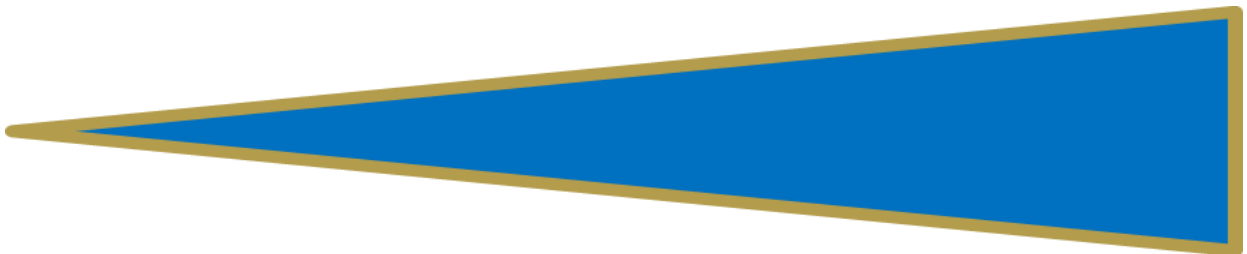


2018 - 2019 Eastern PA EMS Council

Annual Meeting

September 18, 2019



AGENDA

Welcome - Rodney Wolfe, President

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

Summary of Council Report F/Y 2018-2019

Rodney Wolfe & John Kloss

Committee Reports:

EMS Education and Training

Greg Drake

Performance Improvement and ALS / BLS

Bryan Fritz

Conference Advisory Panel

Dwight Bitting & Anthony Martin

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

Thomas Decker

Report of Election

Joni Gestl

Presentation to Outgoing Leadership

Rodney Wolfe & John Kloss

(Dr. Joanne Krug, Dr. Greg Palmer)

Special Presentation

John Kloss

Adjournment

Rodney Wolfe

Eastern PA EMS Council Officers, Board of Directors,

Medical Directors and Staff

Board of Directors - Officers 2018-2019

President - Rodney Wolfe

Vice President - Thomas Decker

Treasurer - Christopher Basile

Secretary - Joni Gestl

Executive Director - John G. Kloss

Regional EMS Council Board of Directors

James Conrad	Kerry Dempsey	Tony Tucci
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Jeff Knopf	Barbara Conrad	Bryan Nelson
Adam Maziuk	Rodney Wolfe	Steve Ridgway
Greg Drake	Charles Deprill	John Nespoli
Bryan Fritz	Eric Gratz	Shawn Silvoy
Dwight Bitting	Mark Wiekrykas	Donald DeReamus
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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. Greg Drake

EMS Managers Committee

Mr. Rodney Wolfe

Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Alex Rosenau

Dr. Duane Siberski

CODE EMS Conference

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Mr. Dwight Bitting Co-Chair

Mr. John Kloss

Mr. Robert Kempf

Mr. Jason Smith

Mr. Adam Maziuk

Mr. Harry Moore

Mr. Shawn Silvoy

Ms. Tara Henry-Morrow

C.I.S.M. Team

Dr. Joanne Krug

Tactical EMS Team

Dr. Duane Siberski

Message from our President Rodney Wolfe

Good evening and welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Eastern PA Emergency Medical Services Council. Tonight we gather in fellowship to celebrate the accomplishments of our previous year, and look forward to the challenges of the coming months. Our Council is fortunate to have active members from many disciplines that are passionate about Emergency Medical Services. Our members serve on National, State, Regional, and Local Committees involved in regulatory, education, delivery of care methodology, and quality of care enhancement. Our Regional Committee Chairs will present the progress we have made across the Commonwealth as well as Regionally on the challenges that we have encountered, as well as the initiatives that we have spurred. We will also celebrate the many accomplishments of the Council Career Staff, for it is through their daily dedication, leadership, guidance, and thoughtfulness that our region runs effectively and efficiently. Lastly, I wish to thank each and every member for the individual contribution that you make each and every day in every way to the System Designed to Save Lives.

