

# Southern Alleghenies EMS Council

## Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018

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**Financial Statement of income and expenses:** (please list below)

**See Attached Report-Attachment 1**

**Attached report represents unaudited income and expenses for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Any expenses above total grant amount will be allocated to corporate funds prior to conclusion of annual audit.**

## **Regional Activities/ Organizational Management**

Southern Alleghenies EMS Council, Inc. (SAEMS) has continued to provide assistance support and guidance in improving the EMS system in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset counties. SAEMS continues to collaborate with multiple EMS and non-EMS organizations in improving the EMS system.

Due to changes in the applications utilized by the Bureau of EMS to maintain and track personnel, licensure and PCR data, much of the information requested in the Annual Report format is difficult or unavailable. This remains problematic, as it becomes increasingly difficult to qualify and quantify the status of the EMS system on an on-going basis. Hopefully the updated applications will allow consistent and correct collection of data and statistics in the coming years.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, SAEMS hosted multiple continuing education courses for leadership as well as street level providers. Over 200 providers participated in these programs. Courses offered included:

- Fighting the Opioid Crisis from the Streets in collaboration with Blair County Drug and Alcohol;
- EMS Patient Safety Boot Camp through the Center for Patient Safety;
- Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist (CADS) through the National Academy of Ambulance Compliance; and
- Dispatcher Liability and Risk Management through Page, Wolfberg and Wirth.

As the coordinating council for the State Safety Initiative, SAEMS hosted the following programs: Two (2) Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Train-the-Trainer classes; two (2) Traffic Incident Safety Management classes at regional EMS conferences; and one (1) NAEMT Safety class, as well as worked with the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program to improve safe pediatric transport of children by EMS agencies. SAEMS also worked with PEHSC to present an EMS safety and self-defense program at the Statewide EMS Conference. SAEMS also provided support to the Bucks County Emergency Provider crisis line to support the statewide availability of a resource for emergency providers to contact in times of crisis, to address mental health issues and to interdict EMS provider suicide. Additionally, SAEMS provided drafts of motor vehicle crash and injury data collection to the Bureau for review.

SAEMS continues to work with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and PENNDOT to facilitate and encourage EMS agencies to participate in TIM training programs, including through the programs offered above, but also participating in the steering and education committees, and assisting with the development of the online TIM training program and the proposed TIM training center, to minimize the risk to providers while working on roadways.

SAEMS staff attended the EMS Update Conference hosted by EMS West, Symposium 2018 hosted by EMMCO West, and Statistical Analysis hosted at the EMS Charts Conference.

Two (2) staff attended the National Certified Investigator and Inspector Training through CLEAR Learning and are now certified investigators.

SAEMS hosted a legislative breakfast meeting, attended by about 60 providers, legislators, aides and other interested parties, involving local, state, and federal legislators along with EMS Agency Managers to discuss issues related to EMS.

SAEMS was chosen to become a Centralized Coordinating Entity for Bedford, Blair and Somerset Counties for the distribution of Naloxone. To date, SAEMS has distributed 188 boxes of naloxone, consisting of two 4mg doses each. Returned records to date indicate that 14 doses have been administered.

Staff has attended monthly or semi-monthly Drug and Alcohol Prevention meetings in Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset Counties, and has participated in educational programs hosted by both Blair and Cambria counties.

Staff have been involved as an EMS liaison with UPMC Bedford and local EMS agencies regarding transport concerns from the facility. Involvement has included monthly meetings, conference calls, and assisting in organizing a program through Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, *Planning for the Future: EMS/Hospital Relationships in the Age of Collaborative Healthcare*. SAEMS also analyzed interfacility transport data for the facility and EMS agencies to determine the scope of the issues, trends and specifics and developed a report for the involved EMS agencies and UPMC Bedford Memorial hospital.

Staff served on the organizational committee for the PA EMS Memorial Bike Ride and assisted with regional logistics. Staff also provided the ride with an EMS escort for the portion of the ride through the region.

The laurel Highlands CISM team, supported by SAEMS had provided CISM response within the region, but experienced difficulties with adequately trained personnel to be able to manage the needs of the region. Therefore, SAEMS is coordinating the re-organization of the CISM team to form the SAEMS CISM team which will serve EMS/fire, police and others (hospital staff, dispatchers, etc). To date, one basic and advanced CISM program has been conducted, and an additional one is scheduled.

