Eastern PA EMS Council

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AGENDA

Welcome - Joel C. Calarco, President

- July meeting minute’s approval
- New membership applications review

Summary of Council Report F/Y 2017-2018

Committee Reports:
EMS Education and Training
Performance Improvement and ALS / BLS
Conference Advisory Panel
Medical Advisory Committee
Finance
C.I.S.M.
EMS Managers Committee

Committee Reports:

- EMS Education and Training: Jeff Knopf
- Performance Improvement and ALS / BLS: Bryan Fritz
- Conference Advisory Panel: Dwight Bitting & Bryan Evans
- Medical Advisory Committee: Dr. Alex Rosenau & Dr. Duane Siberski
- Finance: Chris Basile
- C.I.S.M.: Dr. Joanne Krug
- EMS Managers Committee: Rodney Wolfe

Special Committees / Task Forces
Tactical EMS (TEMS): Dr. Duane Siberski

Nominating Committee Report

Presentation to Outgoing Board of Directors
(Joel C. Calarco & John Kloss
(Joel C. Calarco, Cheryl MacDonald-Sweet, Bryan Evans, Maria Wescoe)

Report of Election

Adjournment
Eastern PA EMS Council Officers, Board of Directors, Medical Directors and Staff

**Board of Directors - Officers 2017-2018**

President – Joel C. Calarco  
Vice President – James Conrad  
Treasurer – Christopher Basile  
Secretary – Joni Gestl  
Executive Director - John G. Kloss  

**Regional EMS Council Board of Directors**

James Conrad  
Dr. Robert Tomsho  
Jeff Knopf  
Adam Maziuk  
Bryan Evans  
Bryan Fritz  
Dwight Bitting  
Douglas Sargent  
Dr. Aaron Ratner  

Maria Wescoe  
Anthony Martin  
Cheryl McDonald Sweet  
Joel C. Calarco  
Charles Deprill  
Rodney Wolfe  
Mark Wiekrykas  
Thomas Decker  
Dr. Jonathan Trager  

Tony Tucci  
Joni Gestl  
Bryan Nelson  
Steve Ridgway  
John Nespoli  
Shawn Silvoy  
Donald DeReamus  
Amy Grill - Muzopappa  
Edward Coleman  

**Regional Medical Directors**

Dr. Alex Rosenau  
Dr. Duane Siberski  

**Regional EMS Council Staff**

John Kloss  
Christopher Confalone  
Joseph Solderich  

Robert Kempf  
Rachel Melendez  
April Zehr  

Jason Smith  
Larry Helwig  

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### Eastern PA EMS Council Committee Chairpersons

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Message from our President Joel C. Calarco

Good evening! Welcome to the 2018 Eastern PA EMS Council Annual Meeting. This annual gathering allows us to enjoy an evening of collaboration, share ideas and highlight our accomplishments over the past fiscal year. It is also the time when the entire EMS Council membership will elect their peers to fill open board seats.

My tenure as Board President ends this year as my board term expires. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made during my term and am truly thankful for the support of the entire board. Working together as a cohesive board, we’ve tightened up internal processes to ensure the highest level of transparency. This includes not only operational issues but also financial processes for the organization. We’ve held board members accountable to maintain a very active and engaged board of directors. The dialogue at our meetings is articulate, very productive, and allows the decision-making process to follow a democratic procedure.

You’ll hear from the committee chairs about the amazing accomplishments of each committee throughout the past year. The active committee structure we have in place is a tremendous asset of our council. Many other regional councils do not have such active membership. For that, you should all be proud to be a part of our system. Our process allows the providers to have a voice that is heard and potentially effect change in the regional (and sometimes, statewide) EMS system. My ask is that you all continue to be actively involved in the committee structure to allow us to continue the forward momentum.

I can’t continue to go on about the great things being accomplished without acknowledging the amazing staff. We’re at a point where we have a stable staff who enjoys their jobs and has a passion for doing the right thing. The staff is the forward-facing part of our organization and their interaction with our “customers” is what shapes opinions about our organization. I want to send a huge shout out to the staff for the dedication to the council and for a job very well done – everyday!