Yours in Service,

Rodney Wolfe Jr

President

Eastern PA EMS Council



**Proudly Serving the Counties of Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe,
Northampton, Schuylkill and supporting Philadelphia County**

Financial Statement of Income and Expenses:

Eastern PA EMS Council, Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019

Non - Audited at Time of this Publication

	Final Budget	Expended
Personnel Services	\$606,575	\$600,879
Consultant Services	\$19,000	\$19,000
Subcontracted Services	\$95,180	\$95,180
Patient Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$7,800	\$7,731
Supplies	\$6,763	\$7,009
Travel	\$3,900	\$2,519
Other Costs	\$158,312	\$167,979
TOTALS	\$897,530	\$900,297

Regional Activities & Accomplishments

The Eastern PA EMS Council recognizes the importance of regional collaboration, supporting our regional EMS agencies and organizing and engaging in both EMS specific and other community events as will be identified in the following accomplishments.

- ❖ Engaged and partnered with multiple school districts across the six (6) county region providing CPR training to 6,781 students, an increase of 255% over the previous fiscal year
- ❖ Council staff monitored and supported legislation expanding CPR training into our schools systems and initiated dialogue with partners to establish CPR programs
- ❖ Engaged and partnered with multiple school districts across the six (6) county region providing Stop the Bleed training to 266 students
- ❖ Regional office continued to manage Emergency Preparedness SAF funds for the Bureau of EMS during FY 2018-2019
- ❖ Conference Advisory Panel expanded to include partners from Chester County
- ❖ Staff continually monitors Knowledge Center activities both on a regional and commonwealth platform
- ❖ Staff continues to attend quarterly state MAC meetings
- ❖ Staff participated in Bureau of EMS quarterly educational update meetings hosted commonwealth wide
- ❖ EMS Council coordinated acquisition of emergency response assets to be deployed across the commonwealth
- ❖ Staff continues to be represented at PEHSC quarterly meetings
- ❖ Staff participated in community based educational programs entitled Securing our Houses of Worship
- ❖ Coordinated the distribution of Naloxone for Monroe County, distributing over 312 doses
- ❖ Council based Emergency Preparedness Specialist attended and participated in Health Care Coalition and Task Force meetings across 21 counties
- ❖ Council based Emergency Preparedness Specialist responded to support events, operations or emergency request for assistance on three occurrences
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Office Administrative Assistant cross trained, capable of addressing educational questions from practitioners
- ❖ Council staff with varied work hours, effectively affording access to Council between the hours of 06:30 and 17:00 hours, including weekends for large scale inspections
- ❖ Council leadership implemented purchase order programs to further enhance internal checks and balances
- ❖ Council assisted multiple municipalities with EMS specific concerns or in the provision of education on EMS operations and functionality
- ❖ Council staff participated in multiple regional Active Shooter training programs
- ❖ Regional Disaster Operating Guidelines updated to reflect changes within the regions communications infrastructure
- ❖ Council continues to operate and support a regional CISM response team
- ❖ Staff supported the Bureau of EMS with educational programs at the PA Farm show event
- ❖ Staff participated in the Bureau of EMS Educational Manual revisions campaign
- ❖ Council shared Employee Manual with partnering regions to reduce redundancy and cost

