



Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council



Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Corporate Report

To the PEHSC Board of Directors

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“Your Voice In EMS”

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Mission

The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. The core mission of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council is to serve as an independent advisory body to The Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to Emergency Medical Services. As an advocate for its diverse member organizations, PEHSC's ultimate purpose is to foster improvements in the quality and delivery of emergency health services throughout the Commonwealth.

Vision

Pennsylvania will be a national leader in developing a unified system of high quality emergency medical services and other health services. In partnership with other organizations statewide that are involved with emergency services, PEHSC's role includes a heightened emphasis on advocacy and legislative liaison, outcomes research, system finances and development, public education, and resources to enhance organizational management.

Core Values

Service • Diversity • Objectivity • Responsiveness • Synergy

History

PEHSC was formed and incorporated in 1974. In 1985, the Council's Board of Directors was recognized as the official EMS advisory body to the Pennsylvania Department of Health through the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985 and reauthorized in Act 37 of 2009.

Funding

The Council is partially funded through a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. PEHSC does not charge any fees or dues to its member organizations.

Advisory Function

The Council's cornerstone is the grassroots provider network, which meet to discuss statewide issues. These grassroots providers generate recommendations for consideration by the PEHSC's Board. These recommendations ultimately lead to the delivery of formal recommendations to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The volunteer, grassroots participation of pre-hospital providers throughout the Commonwealth gives EMS a voice in decision making at the state level. The volunteer involvement of providers in the PEHSC process has saved the Commonwealth thousands of dollars in personnel costs, as the PEHSC members often prepare statewide documents and/or educational programs to support recommendations. Interested providers may apply for membership to PEHSC Task Forces by completing an application. Task Forces are established either on a long term or short term basis and are either focused on a specific issue or general topic area.

Composition

The Council is an organization-based, non-profit corporation consisting of 87 organizations representing every facet of EMS in Pennsylvania. Each organization appoints a representative and one alternate to serve on the Council. Our member organizations include representatives of ambulance services, hospitals, health care providers, and firefighters among others.

Albert Einstein Medical Center	National Ski Patrol
Allegheny County EMS Council	Non Profit Emergency Services of Beaver Co.
Allegheny General Hospital	North American Ambulance Alliance
Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania	Northeast PA Volunteer Ambulance Association
American Heart Association – PA/DE Affiliate	PA Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
American Medical Response Mid Atlantic, Inc.	PA Athletic Trainers’ Society, Inc.
American Red Cross	PA Chapter, American College of Emerg. Phys.
American Trauma Society - PA Division	PA Committee on Trauma – ACS
Best Practices of PA	PA Firemen’s Legislative Federation
Bethlehem Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.	PA Medical Society
Bradford/Susquehanna EMS Council	PA Neurosurgical Society
Bucks County EHS Council, Inc.	PA Orthopedic Society
Bucks County Squad Chief’s Association	PA Osteopathic Medical Association
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western PA	PA Psychological Association
Chalfont EMS	PA Society of Internal Medicine
Chester County Department of Emergency Svcs.	PA Society of Physician Assistants
Chester County EMS Council	PA State Nurses Association
City of Allentown EMS	PA State University
City of Pittsburgh EMS	PA Trauma Systems Foundation
Columbia Quick Response Service	Philadelphia Firefighters Union Local #22
County of Schuylkill - Office of Public Safety	Philadelphia Paramedic Association
Danville Ambulance Service	Philadelphia Regional EMS
Delaware County EHS Council	Philadelphia University
Eastern Lebanon County School District	Second Alarmers EMS & Rescue
Eastern PA EMS Council	St. Luke’s Regional Trauma Center
Emergency Health Services Federation, Inc.	Seneca Area Emergency Services
Emergency Medical Services Institute	Seven Mountains EMS Council
Emergency Medical Services of Northeastern PA	Southern Alleghenies EHS Council
Emergency Nurses Association	Southern Chester Co. EMS, Inc.
EMMCO East	Southwest Ambulance Alliance
EMMCO West	Star Technical Institute - EMS Division
First Aid and Safety Patrol of Lebanon PA	State Firemen’s Assoc. of PA
Fraternal Association of Professional Paramedics	Suburban EMS
Harrisburg Area Community College	Susquehanna EHS Council
Hershey Medical Center	Susquehanna Health System
Hospital & Healthsystem Association of PA	Tioga County EMS Council
JeffSTAT	UPMC Presbyterian
JR Henry Consulting, Inc.	VFIS/Education and Training Services
Lancaster County EMS Council	Valley Ambulance Authority
Lewistown Hospital ALS, Medic 29	VMSC of Lower Merion and Narberth
LTS EMS Council	Washington County EMS Council
Montgomery County Regional EMS Office	Westmoreland County EMS Council
Murrysville Medic One	York Hospital
National Collegiate EMS Foundation	

Affiliate Council

This group is comprised of organizations or individuals who are considered to be members of the Council without voting privileges.

