forgotten and the heroism displayed will be etched in our memories forever. Emergency medical services (EMS) providers, firefighters, law enforcement, 9-1-1 professionals and other responders, went above and beyond the call of duty that day and in the weeks and months thereafter. These providers exceed public expectations on a daily basis and their actions of September 11th are not surprising to those who work in emergency services.

We pay homage to all emergency responders who lost their lives so others might live. A special praise goes out to the EMS systems in New York City, Arlington, VA, Shanksville, PA and to all of the jurisdictions and providers who responded to the events of September 11th.

Today, public expectations are higher than ever. Emergency services have always been relied upon in times of crisis and we will continue to be the communities' safety net. EMS, fire, and law enforcement have raised the bar since 2001 with training, interoperability, and equipment to continuously improve and prepare for the next large scale event in America. It is understood that we, as EMS professionals, will again be called to serve on a large scale basis for either natural or man-made incidents. We are there for the general public every day and are ready.

The National EMS Advisory Council pays tribute to all the EMS providers who lost their lives in the call of duty, to those who continue to suffer the effects, and to those who continue to serve their communities, standing ready for the next call. Thank you for all you do.