- ❖ Council continues to host monthly evening Basic and Special Vehicle Rescue testing to support our volunteer fire agencies and practitioners
- ❖ Council continues to host a monthly internal safety committee meeting, with regularly scheduled facility inspections to solidify a safe workplace
- ❖ Council staff supported Bureau of EMS with the redraft of the Bureau of EMS Annual Report document
- ❖ Council staff supported EMS agencies with MCI training throughout the region
- ❖ Council expanded educational offerings, offering Council offices for external continuing educational programs
- ❖ Council hosted a two (2) day Blood Borne Pathogens program presented by Kathryn West
- ❖ Council continues to perform monthly regional Safety Inspections across the six counties
- ❖ Council partnered with Child Protective Services to host educational awareness program for our regional managers and practitioners
- ❖ Council was actively involved with assisting Lehigh Valley Health Network and Cetronia Ambulance license and dedicate the Commonwealth's first Mobile Stroke Unit
- ❖ Council hosted an annual Town Hall meeting with local Legislators, Bureau of EMS and the Fire Commissioners office
- ❖ Performance Improvement team continues to enlist EMS agencies into the CARES Registry program
- ❖ Staff actively promoting and supporting the required Transfer of Care program to our regions agencies and practitioners
- ❖ Staff supported a Red Cross Shelter Operations training program
- ❖ Council hosted and maintained website, effectively updating and modifying events, news and critical information with no inherent delays
- ❖ Council hosted and maintained Listserv, capturing vital information, events, educational offerings and other from regional partners and distributing to thousands of participants weekly. (Listserv, Weekly e-mail distribution)
- ❖ Council staff supports the ESF 8 sector during NASCAR Operations at the Pocono Raceway
- ❖ Hosted regional VFIS Risk Management program for regions EMS Leadership
- ❖ Hosted a regional OSHA Awareness training program for our regions EMS managers
- ❖ Initiated the development of a regional N-95 Train the Trainer program for our EMS agencies
- ❖ Region shall continue to support, via EMSOF funding, a regional 12 Lead ECG transmission campaign for an additional two (2) years
- ❖ Council participated in a working group to define a Knowledge Center dashboard for the capturing and sharing of vital data
- ❖ Council maintains an active social media presence, continually sharing information relevant to our constituents
- ❖ Council staff maintains a seat on the Ambulance Association of PA Scholarship committee
- ❖ Council initiated CMS based ET3 working group with regional EMS agencies
- ❖ Staff attended Warm Hand Off programs hosted in Bucks County
- ❖ Staff hosted a Psychological First Aid program in the region
- ❖ Staff attended and supported a two day Critical Decision, Complex Terrorist Attacks training program
- ❖ Staff attended Veterans Affairs budget hearings
- ❖ Staff maintains seat on the BPHP ESF-8 Working Group committee for Preparedness
- ❖ Staff continues to attend the meeting of the Statewide Advisory Committee for Preparedness
- ❖ Council staff attended Town Hall meetings specific to Emergency Department consolidations and or closing in Carbon County
- ❖ Council participated in a Public Health Law training program
- ❖ Staff assisted Bucks County with an MCI exercise conducted at the Parx Casino
- ❖ Staff participated in Health Care Coalition Table Top and Full Scale Exercises (FSX)

- ❖ Staff assisted Lehigh Valley International Airport with its annual Table Top Exercise (TTX)
- ❖ Council maintains seat on the Burn Prevention Networks annual Spirit of Courage Award nominating committee
- ❖ Staff continues to meet with educational institutes looking to enhance and improve the delivery of the highest quality educational offerings
- ❖ Staff assisted Monroe County PSAP in the updating of a county MCI response plan
- ❖ Regional EMS Managers committee continues to host offerings which support and enhance the leadership capabilities of our agency's managers
- ❖ Council maintained CODE EMS Conference social media outlet, monitored and updated on demand
- ❖ Participation in County specific EMS Association meetings
- ❖ Council fulfills pre-defined ESF-8 function at PSAPs – EOCs as requested during natural or man-made disasters and scheduled large scale gatherings throughout the region
- ❖ Council provides technical assistance and guidance to municipal government, leaders and partners on matters specific to EMS systems (Berks and Northampton Counties)
- ❖ Council hosted the annual CODE EMS Conference, offering over sixty (60) educational offerings over the course of 3 days. For more information on the CODE EMS Conference please visit www.codeemsconference.com
- ❖ Critical to operations is the timely and ease of accessibility for licensure requirements, Council staff (4) are cross trained and capable of fulfilling this need on demand
- ❖ The Council's relationship with the Philadelphia Fire Department warrants special mention. Understanding the dynamics of this high demand system, the Council frequently is requested to inspect a number of new, reserve, or temporary vehicles. These requests have been met typically with a response and completion within a twenty-four (24) time period
- ❖ EMS Council staff supported BPHP, the Bureau of EMS and other partners in the erecting, education and display of the Western Shelter, Point of Dispensing asset
- ❖ Council continues to partner with Center for Humanistic Change, Inc., providing opioid awareness education to our regional practitioners
- ❖ In cooperation with Tower Health, assisted Berks County with the expansion of CISM services

