

EASTERN PA EMS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020



Authority

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Rules and Regulations 28 Pa. Code § 1021.103, The regional council governing body shall submit an annual report to the Department.

Reporting requirements of Appendix A – Work Statement. Comprehensive Annual Report as related to, Coordinate and Improve the delivery of EMS in the Council’s region.

Report are due within 30 calendar days of the end of each state fiscal year (June 30th)

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REGIONAL SUMMARY:

The Eastern PA EMS Council maintains responsibility for a diverse six (6) county region which encompasses urban, suburban and rural communities. The Eastern region is comprised of one hundred thirty nine (139) licensed EMS agencies and over four thousand (4000) certified EMS practitioners. Additionally, the region proudly supports the Philadelphia Fire Department via our licensure division with inspections during the scheduled triennial process and with the addition of assets to the fleet when applicable.

The mission of the Eastern PA EMS Council is to further the development of the regions pre-hospital emergency care and transportation of the sick and injured. In addition, the EMS Council advocates for advancing the quality of patient care, improving patient access to care, and assisting practitioners secure educational programs, training and maintain compliance with the EMS Systems Act.

The Eastern PA EMS Council host one of the commonwealths three EMS Emergency Preparedness Specialist. This party maintains responsibility for twenty one (21) counties in Eastern PA. The EMS Council also supports the Bureau of EMS and provides fiduciary responsibility for the commonwealths EMS Preparedness SAF funding programs.

The Council also host the annual CODE EMS Conference which features fifty – five (55) educational sessions over the course of this three (3) day event and awards over three thousand (3000) continuing educational credits to EMS practitioners.

The EMS Council strives to provide premier customer service to our regional EMS practitioners, EMS Agencies, Healthcare Networks, PSAPs, Emergency Management partners and our Health Care Coalitions. Engagement, cooperation, and the willingness to support a multi-disciplinary delivery of services remains our core mission as we continue to build our regional EMS system.



1. Board of Directors \ Health Council Officers

President: Mr. Rodney J. Wolfe
Vice President: Mr. Thomas Decker
Treasurer: Mr. Chris Basile CPA
Secretary: Mr. Edward Coleman

(Please list all other members below)

<u>NAME</u>		<u>NAME</u>	
1	<u>Anthony Martin</u>	19	<u>Rob Tomsho, DO</u>
2	<u>Dwight Bitting</u>	20	<u>Kerry Dempsey</u>
3	<u>Steve Ridgway</u>	21	<u>Shawn Silvoy</u>
4	<u>Tara Henry-Morrow</u>	22	<u>Bryan Nelson</u>
5	<u>Greg Drake</u>	23	<u>Anthony Tucci</u>
6	<u>Bryan Fritz</u>	24	<u>Jonathan Trager, DO</u>
7	<u>Mark Wiekrykas</u>	25	<u>Barbara Conrad</u>
8	<u>Jeff Knopf</u>	26	<u>Bryan Evans</u>
9	<u>Douglas Sargent</u>	27	
10	<u>Eric Gratz</u>	28	
11	<u>Adam Maziuk</u>	29	
12	<u>Maria Wescoe</u>	30	
13	<u>Joel Calarco</u>	31	
14	<u>Donald DeReamus</u>	32	
15	<u>Alex Rosenau, DO</u>	33	
16	<u>Duane Siberski, DO</u>	34	
17	<u>Amy Grill</u>	35	
18	<u>Aaron Ratner, DO</u>	36	

2. Regional EMS Council Staff:

Executive Director John G. Kloss

<u>STAFF POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<u>Deputy Director</u>	<u>Jason T. Smith</u>
<u>EMS Specialist – Licensure Coordinator</u>	<u>Presently Vacant</u>
<u>Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</u>	<u>Christopher Confalone</u>
<u>EMS Specialist -Provider Services</u>	<u>Larry Helwig</u>
<u>EMS Specialist – Education & Certification</u>	<u>Rachel Melendez</u>
<u>Business Manager</u>	<u>Robert Kempf</u>
<u>Administrative Support Specialist</u>	<u>April Zehr</u>
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3. Regional Medical Director(s)

	<u>NAME</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Alex Rosenau, DO Lehigh Valley Health Network</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Duane Siberski, DO Penn State St. Joseph</u>

4. **Financial Statement of income and expenses:**

	Final Budget	Expended
Personnel Services	\$560,767.00	\$559,613.00
Consultant Services	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Subcontracted Services	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
Patient Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$11,024.00
Supplies	\$11,523.00	\$11,965.00
Travel	\$1,700.00	\$1,104.00
Other Costs	\$163,540.00	\$164,175.00
TOTALS	\$897,530.00	\$897,881.00

NOTE: THE AMOUNTS SHOWN ABOVE ARE PRELIMINARY END OF YEAR TOTALS AND NOT FINAL AUDIT AMOUNT

5. **Special Project Funding:**

Projects as determined by the Department to be appropriate and necessary for the implementation of a comprehensive statewide EMS system. The amounts listed below are included in the categorical totals shown above.

