



EMS Information Bulletin 2023-10

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SUBJECT: Change in Leadership at the Bureau of EMS

TO: PA Regional EMS Councils
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As you may be aware, Dr. Aaron Rhone is no longer the Director of the Bureau of EMS (BEMS). The Department of Health (Department) would like to thank Dr. Rhone for his service, dedication, and commitment towards strengthening the EMS system in Pennsylvania, both as the Bureau Director and in his previous roles.

With the departure of Dr. Rhone, Ms. Sunny Podolak has been selected to serve as Acting Director of BEMS, effective today, June 12, 2023. Ms. Podolak has most recently been the Director of Quality Improvement and Performance Management in the Department's Office of Operational Excellence. She will ensure continuity of operations within the Bureau of EMS while the Department conducts a national search for a permanent Bureau Director.

The Department is committed to implementing initiatives that move the EMS system forward and protect the health and safety of all people in the Commonwealth.

Please direct communications to Acting Director Sunny Podolak at spodolak@pa.gov.