

EMS WEST

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2019-2020

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2019 – 2020
(Current as of June 30, 2020)

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Financial Statement of income and expenses:

During Fiscal year 2019-2020, EMS West received program funds in the amount of \$2,235,682 from the Department of Health and spent the entire amount to support the EMS system in sixteen counties. An independent financial audit will be completed in the fall of 2020.

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

EMS Update 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paul Colligan, Dr. Greg Hellier, David Lindell and Dr. Daniel Swayze received EMS Recognition Awards at the 2019 Annual Meeting held November 7 at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott.

Medical Direction

45 Medical Command Physicians were registered.

101 Medical Command Physicians were re-registered.

9 Medical Command facilities were renewed.

There are 39 medical command facilities in the region.

There are 17 PA DOH accredited primary stroke centers in the region.

The regional Medical Advisory Committee met 2 times.

Systems Operations

	<i>Initial</i>		<i>Renewal</i>		<i>New</i>
	<i>Service</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>
ALS	0	0	16	153	59
IALS	1	1			
BLS	0	0	14	21	5
QRS	3	3	49	66	12

139 licensure applications were processed.

301 total EMS agencies in the region - 136 transporting agencies, 139 QRS agencies, 11 Swiftwater rescue, 15 rescue, 3 air services

Total number of personnel (QRS, vehicle rescue, water) is 2,282 with 356 vehicles recognized.

Staff conducted 16 unannounced agency inspections.

Practitioner Services (numbers based on DOH EMSRS system)

Total In Region

EMR	504
EMT	6138
Advanced EMT	137
Paramedic	2058
Pre Hospital RN's	360
Pre Hospital Physicians	81
Pre Hospital Physicians Extender	13
EMS-Instructor	465
EMSVO only*	106
Medical Command Physician	545

(note: EMS instructors are dual certified)

*(*EMSVO denotes sole certification)*

249 EMS providers requested Certification by Endorsement; 89 became PA certified

67 Letters of good standing/verification sent to the Bureau to process (per protocol).

Management Systems

There were over 535,000 Patient Care Reports generated in the region and processed at region.

Most Common Medical Categories (as seen by EMS [excluding not applicable/not available/transfers]):

1) Sick person	18.6%
2) Fall Victim	7.1%
3) Breathing Problems	5.8%
4) Traumatic Injury	4.9%
5) Chest Pain	3.8%
6) Unconscious/Fainting	3.7%
7) Abdominal Pain	2.9%
8) Psychiatric Problem	2.4%
9) Traffic Accident	2.1%
10) Stroke/CVA	1.8%

Busiest time of the day for EMS calls is at 1500, followed by 1400, 1600 and then 1530.

Busiest day of the week is Friday, followed by Monday.

51.8% of calls are treated, transported by EMS. 1.2% of the patients seen (according to PCRs) require no treatment. 5.5% of the patients (according to PCRs) refuse care. 5% of EMS calls are canceled, 2.3% of patients are treated and released (95% per protocol) and .77% are DOA.

20% of patient destination basis is by patient choice. 20.2% of the time it is based on closest facility. 0.2% is based on insurance status and 0.26% was based on diversion status.

26 EMS agencies received 2019 American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS Performance Achievement Awards.

Education

18 EMR programs ran in the region

49 EMT programs ran in the region

10 AEMT programs ran in the region

7 Paramedic programs ran in the region

3 EMS-Instructor classes were held

30 Basic Vehicle Rescue classes and 5 Special Vehicle Rescue classes were held

70 PHRN applications received; 60 successful completions of the PHRN – BLS psychomotor exam; 24 successful completions of the PHRN – ALS cognitive exam. 3 paramedics were upgraded to PHRN.

12 PHRN Prepare classes held, 14 EMT prepare classes held

Conducted 39 BLS psychomotor examinations (746 candidates tested) and 7 ALS psychomotor examinations (119 candidates tested).

Conducted 99 class visits.

Continuing Education

1,960 Con-Ed courses were registered in the region with 36,179 students enrolled.

Allegheny County	895 Classes held	22261 students
Beaver County	6 Classes held	460 students
Butler County	112 classes held	1551 students
Cameron County	4 classes held	45 students
Clearfield County	78 classes held	744 students
Elk County	47 classes held	423 students
Fayette County	102 classes held	1659 students
Greene County	52 classes held	521 students
Indiana County	98 classes held	880 students
Jefferson County	51 classes held	549 students
Lawrence County	24 classes held	390 students
McKean County	54 Classes held	656 students
Potter County	13 classes held	100 students
Washington County	115 classes held	1534 students

953 Con-Ed by endorsement applications were processed.

Region conducted 23 Continuing Education Sponsor Workshops

25 continuing education sponsors were re-accredited. There are 205 sponsors in the region. Region approved 17 new sponsors.

Region approved 65 new continuing education course applications.

Region conducted 13 continuing education sponsor workshops.

Regional staff participated in 3 PA EMS Registry Update courses for practitioners

Continuous Quality Improvement

182 Fatal Accident Reports were submitted to the Bureau of EMS.

The regional QI committee met 4 times.

WMD/Emergency Preparedness Activities

The Covid-19 pandemic dominated preparedness activities. EMS West was actively involved in local, regional and state level communication and mitigation activities. EMS West participated in almost countless conference and video calls with EMS and healthcare entities region-wide on a daily and weekly basis as required. In addition, EMS West continues to participate with the Northwest Central PA Emergency Response Group, the Northern Tier Healthcare Coalition, the Southwest PA (Region 13) Task Force, the Region 13 Health and Medical Committee, the Southwest PA Healthcare Coalition, and numerous subcommittees of each. EMS West also continues to support the PA EMS Strike Teams in western Pennsylvania.