Nason Hospital, in Blair County, has a foundation dedicated to improving health care in the area that Nason Hospital serves. SAEMS has partnered with the foundation to administer a grant to provide AEDs throughout the facility's service area. The foundation provides the funding, and our office purchases, distributes and assists with training for recipients. To date, four (4) AERD's have been distributed.

Region hosted communications meetings for county PSAPs, at which PSAPS and providers could discuss problems, solutions and opportunities for improvement as well as learn from each other. Discussion included development of interagency teams to support neighboring PSAP's during crises, disasters or other overwhelming incidents.

Region hosted regional Performance Improvement Committee meetings, which developed and distributed PI guide, and established PI projects to collect data and information on air medical response and transport as well as requiring ALS agencies to submit data to the Cardiac Arrest database (CARES)

Region hosted four (4) EMS Town Meetings to discuss the current status of EMS, compliance with regulations and to obtain feedback from providers on EMS within the region.

Region hosted bi-monthly Board of Directors meetings to conduct regular business of the council.

SAEMS hosted the Regional EMS Awards Banquet with 200 providers and guests attending. Awards were presented for Outstanding EMS Leader, Outstanding EMS Educator, BLS Provider of the Year, ALS Provider of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Cardiac Arrest Saves, and Stork Awards. The cost of this program and awards for recognition is completely supported through donations.

## Medical Direction

24 Medical Command Physicians were registered.

0 ALS providers were credentialed (paperwork submitted to office). (Agencies are no longer required to submit Medical command authorizations to Council Offices)

2 Medical Command facilities were renewed.

There are 9 medical command facilities in the region.

There are 2 PA DOH accredited primary stroke centers in the region.

The regional Medical Advisory Committee met 3 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	18	80	11

BLS	0	0	8	12	0
QRS	0	0	13	26	0

69 licensure applications were processed.

There are 93 currently licensed agencies within the region - 53 licensed EMS agencies, (19-BLS and 34-ALS) and 39 QRS agencies. One agency is currently licensed at the VRSR level.

There are 240 vehicles recognized within the region with the following distribution:

- VRSR 1
- QRS 63
- BLS 35
- ALS 141

Staff conducted 2 unannounced agency inspections.

0 new vehicle rescue service

0 water rescue renewal

0 new water rescue services

## Practitioner Services

Data for this section not available due to changes in data collection applications and reporting capabilities.

	<i>Certified This Year</i>	<i>Total In Region</i>
EMR	0	0
EMT	0	0
Advanced EMT	0	0
Paramedic	0	0
Pre Hospital RN's	0	0
Pre Hospital Physicians	0	0
Pre Hospital Physicians Extender	0	0
EMS-Instructor	0	0
EMSVO*	0	0

*(note: EMS instructors are dual certified)*

*(\*EMSVO denotes sole certification)*

0 photos and signatures were taken and placed on certification cards.

34 EMS providers requested re-registration packets; 0 achieved re-certification, 0 are still in the process of completing requirements

0 reciprocity packets were requested; 0 providers became PA certified (0 EMT and 0 Paramedic).

0 criminal history/driver's license suspensions investigated.

Attached report indicates students registered and certified during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.  
(Attachment 2)

## Management Systems

Southern Alleghenies EMS Council allows each agency to determine the best patient care reporting system for their organization. Unfortunately, this makes it difficult to provide aggregate information due to the lack of a centralized collection and reporting system through which all data is funneled. The majority of our agencies and majority of the records are received through EMSCharts, but that by no means represents the total data collected within the region, and therefore, as per the instructions provided about this report, we have not answered the questions below due to incomplete data.

The PCR Data Bridge does not provide appropriate reports as of yet, and is missing significant portions of data for the last fiscal year. This remains an ongoing concern that we are unable to utilize data to the extent that it should be used. This has been reported annually since the initiation of electronic data collection.