Medical Command facilities - Medical Direction

Medical Command Facilities inspected in this FY	3
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	3
Level 2 Trauma Center	0
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	2
CCT	1	2
ALS	1	1
IALS	4	4
BLS	4	8
QRS	5	7
Total	16	24

Renewal of Agency License

<u>Services Renewed</u>		<u>Vehicles Inspected</u>
AIR	2	7
ALS	18	170
BLS	16	146
QRS	32	74
Total	68	397

New Licensed Vehicles

ALS	1
BLS	8
QRS	7
Total	16

Licensure applications processed (new, renewals and amendments)	135
Total Regional EMS agencies	135
Total VRSR recognized agencies	6
Regional Safety Inspections total vehicles	47
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	35 (5 injuries)
Re-Inspection of agency post deficiencies	12

EMS Practitioners - Regional Overview

Total Practitioners Certified in Region

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)	646	539
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	2,908	2,658
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)	18	19
Paramedic	702	648
Pre-Hospital RN's	166	144
Pre-Hospital Physician Extender	4	5
Pre-Hospital EMS Physician	60	24
Total Practitioners	4,504	4,037

Ancillary Services Provided to Regional Practitioners:

Photo identification cards issue	84
Endorsement applications submitted - finalized	68

2019 CODE EMS Conference October 9, 10, 11, 2019



Conference Of Development & Education

Educational Division - Operational Report

Educational Programs - Opportunities Provided

Emergency Medical Responder Program (EMR)

Berks County	1
Lehigh County	2
Monroe County	0
Northampton	2
Schuylkill County	1
Total EMR Classes offered	6

Emergency Medical Technician Program (EMT)

Berks County	3
Monroe County	4
Northampton County	4
Lehigh County	5
Schuylkill County	2
Total EMT Classes offered	18

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	2	
Basic Vehicle Rescue Classes offered	15	
Special Vehicle Rescue Classes offered	4	
BLS Psychomotor Examinations conducted	17	(386 candidates tested)
ALS Psychomotor Examinations conducted	2	
First class visit performed	22	
Educational institutes re-accredited	5	
Continuing Education Sponsor sites re-accredited	28	
New Continuing Education Sponsor sites added	6	
Continuing Education Workshops sponsored	1	
Sessions hosted during 2017 CODE EMS Conference	56	
Continuing Education Credit hours awarded during 2017 CODE EMS Conference	2,621	

Customer Service remains the highest priority of the Eastern PA EMS Council

Continuous Quality Improvement

Regional Investigations authorized	15
Regional Investigations initiated and completed	13
Fatal Accident Reports (FARS) researched and filed	116
Motor Vehicle Accidents involving ambulances	35
EMS Personnel Injuries	5
Regional Performance Improvement Committee convened	4
Community Members Hands Only CPR program trained	6,781

Emergency Medical Services Operating Funds (EMSOF)

Provider Services

The Regional EMS Council EMSOF Advisory Panel supported one (1) initiative in Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019.

The Eastern PA EMS Council solicited licensed EMS agencies from across the six (6) county region in a collaborative effort to afford the continuance of a regional 12 lead ECG transmissions campaign. This initiative would allow for the purchase of updated transmissions modems and an additional two years of data via a wireless carrier. This campaign resulted in providing financial assistance to thirty-three (33) ALS agencies.