7th Ward Civic Association Ambulance Service	Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute
Acute Care Medical Transports Inc.	Goshen Fire Company
American Health Medical Transport	Greater Pittston Ambulance & Rescue Assn.
American Life Ambulance LLC	Guardian Angel Ambulance Service Inc.
American Patient Transport Systems, Inc. (APTS)	Hamburg Emergency Medical Service, Inc
Auburn Fire Company Ambulance Service	Hamlin Fire & Rescue Co.
Blakely Borough Community Ambulance Association	Harmony EMS
Borough of Chambersburg Fire Department	Hart to Heart Ambulance Service Inc.
Brownsville Ambulance Service Inc.	Haverford Township Paramedic Department
Buffalo Township Emergency Medical Services	Health Trans Ambulance
Burholme EMS	Honesdale Volunteer Amb Corps, Inc.
Canonsburg General Hospital EMS	d/b/a Honesdale EMS
Centre County Ambulance Association	Honey Brook Ambulance Association
Central Medical Ambulance Service	Hose Co #6 Kittanning Ambulance Service
Cetronia Ambulance Service	Irvona Volunteer Ambulance Service
Citizens' Ambulance Service	Jacobus Lions Ambulance Club
Citizens Volunteer Fire Company	Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance Association
Clairton Volunteer Fire Dept.	Jessup Hose Co No 2 Ambulance Association
Clarion Hospital EMS	Karthaus Ambulance Service
Community Ambulance Association Ambler	Kecksburg VFD Rescue Squad
Community College Beaver County	Kutztown Area Transport Service, Inc.
Community Life Team	Lack Tuscarora EMS
Conemaugh Township EMS Inc.	Lackawanna Ambulance
Corry Ambulance Service, Inc.	Lawn Fire Co. Ambulance
Cresson Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	Lehigh Carbon Community College
Delaware County Community College	Lehighton Ambulance Association, Inc.
Delaware County Memorial Hospital EMS	Liverpool Emergency Medical Services
Dover Area Ambulance Club	Lower Kiski Ambulance Service Inc.
Duryea Ambulance and Rescue Association	Loyalsock VFC #1 EMS Division
Eastern Area Prehospital Service	Manheim Twp. Ambulance Assn.
Elizabeth Township Area EMS	Manheim Veterans Memorial Ambulance Assn.
Elysburg Fire Department EMS	McConnellsburg Fire Department
Emergycare, Inc.	Med-Van Transport
Em-Star Ambulance Service	Memorial Hospital EMS
Factoryville Fire Co. Ambulance	Meshoppen Fire Company
Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Midway Volunteer Fire Company
Forest Hills Area Ambulance Association, Inc.	Milmont Fire Co. EMS
Franklin and Northmoreland Twp. Ambulance Assn.	Muncy Township Volunteer Fire Company
Gilbertsville Area Community Ambulance Service	Myerstown First Aid Unit
Girardville Ambulance Service	Nazareth Ambulance Corps.

Newberry Township Fire & EMS	Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, Inc.
Northampton Community College	Russell Volunteer Fire Department
Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Service	Scott Township Emergency Medical Services
Northeast PA Volunteer Ambulance Association	Snow Shoe EMS
Northwest EMS Inc.	Somerset Area Ambulance
Northwestern Ambulance Corps.	South Central Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Norwood Emergency Medical Services	Southern Berks Regional EMS
NovaCare Ambulance	Springfield Ambulance Association
Orwigsburg Ambulance Inc.	Springfield Hospital EMS
Penn State Hershey Life Lion EMS	Stat Medical Transport, LLC
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Superior Ambulance Service Inc.,
Pike County Advanced Life Support, Inc.	Susquehanna Township Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department	Temple Health System Transport Team, Inc.
Pomeroy Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 Ambulance	Trans-Med Ambulance, Inc.
Portage Area Ambulance Association	Trappe Fire Company No. 1 Ambulance
Pottsville Area Emergency Medical Services, Inc.	Tri-Community South EMS
PRISM Health Services	Valley Community Ambulance
ProMobile Transportation, Inc.	Veterans Memorial Ambulance
Providence Township Ambulance	Western Alliance Emergency Services, Inc
Quick Response Service Medical Transport	Western Berks Ambulance Association
Regional EMS	Westmoreland County Community College
Regional EMS & Critical Care, Inc.	White Oak EMS
Rices Landing Volunteer Fire Department	Yoe Fire Co. Ambulance Service Inc.
Robinson Emergency Medical Services, Inc.	