There were over 000,000 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]):

(please use your regions most common, these are just examples)

- |                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1) Sick person          | 00% |
| 2) Breathing Problems   | 00% |
| 3) Fall Victim          | 00% |
| 4) Traumatic Injury     | 00% |
| 5) Chest Pain           | 00% |
| 6) Traffic Accident     | 00% |
| 7) Unconscious/Fainting | 00% |
| 8) Abdominal Pain       | 00% |
| 9) Psychiatric Problem  | 00% |
| 10) Stroke/CVA          | 00% |

Busiest time of the day for EMS calls is between 0000 and 0000 with 0.0%. That is followed by 0000-0000, 000-0000, 0000-0000 and 0000-0000.

Busiest day of the week is xxxxx, followed by xxxxx.

00.0% of calls are treated, transported by EMS. Nearly 00% of the patients seen (according to PCRs) require no treatment. 0.0% of the patients (again, according to PCRs) refuse care.

00% of patient destination basis is by patient choice. 00% of the time it is based on closest facility and 00% of patients are transported to a destination based on patient's physician choice. 00% of the patients are transported to specialty resource centers.

Staff participated in 0 PCR vendor roll-outs.

0 EMS agencies received 2016 American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS Performance Achievement Awards.

## Education

3 EMR programs ran in the region

11 EMT programs ran in the region (please list all counties in region and how many per county)

Bedford	2	Huntingdon	1		
Blair	4	Somerset	2	Cambria	2
Fulton	0				

1 AEMT programs ran in the region

1 Paramedic programs ran in the region

0 EMS-Instructor classes were held

10 Basic Vehicle Rescue classes and 2 Special Vehicle Rescue classes were held

51 CPR classes at our office for healthcare providers.

0 PHRN applications received; 0 successful completions of the PHRN – BLS psychomotor exam; 0 successful completions of the PHRN – ALS cognitive exam. 0 paramedics were upgraded to PHRN.

Conducted 2 BLS psychomotor examinations (87 candidates tested) and 1 ALS psychomotor examination.

Conducted 12 class visits.

0 educational institute was re-accredited this year.

## Continuing Education

The following information is unavailable due to the change in the EMS registry program.

0 Con-Ed courses were registered in the region with 0 students enrolled.



#### Con-ed classes by county

Bedford	0	Fulton	0
Blair	0	Huntingdon	0
Cambria	0	Somerset	0

000 Con-Ed by endorsement applications were processed.

0 continuing education sponsors were re-accredited. There are 66 sponsors in the region. Region approved 0 new sponsors.

Region approved 0 new continuing education course applications.

Region conducted 12 continuing education sponsor workshops.

16 patient actors/EMT assistants participated in NREMT psychomotor exams and received continuing education endorsement for their participation.

#### Top fifteen continuing education sponsors by volume:

Statistics not available

#### Top ten continuing education classes offered:

Statistics not available

## Continuous Quality Improvement

6 complaints received at Region and investigated.

51 Fatal Accident Reports were researched.

0 accidents involving ambulances/EMS personnel were reported in the region.

The regional QI committee met 4 times.

## WMD/Emergency Preparedness Activities

32 Task Force Meetings were held; 4 Table Top Exercises were conducted; and 0 Full Scale Field Exercises were completed.

One of the mandated responsibilities of the Regional EMS Councils is to assist Federal, State or local agencies, upon request, in the provision of onsite mitigation, technical assistance, and situation assessment, coordination of functions or post-incident evaluations in the event of a potential or actual disaster, mass casualty situation or other substantial threat to public health. As part of its fulfillment of

these tasks, our personnel participated in the following meetings, exercises, events and real time disasters:

- Blair County 9-1-1 Planning Meetings
- Blair County LEPC Conference
- SCMRTF Symposium
- Support in multiple prom promise events
- SCMRTF Health Care Committee
- SCMRTF Health Care Coalition
- SCMRTF Board of Directors
- Region 13 Health and Medical Committee
- Region 13 Health Care Coalition
- SCMRTF EMS Committee
- Hyndman Train Derailment
- Creation Festival
- Active Shooter Rescue Task Force Training

SAEMS maintains emergency preparedness equipment for support and response to significant events, including:

- Medical Surge Equipment Cache (MSEC)
- Casualty Collection Point (CCP)
- Strike Team Trailer
- 2014 Kawasaki Mule with Med-bed Capability
- 8K Tow-behind Generator and Light Tower
- Utility Trailer 20 Foot
- Utility Trailer-Rehab 16 Foot