Overall, this initiative resulted in the investment of \$95,404.20 from EMSOF Funds in fiscal year 2018-2019

Additionally, the remaining balance of 40% that each agency was required to cover was offset significantly through the generous support of the following healthcare networks:

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Penn State St. Josephs Campus

Tower Health

On behalf of our EMS System, we thank you for your support in the continuance of this valuable pre-hospital initiative.

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. Edward Coleman	Lehigh County
Mr. Mehmet Barzev	Monroe County
Ms. Maria Wescoe	Northampton County
Mr. Stephen Bobella	Schuylkill County

Emergency Preparedness Activities

Emergency Preparedness Specialist Program Accomplishments:

Emergency Responses:

Allentown Vehicle Bombing (tents, generators)	Eastern PA EMS Council Region	October 2018
Lehigh Valley Inter. Airport HVAC Failure	Eastern PA EMS Council Region	January 2019
Lehigh County MCI (support staff)	Eastern PA EMS Council Region	May 2019

Tabletop Exercises / Tests

Health Care Coalition (NE) redundancy Comms test		monthly
ASPR North Central HCC communications test		monthly
Health Care Coalition (East Central) redundancy communications test		monthly
Bureau of EMS Statewide redundancy communications test (monthly)		
Palmerton EMS Tabletop facilitator		Sept 2018
Monroe County Ambulance Assoc. MCI Table Top facilitator		January 2019
Northern Valley EMS Active Shooter Exercise facilitator		May 2019
Healthcare Coalition surge test tabletop Northeast HCC		June 2019

Functional / Full Scale Exercises

Healthcare Coalition Surge Test Preparedness, ASPR East Central HCC		Sept 2018
Healthcare Coalition Surge Test Preparedness, ASPR Northeast HCC		Dec 2018
EMS MCI Functional Exercise Monroe County Ambulance Assoc.		March 2019
TRANSCAER Functional Exercise East Central HCC, Luzerne County LEPC		May 2019
Healthcare Coalition Surge Test Full Scale (MSEC Deployment), ASPR NE HCC		June 2019

Training - Facilitate / Support

Psychological First Aid (American Red Cross) EMS Council Region		July 2018
KC-HIMS for EMS Eastern PA EMS Council Region		Feb 2019
MGT348 Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents North Central HCC		March 2019
Emergency Operations Planning Course (Tioga) ASPR, North Central HCC		April 2019
Emergency Operations Planning Course (Wyoming) ASPR Northeast HCC		April 2019
Strike Team Leader training program (3 days)		June 2019

Training - Attended

Russian Activity against Critical Infrastructure, Preparedness, Mitigation Webinar	July 2018
Chemical Safety & Security Workshop Northeast Task Force	August 2018
USPS BDS Training Northeast HCC	Sept 2018
Mass Fatality Training Lehigh County	Nov 2018
Special Event Risk Management Training Lehigh County	Nov 2018
KC - HIMS Advanced Training ASPR North Central HCC	Nov 2018
ICS-30 PA EMS Strike Team	Jan 2019
ASPR Healthcare and Public Health Risk Identification and Site Criticality (RISC)	
Toolkit Webinar	Jan 2019
ICS-400 PA EMS Strike Team	Feb 2019
MGT317 Disaster Management for Public Services	March 2019
G235 Emergency Planning PEMA County EMA Certification	March 2019
PER-335: Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	March 2019
G393 Hazard Mitigation for Emergency Managers PEMA County EMA Certification	April 2019
L548 & L550 Continuity of Operations Managers Training Course, COOP	April 2019
Public Health Emergency Law Training Eastern PA EMS Council Regional	April 2019
G205 Recovery from Disaster the Local Government Role County EMA Certification	April 2019
G271 Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness PEMA County EMA Certification	May 2019
G272 Warning Coordination Preparedness PEMA County EMA Certification	June 2019
L984 All-Hazards Position Specific Task Force/Strike Team Leader EMS Strike Team	June 2019

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:

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