



2019 - 2020 Eastern PA EMS Council

Virtual Annual Meeting

September 16, 2020

AGENDA

Welcome - Rodney Wolfe, President

- July meeting minute's approval
- New membership applications review
- July - August financial report - approval

Summary of Council Report F/Y 2019 - 2020

Rodney Wolfe & John Kloss

Committee Reports:

EMS Education and Training

Greg Drake

Performance Improvement & 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.

Joyce Dawley

EMS Leadership Committee

Anthony Tucci

Special Committees / Task Forces

Tactical EMS (TEMS)

Dr. Duane Siberski

Nominating Committee Report

Edward Coleman

Report of Election

Edward Coleman

Report of Proposed Bylaw Change

Edward Coleman

Presentation to Outgoing Leadership

Rodney Wolfe & John Kloss

Special Presentation

John Kloss

Nomination of Board Officers

Rodney Wolfe

Q & A from our Membership

Open Dialogue

Adjournment

Rodney Wolfe

Eastern PA EMS Council Officers, Board of Directors,

Medical Directors and Staff

Board of Directors - Officers 2019 - 2020

President - Rodney Wolfe

Vice President - Thomas Decker

Treasurer - Christopher Basile

Secretary - Edward Coleman

Executive Director - John G. Kloss

Regional EMS Council Board of Directors

Tara Henry Morrow	Kerry Dempsey	Anthony Tucci
Dr. Robert Tomsho	Anthony Martin	Joel Calarco
Jeff Knopf	Barbara Conrad	Bryan Nelson
Adam Maziuk	Rodney Wolfe	Steve Ridgway
Greg Drake	Maria Wescoe	Bryan Evans
Bryan Fritz	Eric Gratz	Shawn Silvoy
Dwight Bitting	Mark Wiekrykas	Donald DeReamus
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Dr. Aaron Ratner	Dr. Jonathan Trager	Edward Coleman

Regional Co - Medical Directors

Dr. Alex Rosenau

Dr. Duane Siberski

Regional EMS Council Staff

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

Eastern PA EMS Council Committee Chairpersons

Performance Improvement ALS - BLS Committee	Mr. Bryan Fritz
Education and Training	Mr. Greg Drake
EMS Leadership Committee	Mr. Anthony Tucci
Medical Advisory Committee	Dr. Alex Rosenau Dr. Duane Siberski
CODE EMS Conference Advisory Panel	Mr. Anthony Martin Co-Chair Mr. Dwight Bitting Co-Chair
EMS Council Finance Committee	Mr. Chris Basile
C.I.S.M. Team	Ms. Joyce Dawley
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, albeit virtually, to celebrate the accomplishments of our previous year. In 2019, we looked forward to the challenges of the upcoming year and this will be no different. While 2020 is being defined by many as a year that has provided us with challenges “the likes of which we have never seen before”, it is only in sum. When we look at each individual task that was set before us, there was nothing too extraordinary that could not be solved with communication, collaboration, and focus.

To paraphrase Brooke Westcott, Black Swan Events do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to our eyes. 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. It is this passion that pushes the spirited conversations that have driven so many statewide initiatives for better pre-hospital care and responder safety.

Tonight, we will celebrate our accomplishments, achieved in the face of uncertainty. We will also look forward, as the coming months and years will be difficult to navigate. Some of the unknowns in our future involve the funding of resources, as the budget is still not clearly defined. We expect to see continued changes in our fundamental processes due to COVID, such as education and social experiences.

As I conclude six years of service on this board and the privilege of serving as President for the past two years, I have no doubt that the strength of this membership; the ingenuity of the committee members; the dedication of the Board Members; and the leadership provided by John will provide for the future of our region and the Eastern PA EMS Council.

It has been my distinct honor to work in service for everyone, and I am truly humbled by the experiences. This organization could not operate without the dedication of its members or the Council Staff, and with thanks to John, Jason, Bob, Rachel, Larry, April and Chris, for the many projects both inside and outside of our Region that are so successful.

In closing, I ask that we take a moment to remember all those EMS Providers, family, and friends that we have lost during this past year.

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 2019 - 2020

Non - Audited at Time of this Publication

	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

EMSOF Provider Services: 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	\$109,604.79
OSHA Training – Regional Fit Testing Train the Trainer Program	\$9,000.00
PPE For regional Training Program	\$3,683.76
Regional 12 Lead ECG Transmission Program	\$2,711.45
Total Reinvestment into EMSOF Provider Services (EMS Agencies)	\$125,000.00

Regional Activities & Accomplishments

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. These programs coordinated both the logistical placement of inventory, ordering, distribution, accountability, and management of funds.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>
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 Programs Coordination	\$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
- ❖ Council investigative staff performed 17 Bureau of EMS authorized investigations
- ❖ The Eastern PA EMS Council continues to partner with the Philadelphia Fire Department to provide licensure inspections of the department's 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 Tabletop 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 year 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 regional COVID 19 Round table discussion, attendance exceed over 75 EMS providers and leaders
- ❖ Staff maintained twenty-four – seven on-call status, ensuring availability to assist our partners
- ❖ Staff assisted with PPE calculations (burn rates) and distribution
- ❖ Staff re-designed EMS Council website to maintain a focal point on COVID 19 operations
- ❖ Staff remained intimately engaged with our Healthcare Coalitions, Bureau of EMS, and Emergency Management partners during COVID Operations

- ❖ 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 office
- ❖ 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 tabletops (TTX) and full-scale (FSX) exercises
- ❖ Council supported an EMS – Healthcare Network initiative specific to the ET3 program