Board of Directors

Each year, the Council elects a Board of Directors, comprised of at least 30 of the organizations represented by the Council. The Board of Directors serves as the official advisory body to the Pennsylvania Department of Health on EMS issues. The Board is responsible to elect the Council officers, which include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers, two At-Large Board Members, and the Immediate Past President also comprise the Council's Executive Committee.

Allegheny County EMS Council	Douglas Garretson
Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania	Donald DeReamus
American Heart Association – PA/DE Chapter	Jennifer Ebersole
American Red Cross – PA/DE Affiliate	Patricia Mullins
Bradford/Susquehanna EMS Council	Thomas Brandt
Chester Co. Dept. of Emergency Services	Edward Atkins
City of Allentown EMS	David Van Allen
City of Pittsburgh EMS	Robert McCaughan
Eastern PA EMS Council	Everitt Binns
Emergency Medical Services Institute	Thomas McElree
Emergency Nurses Association	Kay Bleecher

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Hershey Medical Center
Hospital & Healthsystem Association of PA
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Pa Chapter, ACEP
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation
Philadelphia University
Southern Alleghenies EMS Council
Southwest Ambulance Alliance
State Fireman's Association
Susquehanna Health System
Tioga County EMS
UPMC Presbyterian
Valley Ambulance Authority
York Hospital

Donald Fortney
William McClincy
John Glass
Jerry Ozog
Dr. Steven Meador
Kirsten (Saweikis) Sullivan
Robert Lordo
Dr. Arthur Hayes
J. David Jones
Juliet Geiger
Jean Bail
Sandra Jablonski
JR Henry
James McCusker
Charles Stutzman
John Getty
Myron Rickens
Melvin Musulin
Dr. Daniel Bledsoe

PEHSC Executive Committee

J.R. Henry

Jean Bail, Ed.D., MSN, CEN, EMT-P

Charles Stutzman

J. David Jones

John J. Glass, Jr.

Ronald Roth, MD, FACEP

Arthur Hayes, MD, FACEP

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Member-at-Large

Member-at-Large

Immediate Past President



PEHSC Staff

PEHSC employs a staff of six, which includes a full time Executive Director. The professional staff members have extensive experience as prehospital providers, administrators and educators. The staff is responsible for coordinating and administering the activities of the Council and its committees/task forces, as well as providing technical expertise to Pennsylvania’s EMS community.

Janette Swade	Executive Director
Donald Potter	EMS System Specialist
Stephen Mrozowski	EMSC Program Director
Paige Jordan	EMS Specialist
Patricia Morrison	Office Manager
Jean Gochenauer	Administrative Assistant


Executive Offices

The Council’s executive office is located at 600 Wilson Lane, Suite 101, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. The Council maintains a toll-free telephone number in Pennsylvania (1-800-243-2EMS) to respond to thousands of inquires each year for information.

Electronic Media

The Council maintains several websites as well as other types of electronic communications:

