To: All EMS Agencies  
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The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride Inc. is proud to announce the **2012 East Coast Bike Ride**. This event starts May 19, 2012 in Boston, MA and will travel over 7 days and ends on May 25, 2012 in Alexandria, VA. On May 20, the riders will arrive in Orient via ferry from Rhode Island and will travel west towards Riverhead, primarily along Sound Avenue. On May 21, the ride starts again from Riverhead and continues west towards Nassau County along Route 25.

The mission of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc. is to honor Emergency Medical Services personnel by organizing and implementing long distance cycling events that memorialize and celebrate the lives of those who serve every day, those who have become sick or injured while performing their duties, and those who have died in the line of duty.

The vision of the NEMSMBR is to see recognition of EMS as a profession, a reduction in debilitating injuries and LODD in EMS and a national EMS accountability system. It is our hope that these events will focus attention on the accomplishments of all EMS personnel, and educate the community at large about the need for improved safety standards, injury prevention, disability tracking and death benefits for EMS personnel and their families.

The objective of the annual Memorial Ride is to remember EMS workers who have died in the line of duty, raise public awareness about line of duty deaths and disabilities in the EMS profession, honor EMS workers who continue to work despite dangerous safety conditions, advocate for a national tracking of injuries, near misses and a line of duty deaths in EMS, provide a safe, friendly and supportive environment for all individuals participating in NEMSMBR events and to promote healthy lifestyles for EMS providers through physical activity and nutrition.

The Suffolk County EMS Division continues to be in contact with the event organizers again this year and is coordinating EMS assistance at rest stops along the route. You can help support this worthy event by going to: [http://muddyangels.org](http://muddyangels.org) If you would like to show your support with ambulances, First Responder vehicles, or other emergency vehicles and provide refreshments at rest stops, please contact Karl W. Klug at 853-8309 or via e-mail at karl.klug@suffolkcountyny.gov.