Patient Care Reporting (PCR) Reimbursement Program	Amount:
	\$109,604.79

Project Narrative:

Regional initiative reimbursed each applying EMS agency with .41 cents per PCR

OSHA Training – Regional Fit Testing Train the Trainer Program	Amount:
	\$9,000.00

Project Narrative:

EMS Council will host six (6) four hour educational programs focused on OSHA requirements specific to EMS and also offer a respiratory protection Train the Trainer program in each county.

PPE For regional Training Program	Amount:
	\$3,683.76

Project Narrative:

EMS Council will provide required PPE to initiate region wide respiratory training campaign.

Regional 12 Lead ECG Transmission Program	\$2,711.45
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Region finalized a 12 lead ECG transmission program which was initiated in FY 2018 – 2019

Total Reinvestment into EMSOF Provider Services (EMS Agencies)	\$125,000.00
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6. Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

Date of the current Comprehensive Regional EMS System Plan	Date 2019
Number of Board of Director Meetings \ Health Council meetings	7
Public Education Stop-the- Bleed Events	9
Public Education CPR Events	15
Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts	6
Technical Assistance Request (local entities and elected officials)	8

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management Project Narrative:

The Eastern PA EMS Council is partnered with Lehigh Valley Health Network in efforts to promote CPR training in schools across the region. Additionally, the Council visits schools and promotes Stop the Bleed initiatives throughout the region.

7. Continuous Quality Improvement

	Quantity
Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	124
Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region	7
Number of Times the Regional QI Committee Met	4

Continuous Quality Improvement Narrative:

The EMS Council Regional Performance Improvement committee convenes quarterly and reviews Ketamine, Etomidate usage records and is pursuing the development of expanding upon the capturing of regional cardiac arrest data.

8. Medical Direction

	Quantity
Regional Medical Advisory Committee meetings	5
Accredited Level I Trauma Centers	3
Accredited Level II Trauma Centers	0
Accredited Level III Trauma Centers	1
Accredited Level IV Trauma Centers	1
Accredited primary Stroke Centers	11
Comprehensive Stroke Centers	2
Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers	3
Acute Stroke-Ready Hospitals	2

Medical Direction Narrative:

The Eastern PA EMS Council maintains two (2) Regional Medical Directors, both of which are actively engaged in regional, state, and national programs specific to EMS.

9. Systems Operations

	Quantity
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies	2
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles	62
Spot inspections conducted – Continuing Education Sponsors	0
Spot inspections conducted – Education Institutes	0
Spot inspections conducted – Medical Command Facilities	1
Number of Safety Inspections Conducted	62
Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection	62
Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards	67
BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	13
Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.	259
ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	3
Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested	27
Certification Class Visits Conducted	16
Number of EMS Agency Re-Inspections Conducted	3
Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau	17

Systems Operations Narrative:

The EMS Council continues random monthly regional safety inspections. This campaign has proven very successful, with the number of deficiencies continually decreasing.

10. Emergency Preparedness Activities

	Quantity
Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended (only EMSOF funded staff attendance)	6
Table Top Exercises Attended / Conducted	5

Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted	3
Special Event Plans Submitted	2
Responses / Deployments	2
Strike Team Agencies	5

Emergency Preparedness Narrative:

Emergency Preparedness Specialist Program Year End Review: Accomplishments

Asset Maintenance and Inventory Control

Providing service and assistance to seven (7) partnering regional EMS Council across 21 counties, the EMS Preparedness Specialist provided additional support, maintenance, inventory control and additional work to:

- CCP Trailers - Generators - Heater Trailer - HVAC units - Light Towers - MESS Trailers	- Mobile generators - MSEC Trailers - Mobile Surge tent systems - Regional Incident Support Unit - Strike Team assets
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COVID19

Briefings, Meetings, and Conference Calls (~80)	Webinar (2)
MSEC Deployment to East Stroudsburg University (70 Days)	