EMS BOOKMARKS

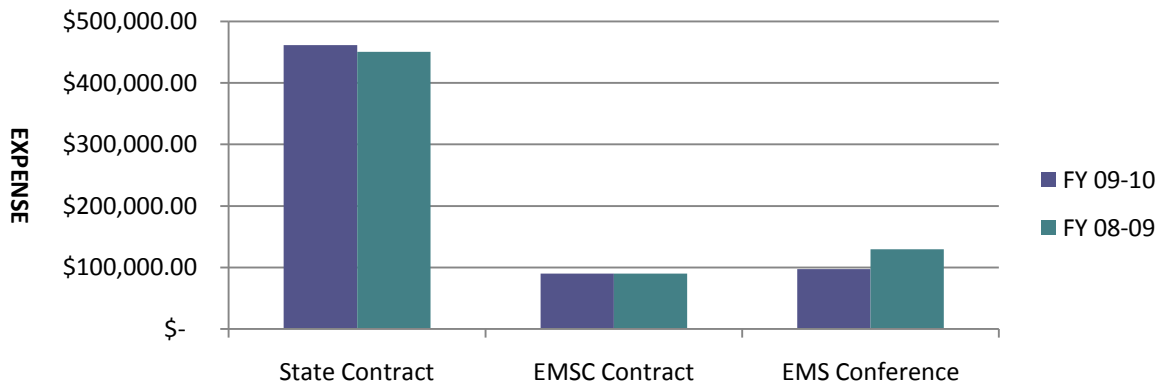
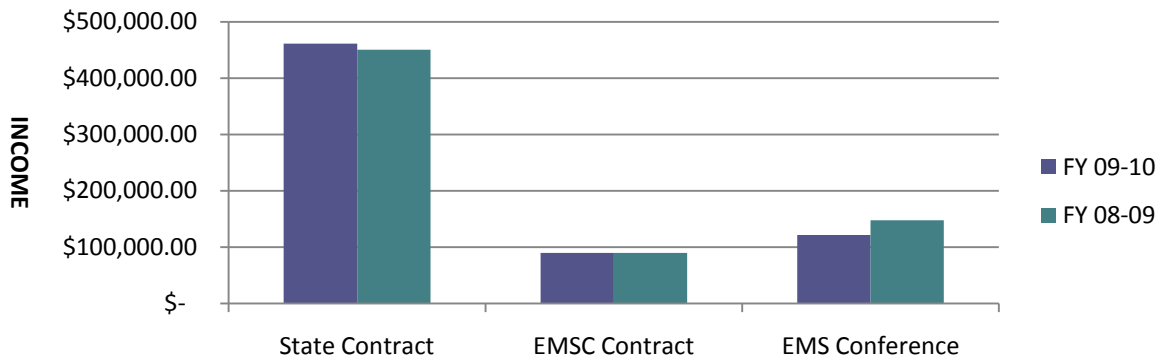
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<p>PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE</p> <p>EMS for Children (EMSC)</p> <p>www.pehsc.org/ems_children.htm</p>	<p>GO TO: WWW.PAEMSINFO.PEHSC.ORG</p> <p>For Alerts, Department of Health Information Bulletins, Policies, Regulations, and Urgent Messages</p>	

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Financial Information

Note: Complete PEHSC financial audits are available by request as prepared by McCarthy & Shea, P.C. Certified Public Accounts, Harrisburg, PA.

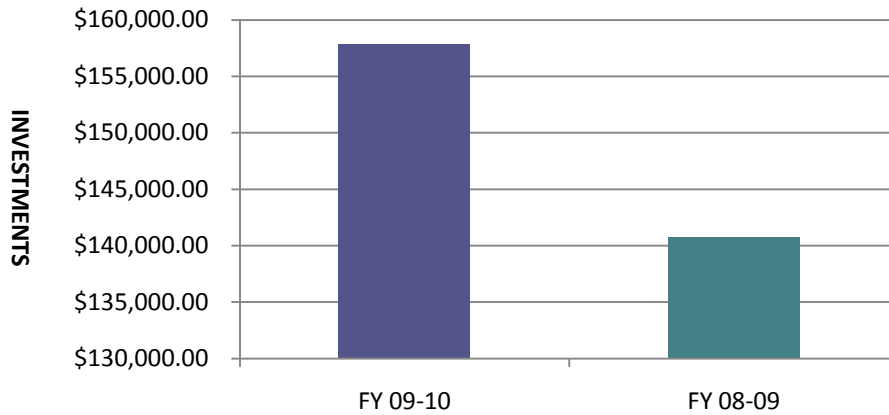
Income and Expense Comparison

	FY 09-10	FY 08-09	Net Change	% of Change
State Contract:				
Income	\$463,710.00	\$450,204.00	\$10,931.00	3%
Expense	\$463,710.00	\$450,204.00	\$10,931.00	3%
EMSC Contract:				
Income	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Expense	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0%
EMS Conference:				
Income	\$121,787.10	\$147,910.00	(\$26,122.90)	-18%
Expense	\$100,167.02	\$129,497.00	(\$29,311.98)	-23%



Investment Account

	FY 09-10	FY 08-09	Net Change	% of Change
Balance as of Fiscal Year End	\$157,890.00	\$140,733.00	\$17,157.00	12%



Committee and Task Force Meetings

Board of Directors/Council:

Chair - JR Henry

October 28, 2009; December 9, 2009; March 17, 2010; June 9, 2010

Air Medical Task Force:

Chair - Duane Spencer

November 4, 2009; March 26, 2010; May 12, 2010

Communications Task Force:

