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To: EMS Professionals / Administrators
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From: Tom Mitchell, Chief
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Subject: North Carolina EMS Expo 2021 – May 14th – 19th

We are aware many of you are curious about the status of the North Carolina EMS Expo 2021. While the pandemic's future is unknown, we are aware of the immense pressure EMS agencies face with response staffing shortages and ongoing vaccination efforts.

At this time, we feel strongly that it would not be prudent for us to hold EMS Expo 2021 in May. This decision did not come without thought and consideration to EMS agencies across the state. Based on the progression of vaccinations to the public and the continued spread of the virus, we do not want to expose any of our guests to a potential outbreak.

Therefore, we have decided to cancel EMS Expo 2021. In coordination with the Koury Convention Center, we have secured dates for EMS Expo 2022. **Those dates are April 29 – May 4, 2022.** We realize this is a considerable change, as the conference will not be held for two years in a row. However, we are committed to making EMS Expo 2022 bigger and better.

We hope that you will continue to support our conference in the future and understand our decision to make this change for the benefit of those involved. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to a staff member, or you may send us an email at ncexpo@dhhs.nc.gov. Stay safe and healthy.

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