



Southern Alleghenies EMS Council, Inc.
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

SAEMS Board of Directors 2016-2017

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Annual Report Fact Sheet

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Medical Direction

12 Medical Command Physicians were registered.

One (1) new Medical Command facilities was inspected.

There are seven (7) currently recognized medical command facilities in the region, with an additional three (3) facilities in the application process.

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

The regional Medical Advisory Committee met two (2) times.

Systems Operations

	Renewal Services	Renewal Vehicles	New/Replacement Vehicles
BLS	12	22	5
IALS			1
ALS	6	26	12
QRS	12	11	4
Critical Care Unit			1
Total	30	59	23

There are one hundred and four (104) total EMS agencies in the region with 247 vehicles – Fifty-five (55) licensed BLS/ALS agencies, 45 QRS agencies. Two (2) QRS agencies are also dual recognized through the Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition (VRSR) program. Additionally, there are two (2) non-EMS rescue agencies within the region.

Staff attended two (2) day licensure training program in Harrisburg.

Practitioner Services

	Certified This Year	Total In Region
EMR	7	277
EMT	28	1370
Advanced EMT	2	5
Paramedic	10	298
PHRN	0	54
Physician		11
EMS-Instructor (EMS-Instructors included in BLS and ALS provider counts)	0	48

According to the EMS Registry maintained by the Bureau of EMS, there are 2,013 certified practitioners in the region.

Education

There were 9 EMS certification courses conducted within the region, with three (3) of these courses being offered as blended programs, combining internet based lectures and learning tools with practical hands-on sessions.

One (1) EMR program ran in the region:
Huntingdon 1

Seven (7) EMT programs ran in the region:
Bedford 1 Fulton 0
Blair 1 Huntingdon 1
Cambria 2 Somerset 2

BLS Certification Results

Class Type	Eligible to Test	Passed Psychomotor Exam	Passed Cognitive Exam	Certified	Percentage Certified
Blended EMT	25	13	9	9	36%
Classroom EMT	46	33	19	19	41%
Total EMT:	71	46	28	28	39%
Blended EMR	18	16	7	7	39%
Total EMR:	18	16	7	7	39%

One (1) Paramedic program ran in the region.

SAEMS conducted four (4) BLS psychomotor examinations testing eighty-seven (87) candidates and one (1) ALS psychomotor examination.

SAEMS conducted nine (9) first class visits.

One (1) organization is currently in the application process for recognition as an educational institute.

Conducted one (1) BLS Evaluator update session.

Staff participated on the statewide ALS exam Quality Assurance Committee for the new ALS exam format.

Southern Alleghenies EMS Council continues to offer scholarships for EMS certification programs. The scholarship is managed by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and provides financial support for EMS education at both the BLS and ALS levels.

Southern Alleghenies EMS Council Board of Directors continues to utilize EMSOF funds to provide test vouchers for the cost of the cognitive examination to improve the number of personnel attempting the exam.

Staff participated in multiple EMS Registry development sessions.

Continuing Education

474 Con-Ed courses were registered in the region with 7307 students enrolled.

Con-ed participants by county

Bedford 1048	Fulton 171
Blair 987	Huntingdon 833
Cambria 2514	Somerset 1754

Thirteen (13) continuing education sponsors were re-accredited along with one (1) new sponsor. There are 67 sponsors in the region.

SAEMS approved twenty-eight (28) new continuing education course applications.

Twenty-three (23) patient actors/EMT assistants participated in NREMT psychomotor exams and received continuing education endorsement for their participation.

SAEMS hosted five (5) continuing education classes for the providers in the region.

Seventy (70) CPR courses were coordinated through the Southern Alleghenies EMS Council AHA Training Center.

Staff participated in two (2) statewide training programs for PA TRAIN administration.

Continuous Quality Improvement

Forty-even (47) Fatal Accident Reports were researched. Forty-five (45) were returned completed.

Six (6) Vehicle Accidents were reported from agencies.

Bedford 1
Cambria 4
Huntingdon 1

The regional PI committee met five (5) times.

The regional PI committee established regional Performance Improvement goals including CARES participation, and CPAP usage tracking and air medical usage tracking.

The Committee has been visiting EMS agencies to help develop and improve their Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) plans.

Management Systems

There were approximately 83,000 Patient Care Reports generated in the region and processed at SAEMS. Approximately 44 percent of responses are ALS emergencies, and 33 percent are BLS emergencies.

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 such as Firehouse.

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

Staff attended BEMS PCR Bridge training at EMSI.