Chair - Melvin Musulin

November 12, 2009

Critical Incident Stress Management Committee:

Chair - Roy Cox

April 1, 2010

EMS for Children Advisory Committee:

Co-Chairs - Elizabeth Evans, RN and Kristen Johnson-Moore, RN

September 17, 2009; November 19, 2009; February 18, 2010; March 4, 2010; April 26, 2010; May 20, 2010

EMS Information Task Force:

Chair - Christopher Heile

September 9, 2009; November 10, 2009; December 16, 2009

Executive Committee:

Chair - JR Henry

July 29, 2009; January 25, 2010; February 22, 2010; March 29, 2010; April 26, 2010; June 28, 2010

Medical Advisory Committee:

Chair - Dr. Michael Reihart

July 15, 2009; October 15, 2009; January 13, 2010; March 11, 2010; April 20, 2010

Nursing Advisory Committee:

Chair

March 30, 2010

Rules and Regulations – Act 37 Task Force:

Chair – David VanAllen

June 24, 2010

State EMS Development Plan Task Force:

Chair - Everitt Binns, PhD

September 29, 2009; October 29, 2009; December 10, 2009; January 14, 2010; March 24-25, 2010; April 15, 2010; May 26, 2010

Recommendations Approved by the Board of Directors

As forwarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Official Response

VTR# 1009-01 New Drug Approval Process & Timeline

Recommendation

The Department of Health should accept the proposed process and timeline for the addition of new drugs to the list of approved medications for ALS ambulance services.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation as a process PEHSC will use in making recommendations for adding medications to the List of Medications published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. This recommended process will not replace the procedure for evaluating new drugs or pilot projects using the research protocol guideline published in the EMS regulations.

VTR# 1009-02 Vecuronium

Recommendation

The Department of Health should not add Vecuronium to the list of Approved Medications for ALS Ambulances for use during interfacility ALS transports.

Department of Health Response

Measure tabled by PEHSC Board of Directors, referred back to the Medical Advisory Committee. This measure is currently under consideration by a workgroup developing a program for paramedic expanded of practice in critical care ground and air transport settings.

VTR# 1009-03 Blast Injury Protocol

Recommendation

The Department of Health should accept and implement the ALS and BLS Blast Injury Protocol prepared by the Commonwealth EMS Medical Director.

Department of Health Response

The Department accepts this recommendation and has added these protocols to the Bureau's internet page.

VTR# 1209-01 Prehospital Use of Pulse CO-Oximetry

Recommendation

The Department of Health should amend the current scope of practice of all Pennsylvania Department of Health certified/recognized EMS providers to permit the optional use of the pulse CO-oximeter device.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation as the beginning of the process to permit the use of pulse CO-oximetry. The Department accepts the offer from PEHSC to provide staff to develop draft protocols, procedures and training modules to be used by prehospital providers using pulse CO-oximetry devices. Once statewide protocols have been processed through the appropriate committees and reviews, the Department will update the scope of practice to reflect this change.

VTR# 1209-02 Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Guideline

Recommendation

The Department of Health should accept and implement the “Incident Rehabilitation Guideline” for use by Pennsylvania EMS agencies.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this as the beginning of the process to include an Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Guideline in the statewide protocols. The Department will add this guideline to the next version of the statewide protocols.

VTR# 1209-04 Statewide Protocols on EMS Vehicles

Recommendation

The Department of Health should require Pennsylvania licensed/recognized EMS vehicles in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to maintain a copy of the current version of the statewide protocols on every vehicle operated by an EMS agency.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation and will implement this requirement on the effective date of the next version of the statewide protocols.

VTR# 0310-01 Pulse CO-Oximetry Protocol

Recommendation

The Department of Health should accept and implement the optional statewide treatment protocol regarding the use of the pulse CO-oximeter device by Pennsylvania EMS providers.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation as a component of the process to permit the use of the pulse CO-oximetry. Once the statewide protocols have been processed through the appropriate committees and reviews, the Department will update the scope of practice to reflect this change.

VTR# 0610-01 Ambulance Equipment List ChangesRecommendation

The Department of Health should make the following changes to the list of “Required Ground and Air Ambulance Equipment and Supplies.”

- Modify the requirements for pediatric BVM masks to read: pediatric masks to include neonatal, infant, and child sizes.
- Modify the requirements for nasopharyngeal airways to read: 5 different sizes to include at least one between size 16-24 fr. and one between size 26-34 fr.
- Modify the requirements for oropharyngeal airways to read: 6 different sizes to include at least one size 0-1, one size 2-3, and one size 4-5.
- Add “at least two syringes of assorted sizes, including at least one with a 1cc volume.”