In closing, although I am sad that my board term is expiring, I am confident that future boards will continue to move the council in a progressive fashion. Great things are happening in EMS and in our region and I am excited to see what the future holds. Ours is truly “A System Designed To Save Lives” and, in my opinion, unparalleled in the Commonwealth. YOU are what makes that possible and, for that, I thank you all!

I wish you all the best!

Joel C. Calarco, MS, NRP, CMTE
Financial Statement of Income and Expenses:

Eastern PA EMS Council, Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018

Non - Audited at Time of this Publication

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Regional Activities & Accomplishments

- Eastern PA EMS Council identified as fiduciary region for statewide Emergency Preparedness Funds
- EMS Council re-branded regional logo and EMS Council website
- Supported Easton Emergency Squad in securing 12 lead transmissions capabilities
- Participated in regional legislative meetings and activities in both Northampton and Monroe Counties
- EMS Council participated in advisory panel during State EMS Registry system updates
- In collaboration with EMS of Northeastern PA, collectively the EMS Councils distributed 800 Active Threat Kits to EMS agencies in 13 counties
- EMS Council continued to upgrade office technologies and capabilities including the replacement of the office telephone system and continual upgrades to Information Technology equipment
- In partnership with Lehigh Valley Health Network, supports and assists in regional Hands Only CPR Campaigns
- Redraft of Regional EMS Council Bylaws, final approval and adoption at Council’s annual meeting
- Attend and supported monthly regional EMS Association meetings and programs
- EMS Council, in cooperation with our Emergency Preparedness partners hosted a one-day Emergency Preparedness Exposition and Vendor Fair
- In collaboration with EMS of Northeastern PA, collectively the EMS Councils distributed SMART Triage tags to EMS agencies in 13 counties
- EMS Council maintains representation of the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage nominating committee
- EMS Council Maintains representation on the Ambulance Associate of Pennsylvania paramedic scholarship nominating committee
- Drafting and completing of COOP Plan in cooperation with Northern Valley EMS
- Active participation in multi-regional Health Care Coalition meetings
- Finalized annual re-draft and implementation of EMS Council Employee Manual
- EMS 10, Incident Support Unit supported multiple EMS agencies during large scale special events throughout the region
- Council operations team participated in annual Limerick Nuclear Power Plant Table Top Exercise
- Coordination of the Philadelphia Fire Department licensure program, supporting efforts to develop and implement strategies for the triennial inspection of the department
- Completed renovations which included both security enhancements and cosmetic improvements to Council office
- Redraft of Regional Performance Improvement checklists specific to Etomidate and Ketamine administration and reporting for distribution to EMS agencies for the support of a regional specific P.I. program
- Supported Greenwich Township, Berks County with development of an EMS Systems plan
- Council team-maintained role in the planning of the LVIA Table Top Exercise
• Support of Bureau of EMS, maintained active participation in the Emergency Preparedness inventory request and acquisition workgroup
• EMS Council continues to provide maintenance to the Bureau of EMS electronic licensure program
• Participated in pre-planning for the PA Turnpike closure and the impact on EMS response
• EMS Council continues to perform monthly EMS unit safety inspections across all 6 counties
• EMS Council partnered with Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and plays role in the ESF-8 functionality workgroup
• Supported Monroe County Office of Emergency Management in NASCAR Operations at the Pocono Raceway
• Hosted regional Tactical Emergency Care training program
• Participated in Department of Health Naloxone Warm Hand Off programs
• Working with Northampton County Community College to implement a Regional EMS Blood Borne program for leadership
• Council staff supported Monroe County during severe winter storms
• Council to participate on committee to develop Patient Tracking electronic dashboard
• Council hosted a regional VFIS trailer and UTV Operations Train the Trainer program
• In partnership with regional EMS Liaisons, hospital pharmacies and regional medical directors, implements a medications shortages communications panel
• Emergency Preparedness staff supported multi-state Operation Atlantic Fury weather exercise
• Continued development of the CODE EMS Conference, expanding our advisory panel across regional lines
• Hosted SMART Triage educational program in cooperation with Tower Health system
• Supported D.O.H. community education events at the PA Farm Show complex in Harrisburg
• Annual EMSOF, Provider Services funding supported funding to participating EMS agencies with PCR funding
• Staff attends and supports Statewide Advisory Panel for Emergency Preparedness
• Council staff continues to attend Task Force meetings and in the development of Health Care Coalitions model
• Council staff participated in annual workplace sexual harassment, substance abuse and other training seminars
• Council designated as Point of Distribution of Naloxone for Monroe County
• Council developed electronic equipment and training requisition form for the Bureau of EMS Preparedness program
• Emergency Preparedness team hosted multiple CERT training programs in multiple counties
• Licensure team continues to assist partnering regions with large scale agency inspections
• Council staff continues to attend PEHSC scheduled meetings
# Medical Command facilities - Medical Direction

