



Southern Alleghenies EMS Council, Inc.

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Medical Direction

12 Medical Command Physicians were registered.

1 Medical Command facility was renewed.

There are 6 medical command facilities in the region.

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

The regional Medical Advisory Committee met three (3) times. One of these meetings was held in conjunction with physicians from EMMCO East and Southern Alleghenies.

Systems Operations

	<i>Renewal</i>		<i>New</i>
	<i>Service</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Vehicles</i>
BLS	8	15	6
ALS	15	70	14
QRS	13	25	5

There are one hundred and four (104) total EMS agencies in the region – Fifty-seven (57) licensed EMS agencies, 47 QRS agencies. Two (2) QRS and one ambulance agencies are also dual recognized through the VRSR program. Additionally there is one swift-water rescue agency and one independent rescue agency within the region.

SAEMS staff conducted 5 unannounced agency inspections.

2 new vehicle rescue service

1 new swift water rescue service

Practitioner Services

	<i>Certified This Year</i>	<i>Total In Region</i>
EMT	19	2769
Advanced EMT	1	1
Paramedic	6	477
EMS-Instructor	1	50

(note: EMS instructors are dual certified)

4,268 certified practitioners in the region; 3,699 BLS providers; 569 ALS providers

45 photos and signatures were taken and placed on certification cards outside of the certification classes.

Management Systems

There were over 74,000 Patient Care Reports generated in the region and processed at SAEMS.

Patient care reporting is split between several different vendors, the primary vendor being EMSCharts, followed by MedMedia/Intermedix with the remainder submitted through vendors with a smaller catchment of agencies.

The variation in vendors makes it difficult to evaluate data consistently and across vendors without a common system to report on data collected.

Staff participated in PCR vendor demonstration.

Staff assisted one new vendor in receiving BEMS recognition as an approved vendor.

Education

1 EMR program ran in the region.

9 EMT programs ran in the region:

Bedford 1	Fulton 0
Blair 3	Huntingdon 1
Cambria 3	Somerset 1

1 Paramedic program ran in the region.

7 Basic Vehicle Rescue classes and 2 Special Vehicle Rescue classes were held.

SAEMS conducted 4 BLS psychomotor examinations and 1 ALS psychomotor examination.

SAEMS conducted 10 first class visits.

One educational institute was re-accredited this year & one new educational institute was accredited.

Hosted 4 Educational & Logistic Committee meetings.

Sponsored a BLS Evaluator Update Refresher.

Continuing Education

553 Con-Ed courses were registered in the region with 7802 students enrolled.

Con-ed classes by county

Bedford 1153	Fulton 201
Blair 1022	Huntingdon 944
Cambria 2572	Somerset 1910

13 continuing education sponsors were re-accredited. There are 66 sponsors in the region.

SAEMS approved 17 new continuing education course applications.

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

SAEMS hosted 13 continuing education classes for the providers in the region.

SAEMS staff participated in the DOH EMSRS beta testing project.

Continuous Quality Improvement

55 Fatal Accident Reports were researched.

The regional PI committee met six times.

The regional PI committee established regional Performance Improvement goals and an agency PI kit that was distributed to all agencies.

WMD/Emergency Preparedness Activities

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, SAEMS in conjunction with the PA Department of Health, and the Bureau of EMS actively participates with the Region 13 Task Force and the Southcentral Mountain Task Force, as well as with

Emergency Management officials throughout the region. During the past year, our personnel participated in the following meetings, exercises, events and real time disasters:

- Altoona Curve Hazmat Drill
- Albemarle Chemical Plant Exercise
- Johnstown Airport Drill
- The Medical Reserve Corp RSS Training Exercise
- Blair County 9-1-1 Planning Meetings
- Huntingdon LEPC Conference
- Blair County LEPC Conference

SAEMS staff participated on Region 13 EMS Committee, MMRS Health & Medical subcommittee and Steering Committee, Southcentral Mountain Executive Committee and EMS Committee, and Blair County LEPC.

Four (4) Communications meetings were held.

Organizational Management/Regional Activities

SAEMS hosted the Regional EMS Awards Dinner/Dance with 225 providers and/or family members attending. Awards were presented for Outstanding BLS & ALS providers, Outstanding EMS Leader, Outstanding Community Service (agency & individual), Outstanding EMS Educator, Outstanding Dispatcher, Cardiac Arrest Saves, & Lifetime Achievement Award.

Three (3) Community Outreach and Marketing meetings were held.

SAEMS hosted Leadership Training for all agency leaders. 44 leadership personnel participated.

SAEMS staff participated in LODD training in Harrisburg.

SAEMS staff participated in EMS Night the Bedford Speedway & EMS Night with the Altoona Curve as well as other agency and education institute events.

SAEMS co-sponsored CISM peer training.

SAEMS staff helped staff the event and attended the 2014 EMS Update Conference held at Seven Springs.

LODD Support

Staff provided support and coordination for a line-of-duty death that occurred in the Johnstown area. Staff responded to the scene and provided support to family and EMS agencies, including coordination of funeral and CISM resources. Staff continues to work with the family to apply for and coordinate Federal and Commonwealth LODD benefits.

Organizational Activities

Due to pending funding decreases in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Board of Directors directed that the number of regional council staff be decreased from 6.5 FTE's to 5 FTE's resulting in the separation of a full-time Operations Officer and part-time Receptionist.

In another cost-reduction measure, the Council offices were relocated resulting in a significant cost savings from the previous location.

Additional measures to minimize cost and maximize efficiency are being evaluated and continue, including the cooperation and coordination efforts through the affiliation with EMSI and EMMCO East regional councils.

During Fiscal year 2014-2015, the Institute received a total budgeted amount of \$627,660 from the Department of Health and spent the entire amount to support the EMS system in its six-county region. An independent financial audit will be released in the fall of 2015.

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