Emergency Responses

Aeroclave Decontamination Response (24)	COVID19 General Response
Heater Trailer Response (DelCo 1/2020)	

Functional / Full Scale Exercises

Support - ARC Shelter Exercise (June 2019)	Lead – LCCC Active Shooter Ex 7/2019
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HCC Participation

EC HCC Exercise Planning	HCC Regional / Zone Meetings (9)
KC-HIMS Training	NC HCC Cyber Security Symposium Planning

Planning Meetings

Palmerton Active Shooter Planning (2)	ARC Shelter Workgroup Meeting
Closed POD Planning with DOH 2/2020	LCCC Active Shooter Planning Meeting
LVIA Triennial Drill Meeting (2)	Lehigh Valley Disaster Planning Workgroup

Tabletop Exercises / Tests

800 Radio Comms Test (3)	EMS Council Redundancy Comms Test
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Easton Hospital EMS Tabletop 7/2019	Cybersecurity DeSales Tabletop 8/2019
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Training – Facilitate / Support

Suburban MCI Training 7/2019	Cybersecurity DeSales Conference 8/2019
KC-HIMS EMS Training	EMS Triage Training 1/2020
ARC Psychological First Aid 9/2019, 1/2020	Aeroclave Decontamination Training (2)
LTS EMS Strike Team Training 2/2020	Situational Awareness in Disasters 6/2020

11. Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
7/17/2019	18:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
9/18/2019	18:00	Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Fogelsville PA
11/20/2019	18:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
1/15/2020	18:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
3/18/2020	18:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
4/22/2020	18:00	Special COVID 19 Board of Directors meeting – Briefing – Conference Call
5/20/2020	18:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069

12. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
8/27/2020	10:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
10/9/2019	11:00	Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center Pocono Manor PA
1/21/2020	15:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
3/18/2020	14:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
4/23/2020	15:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069

13. Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
9/9/2019	11:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
12/16/2019	11:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
4/28/2020	11:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069
6/8/2020	11:00	Eastern PA EMS Council 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield PA 18069

14. Regional Accomplishments:

Narrative:

The Eastern PA EMS Council recognizes the importance of regional collaboration, partnerships and the continual development of our evolving EMS System. Our regional Council strives to deliver premier customer service with timely, accurate, and responsible outcomes. The following programs, educational opportunities, and interactions are a reflection to the commitment we have embraced in the counties served by our staff and volunteer committees.

- ✚ The Eastern PA EMS Council was honored to maintain the fiduciary oversight of multiple Emergency Preparedness Programs for the Bureau of EMS, Emergency Preparedness Program. These programs coordinated both the logistical placement of inventory, ordering, distribution, accountability and management of funds.

Program	Budget	Expended
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00
Mobile Medical Assets	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Interoperable Communications	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Strike Team Program	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
Total Federal Pass through	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00

- ✚ Engaged and partnered with multiple school districts across the six (6) county region providing CPR training to 4044 students. Due to the COVID crisis, unfortunately ten (10) programs were cancelled.
- ✚ Engaged and partnered with multiple school districts across the six (6) county region providing nine (9) Stop the Bleed training sessions, training 2131 students
- ✚ The Eastern PA EMS Council continues to partner with the Philadelphia Fire Department to provide licensure inspections of the departments EMS Fleet, inspecting 18 new units this fiscal year
- ✚ Based on demand for human blood products throughout region, Council established five (5) blood drives throughout five (5) counties, all hosted at EMS stations
- ✚ Under a Department of Health campaign, provided distribution of Naloxone to Monroe County
- ✚ Council based Emergency Preparedness Specialist serves 21 counties in the eastern portion of the Commonwealth, providing traditional asset maintenance, ensuring a state of readiness and coordinating proactive educational opportunities across multiple regional geographical boundaries
- ✚ Council assisted multiple municipalities with EMS specific concerns or in the provision of education on EMS operations and functionality
- ✚ Assisted Lehigh Valley International Airport with its annual Table Top Exercise (TTX)
- ✚ Assisted in operational planning for the Lehigh Valley International Airport, FCC mandated triennial Full Scale Exercise (FSX)
- ✚ Continual monitoring of PA Legislative activities website and sharing of said actions with our regional partners
- ✚ The 2019 CODE EMS Conference again celebrated multiple successes, with an attendee rating of 89.43% positive, the conference featured fifty nine (59) exhibitors, fifty seven (57) educational sessions and awarded three thousand one hundred six (3106) continuing education credits to attendees
- ✚ Council supported Northampton County develop and secure approval for a County Wide EMS plan
- ✚ Council staff invested countless hours supporting our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with inventory, maintenance and preparation of assets
- ✚ Council staff assisted our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the delivery of emergency preparedness assets to Delaware County and other regions