- ❖ Council participates in inter-regional EMS Councils conference calls, sharing best practices
- ❖ 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 staff met with PA legislator to educate and promote proposed First Responder mental health programs
- ❖ 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 host both monthly and on-demand Special 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
- ❖ Council staff provided technical assistance (local entities and elected officials) on eight (8) occurrences
- ❖ Council staff engaged in six (6) Legislative Inquiries or Contacts



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 New Agency & New Vehicles

<u>Services Licensed</u>	<u>Vehicles Inspected</u>
AIR 0	0
CCT 0	0
ALS 9	18
IALS 0	0
BLS 2	4
QRS 0	0
Total 11	22

Renewal of EMS Agency License

<u>Agencies Renewed</u>	<u>Vehicles Inspected</u>
AIR 0	7
ALS 10	64
BLS 8	19
QRS 16	36
Total 34	126

New Licensed Vehicles

ALS 18
BLS 3
QRS 1
Total 22

Total regional EMS agencies	134
Total VRSR recognized agencies	6
Regional safety inspections total vehicles	62
Total new rescue agencies	0
Total new rescue agencies renewal	0
Total water rescue renewals	0
Total new water rescue agencies	0
EMS vehicles accidents reported	7
Re-Inspection of agency post deficiencies	3

EMS Practitioners - Regional Overview

Total Practitioners Certified in Region

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019 - 2020
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)	646	539	466
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	2,908	2,658	2735
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)	18	19	23
Paramedic	702	648	649
Pre-Hospital RN's	166	144	157
Pre-Hospital Physician Extender	4	5	6
Pre-Hospital EMS Physician	60	24	23
Total Practitioners	4,504	4,037	4059
Ancillary services provided to regional practitioners:			
Photo identification cards issue	67		
Endorsement applications submitted - finalized	74		

Educational Division - Operational Report

Educational Programs - Opportunities Provided

Emergency Medical Responder Program (EMR)

Berks County	0
Lehigh County	3
Monroe County	2
Northampton	0
Schuylkill County	0
Total EMR classes offered	5

Emergency Medical Technician Program (EMT)

Berks County	5
Monroe County	5
Northampton County	5
Lehigh County	8
Schuylkill County	3
Total EMT classes offered	26

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Program (AEMT)

Berks County	2
Total AEMT classes offered	2

Paramedic Program

Berks County	1
Lehigh County	1
Total Paramedic classes offered	2

Miscellaneous

EMS Instructor classes offered	4
Basic Vehicle Rescue classes offered	13
Special Vehicle Rescue classes offered	6
BLS Psychomotor examinations conducted	13 (259 students tested)
ALS Psychomotor examinations conducted	3 (27 students tested)
First class visit performed	18
Educational institutes re-accredited	2
Continuing Education sponsor sites re-accredited	18
New Continuing Education sponsor sites added	3
Continuing Education workshops sponsored	1
Sessions hosted during 2019 CODE EMS Conference	51
Continuing Education credit hours awarded during 2019 CODE EMS Conference	2727

Continuous Quality Improvement

Regional investigations authorized	17
Regional Investigations initiated and completed	17
Fatal Accident Reports (FARS) researched and filed	76
Regional Performance Improvement committee meetings	4
Community members Hands Only CPR program trained	4044
Community Stop the Bleed program trained	2131
Number of clinical cases reviewed by regional PI Cmt	124

Emergency Preparedness Activities

❖ Tabletop Exercises attended / conducted	5
❖ Full Scale / Functional Exercises attended / conducted	3
❖ EMS Special Event plans reviewed / submitted	2
❖ Preparedness staff responses / deployments	2
❖ Regional EMS Strike Teams	5

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	MESS trailers	
• Generators	Mobile generators	
• Heater trailer	MSEC trailers	
• HVAC units	Mobile surge tent systems	
• Light towers	Strike Team assets	
❖ COVID19 briefings, meetings, and conference calls		80
❖ Webinar(s) participation		2
❖ MSEC deployment to East Stroudsburg University (days)		70
❖ Emergency responses Aeroclave decon response		24
❖ General response heater trailer Delaware County		1/2020
❖ Functional / Full Scale Exercises support		4
• American Red Cross shelter exercise		6/2019
• Lead - LCCC Active Shooter exercise		7/2019
• Easton Hospital EMS tabletop exercise		7/2019
• Cybersecurity DeSales University tabletop		8/2019
❖ Health Care Coalition participation & exercise planning		9
❖ KC-HIMS training NC HCC cyber security symposium		1
❖ Planning meetings Palmerton active shooter		2
❖ American Red Cross shelter workgroup meeting closed		
POD planning with DOH		2/2020
❖ LCCC Active Shooter planning meeting		3
❖ LVIA triennial drill meeting		2
❖ Lehigh Valley disaster planning workgroup		2

- ❖ Tabletop exercises / tests 800 radio comms test 3
- ❖ EMS Council redundancy communications test 3
- ❖ Training / Support Suburban EMS MCI program 7/2019
- ❖ LTS EMS Strike Team Training 2/2020

The Eastern PA EMS Council appreciates the dedication and support provided by our countless committee members, committee chairpersons, Board of Directors, CISM team members, regional honor guard, Tactical EMS team, education testing staff, licensure inspectors, regional medical directors, agency medical directors, COVID Field testing teams, emergency preparedness team and the over 4000 EMS Professionals that deliver premier patient care under the most challenging of conditions.



Respectfully submitted by John G. Kloss