



PEHSC

Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council



**PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

Your Voice In EMS.

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Mission

- **To serve as an independent advisory body to the Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to emergency health services**
- **To foster improvements in the quality and delivery of emergency health services throughout the Commonwealth**



History

- **1974 - Formed and Incorporated**
- **1985 - Recognized as the official EMS advisory body to the PA Department of Health (Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985)**
- **2009 – Re-authorized as the official EMS advisory body to the PA Department of Health (Emergency Medical Services Act of 2009)**



We Represent...



EMS



- ❖ EMS Agencies
- ❖ ALS and BLS Providers
- ❖ Patients



Throughout Pennsylvania



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How is PEHSC funded?

- **Contracted by the PA Department of Health**
- **EMSOF is source of Funding**
- **No fees or dues are charged to PEHSC's member organizations or individuals to participate**



Council Members are Organizations Not Individuals



140 Members



- Ambulance Services
- Hospitals
- Health Care Providers
- Fire/Rescue
- Other Agencies Interested in PA's EMS System





Affiliate Members

**Over 200
Members**

- **Can be an organization or individual**
- **Access to valuable information resources**
- **Target group for polling on a variety of issues**



Board of Directors

- **Serves as the official advisory body to the Department of Health on EMS issues**
- **Comprised of at least 30 Council organizations**
- **Board Elects Executive Committee**
 - ❖ **President**
 - ❖ **Vice President**
 - ❖ **Secretary**
 - ❖ **Treasurer**
 - ❖ **Two (2) At-Large Members**



Board of Directors / Council Membership

- Multi-disciplinary member organizations involved with emergency health issues, to include representation from:
 - American Heart Association
 - American Red Cross
 - American Trauma Society – PA Chapter
 - Ambulance Association of PA
 - All Regional EMS Councils in PA
 - Hospital and Healthsystem Association of PA
 - American College of Emergency Physicians
 - PA Trauma Systems Foundation
 - PA Fire and Emergency Services Institute



Other Partner Relationships

- Office of Rural Health
- HRSA via the National EMS for Children Project
- Healthcare Coalitions – Preparedness
- State Fire Commissioner's Office
- NAEMT
- PEMA 911 Advisory Board
- Volunteer Loan Assistance Program - VLAP



Advisory Function

- **Responsive to provider issues through a group consensus process**
- **Fosters system improvements through grassroots participation on inter-disciplinary committees and issue-driven task forces – yields official recommendations or educational initiatives**
- **Develops formal recommendations for system improvements that are approved by the PEHSC Board of Directors prior to being sent to the PA Department of Health for consideration**
- **Reviews and educates the legislature on proposed bills and current system needs via testimony and stakeholder meetings**



Committees & Task Forces

The dedicated professionals who volunteer their time each year are the backbone of the Council. These volunteers are comprised of council members, affiliate members and other subject matter experts from the community. The value they bring to the Council and EMS systems through their recommendations is priceless. The estimated volunteer hours provided by these dedicated professionals to attend meetings and other activities for 2023 is 2122.

- **Critical Care**
- **Special OPS EMS**
- **Education**
- **EMS for Children**
- **EMS Law**
- **Medical Advisory**
- **State EMS Plan**
- **EMS Operations**
- **EMS System Opportunities Workgroup** – focused on workforce impacts



Current Projects

- **Wilderness and Tactical Medic Integration**
- **Critical Care – SOP, Education Integration**
- **Efforts to enhance EMS Funding sources and Staffing**
- **Clinical Protocol Reviews/Updates – SOP, Drugs and Devices**
- **Clinical Research Project and Pilot Project Review**
- **National EMSC Project Initiatives**
- **PA State EMS Awards – presented annually**
- **Annual EMS Week Recognitions: House/Senate/Governor**
- **Opportunities recommendations to support staffing**



Annual EMS Conference

- **Held Annually in the Fall, the 2023 program will be the 45th Annual State Conference**
- **National-Level Speakers**
- **Wide Range of Clinical and Non-Clinical Topics**
- **CEU Credits Available**
- **VIRTUAL Format - Live and Recorded to maximize participation**
- **More info at www.PAEMSconference.org**



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