- ✚ Council staff challenged with establishing goals and objectives for calendar 2020
- ✚ Staff supported the Bureau of EMS at the 2020 Farm Show hosted in Harrisburg
- ✚ The COVID 19 crisis impacted regional operations, however with the previous development and implementation of our organizational COOP plan, Council operations continued without disruption
 - Staff provided Aeroclave disinfection of EMS units and facilities, Council, Emergency Preparedness staff utilized the Aeroclave unit (March – April) to disinfect 42 EMS units, 13 EMS Stations and 4 law enforcement vehicles / facilities
 - Council identified multiple local subject matter experts for a COVID 19 Round table discussion, attendance exceed over 75 providers
 - Staff maintained twenty four – seven on-call status, ensuring availability to assist our partners
 - Staff assisted with PPE calculations and distribution
 - Staff re-designed Council website to maintain a focal point on COVID operations
 - Staff remained intimately engaged with our Healthcare Coalitions, Bureau of EMS and Emergency Management partners
 - Staff supported Bureau of EMS, Monroe County EMA and other partners establish an Alternative Care Site at the East Stroudsburg University during COVID 19 crisis
 - Council sponsored a financial assistance webinar for EMS providers to assist practitioners impacted by the COVID 19 workforce stoppage and furloughs
 - Council sponsored a mental health webinar for EMS practitioners during the COVID 19 crisis
- ✚ Council identified 1001 providers with no EMSVO endorsement, worked to assist as many as possible and as requested
- ✚ Supported Monroe County with modifications to EMS response areas for agencies
- ✚ Staff continues to participate in statewide MAC meetings and conference calls
- ✚ Staff continues to attend monthly county specific EMS association meetings
- ✚ Council hosted meetings with regional partners to review and comment on ASPR Triage criteria recently released
- ✚ Council Director continues to serve on the Burn Preventions Networks Spirit of Courage selection committee
- ✚ Council Director continues to serve with the PA Ambulance Association EMS Provider Foundation
- ✚ Council supported Weatherly Borough Manager following the sudden closure of Weatherly EMS (Carbon County)
- ✚ Staff worked with Tower Health, regions only AEMT training site, to prepare for the bridge training program for existing AEMTs
- ✚ Preparedness staff supported Lehigh County CERT team with a county training program
- ✚ Staff supported EMS Operations at the July 2019 Pocono NASCAR races
- ✚ Staff participated in Lehigh County Legislative Round Table event hosted by local EMS
- ✚ Staff participated in Lehigh County Chamber of Commerce Round Table discussion specific to EMS in Crisis program
- ✚ EMS Council maintains a robust internal Safety Committee team
- ✚ Statewide Regional Council Educational Coordinators meeting hosted at the Eastern EMS Council
- ✚ Staff maintains regular attendance with two (2) Health Care Coalitions
- ✚ Council sponsored and supported the EMS Memorial Bike Ride during its Eastern PA travels
- ✚ Staff modified the electronic licensure forms and submitted to the Bureau of EMS for distribution
- ✚ Staff participated in multiple regional table top and full scale exercises
- ✚ Council supported an EMS – Healthcare Network initiative specific to the ET3 program
- ✚ Council participates in inter-regional conference calls, sharing best practices and other enhancing information
- ✚ Council worked closely with the PA Turnpike Commission and other emergency service partners during a scheduled closure of the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike

- # Council continues to support a regional C.I.S.M. Team
- # Council supported multiple regional events through the provision of emergency preparedness assets, supplies and equipment
- # Council host both monthly and on-demand Basic Vehicle Rescue testing at the council office
- # Council staff, upon request, responds and assist to large scale events within the region
- # Council maintains participation in statewide ESF 8 Committee
- # Council convened conference call with all regional healthcare networks to discuss best practices for narcotics control systems
- # Council hosted VFIS sanctioned trailer operations program
- # Council remains engaged in the Statewide Advisory Council on Preparedness meetings
- # Council supported three (3) organizations pursuing educational institutions status
- # Director participated in a four (4) day training program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations
- # Council continues to enhance security features within office complex
- # Council office is a designated DOH Point of Distribution (POD), plan reviewed and updated

