



**Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018
Annual Report
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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

Joel C. Calarco & John Kloss

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

Bryan Evans

Presentation to Outgoing Board of Directors

Joel C. Calarco & John Kloss

(Joel C. Calarco, Cheryl MacDonald-Sweet, Bryan Evans, Maria Wescoe)

Report of Election

Joel C. Calarco

Adjournment

Joel C. Calarco

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	Maria Wescoe	Tony Tucci
Dr. Robert Tomsho	Anthony Martin	Joni Gestl
Jeff Knopf	Cheryl McDonald Sweet	Bryan Nelson
Adam Maziuk	Joel C. Calarco	Steve Ridgway
Bryan Evans	Charles Deprill	John Nespoli
Bryan Fritz	Rodney Wolfe	Shawn Silvoy
Dwight Bitting	Mark Wiekrykas	Donald DeReamus
Douglas Sargent	Thomas Decker	Amy Grill - Muzopappa
Dr. Aaron Ratner	Dr. Jonathan Trager	Edward Coleman

Regional Medical Directors

Dr. Alex Rosenau

Dr. Duane Siberski

Regional EMS Council Staff

John Kloss	Robert Kempf	Jason Smith
Christopher Confalone	Rachel Melendez	Larry Helwig
Joseph Solderich	April Zehr	

Eastern PA EMS Council Committee Chairpersons

**Performance Improvement &
ALS - BLS Committee**

Mr. Bryan Fritz

Education and Training

Mr. Jeffrey Knopf

EMS Managers Committee

Mr. Rodney Wolfe

Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Alex Rosenau

Dr. Duane Siberski

CODE EMS Conference

Advisory Panel

Mr. Bryan Evans Co-Chair

Mr. Dwight Bitting Co-Chair

Mr. Anthony Martin

Mr. John Kloss

Mr. Robert Kempf

Mr. Jason Smith

Mr. Adam Maziuk

Mr. Harry Moore

C.I.S.M. Team

Dr. Joanne Krug

Tactical EMS Team

Dr. Duane Siberski

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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Personnel	551,676	524,243
Subcontracted Services	138,788	145,364
Equipment	8,000	15,788
Supplies	10,768	19,931
Travel	5,750	4,289
Other Costs	177,464	187,557
	892,446	897,172

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

Medical Command Facilities inspected in this FY	13
Total Regional Medical Command Facilities	16
PA DOH Accredited Primary Stroke Centers in Region	11
PA DOH Accredited Comprehensive Stroke Centers	2
PA DOH Accredited Stroke Ready Hospitals	2
Regional Medical Advisory Committee Meetings	4
Regional Co-Medical Directors	2
Level 1 Trauma Center	2
Level 2 Trauma Center	1
Level 3 Trauma Center	1
Level 4 Trauma Center	1

Licensure Division – Operational Report

Agency - Vehicle Inspection and Licensure Report

Initial Inspection of Agency or Vehicles

<u>Services Licensed</u>		<u>Vehicles Inspected</u>
AIR	1	1
CCT	2	2
ALS	3	9
IALS	3	3
BLS	5	16
QRS	6	9
Total	20	40

Renewal of Agency License

<u>Services Renewed</u>		<u>Vehicles Inspected</u>
ALS	11	64
BLS	21	92
QRS	27	55
Total	59	211

New Licensed Vehicles

ALS	21
BLS	23
QRS	12
Total	56

Licensure applications processed (new, renewals and amendments)	98
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

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)	646
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	2908
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)	18
Paramedic	702
Pre-Hospital RN's	166
Pre-Hospital Physician Extender	4
Pre-Hospital EMS Physician	60
Total Practitioners	4504

Ancillary Services Provided to Regional Practitioners:

Photo identification cards issue	68
Endorsement applications submitted - finalized	44

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.

Educational Division - Operational Report

Educational Programs - Opportunities Provided

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

Miscellaneous

EMS Instructor Classes offered	1	
Basic Vehicle Rescue Classes offered	14	
Special Vehicle Rescue Classes offered	4	
BLS Psychomotor Examinations conducted	23	(665 candidates tested)
ALS Psychomotor Examinations conducted	3	
First class visit performed	42	
Educational institutes re-accredited	0	
Continuing Education Sponsor sites re-accredited	41	
New Continuing Education Sponsor sites added	5	
Continuing Education Workshops sponsored	1	
Sessions hosted during 2017 CODE EMS Conference	55	
Continuing Education Credit hours awarded during 2017 CODE EMS Conference	2968	

Continuous Quality Improvement

Regional Investigations authorized	16
Regional Investigations initiated and completed	11
Fatal Accident Reports (FARS) researched and filed	105
Motor Vehicle Accidents involving ambulances	45
EMS Personnel Injuries	23
Regional Performance Improvement Committee convened	4
Community Members Hands Only CPR program trained	2649

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 CTF 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 BHCRC 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.