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**LEGISLATOR'S VIDEO OF LOCAL ROAD CONDITIONS AFFECTING AMBULANCE PATIENT CARE
STRAIGHTFORWARD EXAMPLE OF A STATEWIDE PROBLEM**

Marc Cohen, Executive Director of the Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA), stated that the video provided by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) is an example of what local emergency medical services (EMS) are dealing with throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Safe and secure roads are a critical part of Wisconsin's infrastructure and important to all of its citizens. Because emergency medical services (EMS) log millions of miles on Wisconsin's roads every year it is a paramount concern that they are in good repair. As EMS providers our patients' safety, health, and comfort are of utmost importance.

In addition to supporting funding for local and state transportation infrastructure – the Wisconsin EMS Association is also seeking funding in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation budget to recognize and reimburse the fact that many of EMS emergency calls are responding to traffic accidents on Wisconsin roadways. Nearly 80 percent of Wisconsin's EMS Services are local volunteer agencies, many of which are struggling financially to ensure 24/7 EMS ambulance service – which means finding a permanent funding source to recognize local EMS responding to state roadway and highway accidents is paramount.

WEMSA is the voice of EMS in Wisconsin and represents over 7,000 members and 450 services throughout the state.

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