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**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES EMS COUNCIL, INC.**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
 July 2017 through June 2018

	BEMS-CONTRACT	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
41000 · Grant	544,583.62	544,583.62
<b>Total Income</b>	544,583.62	544,583.62
<b>Gross Profit</b>	544,583.62	544,583.62
<b>Expense</b>		
61000 · I.A. PERSONNEL SERVICES		
61100 · Staff Personnel	216,200.06	216,200.06
61200 · I.B. FRINGE BENEFITS	105,938.04	105,938.04
61000 · I.A. PERSONNEL SERVICES - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 61000 · I.A. PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>	322,138.10	322,138.10
62000 · III. SUBCONTRACT SERVICES		
62100 · Examination Services	12,628.11	12,628.11
62200 · Temporary Employment Services	804.74	804.74
62300 · Prehospital Providers	54,399.66	54,399.66
62500 · Statewide Safety Initiative	52,072.48	52,072.48
<b>Total 62000 · III. SUBCONTRACT SERVICES</b>	119,904.99	119,904.99
63000 · VI. SUPPLIES		
63100 · Office Supplies	7,924.67	7,924.67
63200 · Air Cards	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 63000 · VI. SUPPLIES</b>	7,924.67	7,924.67
64000 · VII. TRAVEL		
64100 · Mileage	1,436.61	1,436.61
64200 · Lodging	6,593.11	6,593.11
64300 · Sustenance	1,360.97	1,360.97
64500 · Parking & Tolls	570.33	570.33
<b>Total 64000 · VII. TRAVEL</b>	9,961.02	9,961.02
65000 · VIII. OTHER COSTS		
65050 · General Office Support	11,072.08	11,072.08
65100 · Emergency Preparedness	5,168.53	5,168.53
65200 · Operational Costs	24,284.95	24,284.95
65250 · EMS Education and Training Prog	7,541.77	7,541.77
65300 · Rent and Utilities	33,639.12	33,639.12
65350 · Audit Services	6,325.00	6,325.00
65400 · Insurance	11,459.00	11,459.00
65450 · Off. Equip Leases and Maint	15,294.12	15,294.12
65500 · ACCOUNTING SERVICES	6,000.00	6,000.00
65600 · IT Maintenance and Upgrades	22,895.48	22,895.48
65650 · Vehicle Expense	17,350.43	17,350.43
65700 · Tow-Behind Trailer Maintenance	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 65000 · VIII. OTHER COSTS</b>	161,030.48	161,030.48
<b>Total Expense</b>	620,959.26	620,959.26
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-76,375.64	-76,375.64
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-76,375.64</u>	<u>-76,375.64</u>

2017-2018 Education

Class #	Course	Location	Start Date	End Date	# Registered	# Completed	# Attempted Psychomotor Exam	# Passed Psychomotor Only	# Passed Cognitive Only	# Certified (Passed Both)
17-57-350	EMR	Altoona - IUP	7/29/2017	9/9/2017	9	6	6	4		2
18-57-231	EMR	HCCTC - HACC	1/8/2018	5/7/2018	9	6	3	1		
18-57-162	EMR	Windber - HACC	12/10/2017	3/17/2018	15	11	10	5	0	3
18-63-061	EMT	Altoona - YTI	7/26/2017	1/23/2018	3					
18-63-232	EMT	Altoona - YTI	1/25/2018	7/17/2018	4					
18-63-156	EMT	Altoona - HACC	1/27/2018	5/20/2018	6	5	4	4		1
18-63-063	EMT	Bedford - Bedford Amb	9/9/2017	2/24/2018	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
18-63-448	EMT	Bedford - Bedford Amb	4/28/2018	5/26/2018	11	9	9	4		5
18-63-155	EMT	Huntingdon - HACC	1/20/2018	5/20/2018	19	19	17	11		6
18-63-161	EMT	Johnstown - Conemaugh	11/6/2017	5/25/2018	16	13	12	2		8
18-63-185	EMT	Somerset - CCAC	1/18/2018	5/22/2018	19	13	12	4		8
18-72-062	Paramedic	Johnstown - Conemaugh	8/14/2017	8/9/2018	18					
Total					149	82	73	35		33

Attachment 2