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation as part of the process to update the ambulance equipment list. Once the statewide protocols have been processed through the appropriate committees, the Department will include the update of the Ambulance Equipment List to reflect this change.

VTR# 0610-02 State EMS PlanRecommendation

The Department of Health should accept the final draft of the “2010 Pennsylvania State EMS Plan” in an effort to conduct an internal review and to identify indicator priorities for final plan development by the PEHSC State Plan Task Force. The final draft document is 254 pages in length and covers 10 EMS system component areas.

Department of Health Response

Pending

Additional Projects by PEHSC Committees, Task Forces, and Staff

PEHSC Continuity of Operations Plan – The plan required by the Council’s contract with Department of Health was updated during the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and forwarded to the Department of Health.

PA EMS Flag – The new PA EMS Flag was unveiled at the 32nd Pennsylvania State EMS Conference. Flag order forms have been made available on the PEHSC website homepage, and a wide-distribution email was sent to EMS services regarding the flag followed by a postcard mailing to all ambulance and QRS services. Each regional EMS council was supplied with a flag for display at their respective offices. A ceremonial version of the EMS flag and casket drapes was also purchased; these items will be staged at the PEHSC and BEMS office in case of a line-of-duty death. Ordering information for the ceremonial flag and casket drape was also distributed to the regional EMS council directors.



Penn State University Research Project – PEHSC assisted Penn State University-Harrisburg, School of Public Affairs, to design and distribute a survey to gather financial data from Pennsylvania ambulance services. The project, entitled Measuring the Financial Viability and Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Rural Pennsylvania, was funded by the Center for Rural PA and involved sending a detailed survey to 420 pre-selected ambulance services. The project’s principal investigator, Dr. Jill Schuman-Rumberger, will, using in-depth data analysis provide valuable insight into the future viability of Pennsylvania’s EMS services, particularly those serving in rural areas of the Commonwealth.

EMS for Children Project

Through the contract with the Department of Health, the Council employs a full-time EMSC Program Director to manage the EMS for Children grant, which is awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Activities of the EMSC program are guided by federal performance measures, which evaluate a state's ability to provide emergency medical care to children in the following areas:



- The availability of on- and off-line pediatric-specific medical direction
- The presence of essential pediatric equipment and supplies on all EMS units
- The existence of a standardized system to recognize hospitals capable of treating pediatrics
- The existence of interfacility transfer guidelines and agreements to ensure appropriate transfer of pediatric patients between facilities.
- The requirement for pediatric education for certification renewal of EMS providers
- The establishment of EMSC permanence within the state through the existence of an EMSC Advisory Committee, a full-time EMSC Program Director, and EMSC priorities in regulation.

In addition to working towards successful completion of the federal performance measures outlined above, the EMSC Program Director remains active in various committees and councils to ensure that EMSC priorities are considered in policy development by numerous organizations. The EMSC Program Director and committee members are actively partnered with the following organizations:

- PTSF Pediatric Trauma Committee
- American Academy of Pediatrics - PA Chapter
 - PA Child Death Review Team
 - Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) for EMS
 - Prevent Child Abuse PA
- Safe Kids Pennsylvania
- Atlantic Region EMSC Council
- NASEMSO Pediatric Emergency Care Council
- The EMSC National Resource Center and National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center

The EMSC Committee provided input on several PEHSC projects including the distribution of Broselow™ tapes to PA ambulance services and the following Board recommendations:

VTR# 0610-01	Ambulance Equipment List Changes
VTR# 1209-04	Statewide Protocols on EMS Vehicles
VTR# 0610-02	State EMS Plan

The EMSC Committee meets quarterly via webinar and live meetings and is comprised of members covering many facets of pediatric emergency care including prehospital personnel, pediatric physicians, pediatric nurses, emergency department physicians, state agency representation, and a family representation. In addition to the required membership, the PA EMSC Committee also maintains strong representation from our partner organizations, regional EMS councils, and injury prevention programs. Additionally, the EMSC Program Director, committee co-chairs and project medical director meet monthly via conference call.

Finally, the EMSC Program provides support and education content to the annual statewide EMS conference.

Partnership Meetings Attended by PEHSC Leadership and Staff

- 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Planning
- PTSF Rural Trauma Sub-Committee
- 2009 PTSF Annual Conference
- Monthly regional directors meetings
- