NHTSA Report Shows Overwhelming Support of EMS Funding Equity & Public Trust

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In this national report published NHTSA in January 2020, a survey was conducted from 2016-2017 of over 12,000 individuals and the results are weighted to accurately reflect the national population of the United States.

These statistics are inspiring and should be used to push for expanded funding from local government for improved training, equipment and staffing. The report is summarized in this NHTSA Traffic Tech brief, 2020 Jan. The full 97 page report can be found here.
99% of the public trust and have confidence in abilities of EMS providers.

92% of the public believe EMS should be an essential government service, like police & fire, yet this is only true in four states.

3/4 believe communities should fund EMS systems in the same way as police and fire.

72% of the public would be willing to pay an extra $5 per year for improved EMS equipment & training.

Of respondents who have ever placed a 911 call, a majority report calling for EMS.

In light of this incredible news, and as a special gift, we're sharing our recent EMS Leadership Summit interview with Aidan O'Connor who passionately and eloquently explains how we can all be advocates in his talk: The ABCs of Change (Advocacy Before Complaining).

Join a national association and formulate a plan within your agency to help educate your local elected officials on the importance of this study.

As Aidan said, "Go Forth and Advocate".