

EMS WEST

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2021-2022

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2021 – 2022
(Current as of June 30, 2022)

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Financial Statement of income and expenses:

During Fiscal year 2021-2022, EMS West received program funds in the amount of \$2,132,308 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 2022.

Regional Activities

EMS Update 2022 was held in person March 24, 25, and 26. 883 attendees participated, representing 45 PA counties. Participants also traveled from Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. Sixty-eight sessions were offered.

The 2021 Annual Dinner and Awards Recognition was canceled due to pandemic related meeting restrictions.

Medical Direction

48 Medical Command Physicians were registered.

129 Medical Command Physicians were re-registered.

10 Medical Command facilities were renewed.

There are 39 medical command facilities in the region.

The regional Medical Advisory Committee met 5 times.

Systems Operations

	<i>Initial</i>	<i>Renewal</i>
	<i>Service</i>	<i>Service</i>
ALS	1	30
IALS	28	0
BLS	2	14
QRS	14	65
AIR	1	0

170 licensure applications were processed.

326 total EMS agencies in the region - 136 transporting agencies, 153 QRS agencies, 12 Swiftwater rescue, 21 rescue, 4 air services

Total number of personnel on EMS Agency rosters is 5,236.

Staff conducted 18 unannounced agency inspections.

Practitioner Services (numbers based on DOH EMSRS system)

Total In Region

EMR	465
EMT	6132
Advanced EMT	172
Paramedic	2064
Pre Hospital RN's	403
Pre Hospital Physicians	100
Pre Hospital Physicians Extender	14
EMS-Instructor	574
EMSVO only*	114
Medical Command Physician	402

(note: EMS instructors are dual certified)

*(*EMSVO denotes sole certification)*

Management Systems

There were over 570,000 Patient Care Reports generated and processed in the region.

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

1) Sick person	20.5%
2) Fall Victim	7.9%
3) Breathing Problems	7.0%
4) Traumatic Injury	4.4%
5) Chest Pain	3.9%
6) Unconscious/Fainting	3.8%
7) Abdominal Pain	3.1%
8) Psychiatric Problem	2.3%
9) Traffic Accident	2.5%
10) Stroke/CVA	1.8%

Busiest time of the day for EMS calls is 1400-1500, followed by 1300-1400, 1200-1300 and then 1100-1200.

Busiest day of the week is Friday, followed by Wednesday and then Thursday.

71.1% of calls were treated and transported by EMS. 4.2% of the patients seen (according to PCRs) required no treatment. 5.2% of the patients (according to PCRs) refused care. 9.6% of EMS calls were canceled, 3.6% of patients were treated and released and 0.90% were DOA. Law enforcement transported 904 patients in the region.

23% of patient destination basis was by patient choice. 21.0% of the time it was based on closest facility. 6% was based on regional specialty care center, 7% based on patient's physician choice, 3.9% on family choice and 0.1% was based on diversion status.

Naloxone administration was higher on Saturday, followed by Friday and then Wednesday.

Education

NOTE: Many activities were adversely affected by Covid-19 restrictions

13 EMR programs ran in the region

70 EMT programs ran in the region

7 AEMT programs ran in the region

6 Paramedic programs ran in the region

4 EMS-Instructor classes were held; 70 EMS Instructors re-registered their credentials

35 Basic Vehicle Rescue classes and 9 Special Vehicle Rescue classes were held

29 PHRN applications received; 14 successful completions of the PHRN – BLS psychomotor exam, all 14 have been certified

8 PHRN Prepare classes held, 13 EMT Prepare classes held; 3 AEMT Prepare class held; 1 Paramedic Prepare class held

Conducted 60 BLS psychomotor examinations (1,174 candidates tested) and 17 ALS psychomotor examinations (200 candidates tested)

Conducted 79 class visits

9 Educational Institutes were reaccredited; 2 new Educational Institutes were accredited; 19 total Educational Institutes in the Region

Continuing Education

1,802 Con-Ed courses were registered in the region with 46,108 students enrolled.

Allegheny County	1030 classes held	28,752 students
Beaver County	66 classes held	562 students
Butler County	179 classes held	2,498 students
Cameron County	7 classes held	46 students
Clearfield County	65 classes held	662 students
Elk County	40 classes held	389 students
Fayette County	63 classes held	820 students
Greene County	84 classes held	691 students
Indiana County	72 classes held	806 students
Jefferson County	31 classes held	338 students

Lawrence County	40 classes held	861 students
McKean County	83 classes held	848 students
Potter County	16 classes held	114 students
Washington County	190 classes held	1,627 students

5,858 Con-Ed by endorsement applications were processed.

Certification by Endorsement – 172 requests; 109 providers completed the process

Verification of EMS Status and Letter of Good Standing – 64 processed

Region conducted 10 Continuing Education Sponsor Workshops

84 continuing education sponsors were re-accredited. There are 208 sponsors in the region. Region approved 7 new sponsors.

Region reviewed nearly 300 new continuing education course applications.

Reinstatements under 2020-05 exception

EMR-6

EMT-34

Paramedic-8

PHRN -3

302 reinstatement requests processed

Average age of reinstatements was 41.6 y/o; age range was 23 y/o to 67 y/o

Continuous Quality Improvement

119 Fatal Accident Reports were submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation | Bureau of Maintenance and Operations.

The regional QI committee met 4 times.

WMD/Emergency Preparedness Activities

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to dominate 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 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.