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Licensure Division – Operational Report
Agency - Vehicle Inspection and Licensure Report

Initial Inspection of Agency or Vehicles

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Renewal of Agency License

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<td>QRS 27</td>
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New Licensed Vehicles

| ALS 21          |        |
| BLS 23          |        |
| QRS 12          |        |
| Total 56        |        |

Licensure applications processed 98
(new, renewals and amendments)

Total Regional EMS agencies 138
Total VRSR recognized agencies 6
Regional Safety Inspections total vehicles 48
Total new Rescue agencies 0
Total new Rescue agencies renewal 1
Total Water Rescue renewals 0
Total new Water Rescue agencies 0

EMS Vehicles Accidents Reported 45
Re-Inspection of agency post deficiencies 39
# EMS Practitioners - Regional Overview

Total Practitioners Certified in Region

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<td>Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)</td>
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<td>Pre-Hospital RN's</td>
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Ancillary Services Provided to Regional Practitioners:

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<td>Endorsement applications submitted - finalized</td>
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Patient Care Records - Regional Data Compilation Report

1. Unconscious 3490
2. Traumatic Injury 1837
3. Traffic Accident 4839
4. Syncope / Fainting 3490
5. Seizure 1391
6. Respiratory 7302
7. Behavioral 3728
8. Pregnancy 390
9. Ingestion / Poisoning 1308
10. Stroke 1473
11. Diabetic 1058
12. Chest Pain 3901
13. Cardiac Arrest 1156
14. Abdominal Pain 1904

*Disclaimer*

All data represented in this report is based off of PCR Data from CY 1/1/2018 through 6/30/2018. Information prior to those dates is not included due to data system transition.
Emergency Medical Responder Program (EMR)

Berks County 1
Lehigh County 2
Monroe County 0
Schuylkill County 1
Total EMR Classes offered 4

Emergency Medical Technician Program (EMT)

Berks County 4
Monroe County 3
Northampton County 4
Lehigh County 5
Schuylkill County 6
Total EMT Classes offered 22

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Program (AEMT)

Berks County 1
Total AEMT Classes offered 1

Paramedic Program

Berks County 1
Lehigh County 1
Total Paramedic Classes offered 2
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## Continuous Quality Improvement

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<td>Fatal Accident Reports (FARS) researched and filed</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Accidents involving ambulances</td>
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<td>EMS Personnel Injuries</td>
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<td>Regional Performance Improvement Committee convened</td>
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<td>Community Members Hands Only CPR program trained</td>
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Emergency Medical Services Operating Funds (EMSOF)
Provider Services

The Regional EMS Council EMSOF Advisory Panel supported two (2) initiatives in Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018.

The Eastern PA EMS Council finalized a previous regional initiative specific to the transmission of 12 Lead EKGs to hospitals for The Easton Emergency Squad. The Eastern PA EMS Council solicited licensed EMS agencies from across the six (6) county region in a collaborative effort to off-set the cost specific to the maintenance of agencies Patient Care Reporting (PCR) systems. This campaign resulted in providing financial assistance to forty-six (46) EMS agencies.

Overall initiative resulted in the investment of $102,992.00 in fiscal year 2017-2018
(2016-2017 Fiscal Year $115,000.00)
(2015-2016 Fiscal Year $74,472.70)

The Eastern PA EMS Council thanks the dedicated members of the EMSOF Advisory Panel for their significant time and energy invested into the success of this campaign.