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:

- Blair County Airport Drill
- Blair County 9-1-1 Planning Meetings

- Huntingdon LEPC Conference
- Blair County LEPC Conference
- Active Shooter Tabletop and multiple trainings
- SCMRTEF Rescue Task Force education
- SCMRTEF Symposium
- Support in multiple Prom Promise type events
- SCMRTEF Health Care Committee
- SCMRTEF Health Care Coalition
- SCMRTEF Board of Directors
- Region 13 Health and Medical Committee
- Region 13 Health Care Coalition
- Cambria-Somerset Health Care Disaster Preparedness Committee
- SCMRTEF EMS Committee
- Support to Trump campaign event at Blair County Convention Center.

Staff attended approximately 51 emergency preparedness related meetings and events.

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

Organizational Management/Regional Activities

SAEMS hosted the Regional EMS Awards Dinner/Dance with 150 providers and/or family members attending. Awards were presented for Outstanding EMS Leader, Outstanding EMS Educator, Outstanding Telecommunicator, BLS Provider of the Year and ALS Provider of the Year, Cardiac Arrest Saves, & Stork Awards for assisting in delivering infants in the field.

SAEMS hosted Beyond the Streets Leadership Training by Fitch and Associates for all agency leaders. Fifty (50) leadership personnel participated.

SAEMS staff attended the 2016 EMS Update Conference held at Seven Springs in cooperation with EMSI and EMMCO East.

SAEMS hosted a legislative breakfast meeting involving local, state and federal legislators along with EMS Agency Managers to discuss issues related to fire and EMS.

Staff assisted Cambria County EMA and County Commissioners with meeting related to EMS financial status, recruitment and retention of personnel.

Staff attended multiple Drug and Alcohol and Overdose Prevention meetings in Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset counties.

Staff presented EMS Safety and Crime Scene program in conjunction with Bedford County Coroner and PA State Police.

Staff supported and assisted with regional logistics for inaugural PA EMS Memorial Bike Ride.

Region hosted quarterly communications meetings for county PSAPs.

Region conducted quarterly Board of Directors meetings.

LODD Support

Staff continued to provide support and coordination for a line-of-duty death that occurred in the Johnstown area. Staff continues to work with the family to apply for and coordinate Federal and Commonwealth LODD benefits, and attended the National EMS Memorial in Washington D.C. in support of the family. Final Federal benefits received in May 2017 for LODD on March 2, 2015.

Safety Initiative

At the request of the Bureau of EMS, SAEMS initiated the Statewide EMS Safety initiative that initially focused on Traffic Incident Management Training (TIM). Since the initial training, the proposed workplan to continue the initiative has not been approved by the Bureau.

Cost Saving and Consolidation

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; Seven Mountains EMS Council, LTS EMS Council and EMMCO West EMS Council regional councils.

At the direction of the Bureau of EMS, Southern Alleghenies continues to evaluate cost-saving and consolidation possibilities with surrounding regions and conducted a meeting with EMSI, EMMCO East, EMMCO West and Seven Mountains EMS Councils to discuss possible opportunities. The Board of Directors continues to evaluate possible options.

During Fiscal year 2016-2017, SAEMS received a total budgeted amount of \$568,245 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 2017.

The budget amount awarded to Southern Alleghenies EMS Council continues to decrease on an annual basis. The following represent the total contract amount for fiscal years 2010-2017:

Fiscal Year	BEMS Contract Amount
2010-2011	\$922,633
2011-2012	\$807,369
2012-2013	\$793,396
2013-2014	\$709,494
2014-2015	\$627,660
2015-2016	\$589,783
2016-2017	\$568,245

Regional Projects-Prehospital Provider Equipment/EMSOF

The Board of Directors of Southern Alleghenies EMS Council have determined that the most appropriate use of Prehospital Provider (EMSOF) funds is through regional projects that provide benefit to a large portion of the region. The original budgeted amount for Prehospital Provider Equipment (EMSOF) in the 2016-2017 fiscal year was \$20,000. Through cost savings and reallocations, the total funds expended in the EMSOF category was \$62,791. The Board approved the following regional projects:

- NREMT Testing Vouchers to assist students with the cost of the NREMT cognitive examination;
- Leadership Training-Conducted course which 50 management level providers attended focused on management and supervision, including recruitment and retention of personnel;
- Scholarships for EMS Educators to attend NAEMSE courses and/or the annual symposium to improve certification training within the region;
- CO Monitors-safety related program to ensure that each agency has access to CO monitors for their first-in bag to warn of high CO levels;
- Transfer of Care Forms-purchase of TOC forms to minimize the cost to agencies of these forms;
- Two (2) Pediatric safe transport devices for each transport ambulance agency in the region to assist agencies in meeting the new equipment requirement;
- One (1) additional tactical tourniquet for each EMS unit in the region to assist agencies in meeting the new equipment requirement.

Staff

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