Mr. James Conrad       Berks County
Ms. Joni Gestl         Carbon County
Mr. Joel C. Calarco    Lehigh County
Mr. Mehmet Barzev      Monroe County
Ms. Maria Wescoe       Northampton County
Mr. Stephen Bobella    Schuylkill County

"Emphasis on our EMS Practitioners and Agencies remains our highest priority"
Emergency Preparedness Activities

Infrastructure Support and Partnerships

Task Force Meetings - Ongoing representation in the North Central, Northeast, South East and East Central Task Forces. (18)
Goal: Foster communications, advocate for EMS and facilitate a comprehensive approach to preparedness.
  - ECTF North HCC (2)
  - NETF North HCC (2)
  - NETF South HCC (6)
  - NCTF HCC (2)
  - ECTF South HCC (6)
  - Introduced three (3) EMS Organizations into the NEPA CTTF HCC System.

Statewide Advisory Committee for Preparedness - April 12, 2018 (bi-annual)
Goal: Represent EMS, engage in bi-directional communications with stakeholders of preparedness.

PA Behavioral Health Crisis Response Advisory Consortium - Ongoing
Goal: Participation in the BHCRAC is beneficial to our CISM and Disaster Preparedness through a coordinated effort to foster pre-deployment, response, and post event support to the providers.

Knowledge Center - HIMS - Ongoing
Goal: Utilize and promote EMS utilization of KC-HIMS for situational awareness and communications.
Facilitated two (2) EMS Agencies to join KC-HIMS.

Exercises, Events, and Disasters
Goal: One of the mandated responsibilities of the Regional EMS Council is to assist Federal, State or local agencies, upon request, in the provision of onsite mitigation, technical assistance, and situation assessment, coordination of functions or post-incident evaluations in the event of a potential or actual disaster, mass casualty situation or other substantial threat to public health.
As part of its fulfillment of these tasks, EMS Council personnel participated in the following meetings, exercises, events and real time disasters:
- Participated in a Multi-Discipline Full Scale Exercise at LVIA Airport 2017.
  - Ground Hog Day Event Support
    February 1 & 2, 2018
- Support BPHP ESF-8
  Work group - April 11, 2018
- Winter Weather Events (3)
  Participated in ESF-8 conference calls and sampled EMS agencies for
  situational awareness. Maintained deployment ready state. No unmet needs
  reported.
- PA EMS Strike Teams Exercises
  March 13, 2018 - MMSS Training
  May 21, 2018 - MSEC Training

**Exercises, Events, and Disasters (continued)**
- Dorney Park Prevention & Protection Exercise
  May 8, 2018
- Atlantic Fury Exercise
  May 9, 2018
  Facilitated EMS Resource Assessment for 7 Counties (ALS: 126 Units / BLS: 68
  Units)
- East Stroudsburg University Active Shooter Exercise
  May 23, 2018
  Participated in tabletop discussion on area school response to Active
  Aggressors.
- Pocono Raceway
  June 2 & 3, 2018
  EPC Orientation and EOC staffing on Saturday
  EMS Council EOC staffing for Sunday race
- American Red Cross Institute
  June 8 - 11, 2018
  Resource support with generator, M.E.S.S. and tent.
- American Red Cross Institute
  June 23, 2018
  Resource support to the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Clubs Annual Full Scale
  Exercise.
PA EMS Strike Team

Met with three teams to discuss past deployments, unmet needs, and goals. Completed two exercises and continue to work on exercise plans to increase involvement and interest. Provided continual support of Commonwealth’s Strike Team Accountability System commonly referred to as PACRAT.

Identify Resources and Asset Management Goal

**Trailer Inventory** (Total 7 Completed) ongoing

Goal: Inventory and maintain state assets including MMSS, MSEC, CCP, and MESS. Completed Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks, and several from Eastern PA EMS Council. Several more are scheduled, each month, until the entire fleet is inspected and serviced.

Special Note - The support of the Eastern PA EMS Council staff was vital in the successful coordination, logistics, and operations of many of the aforementioned events.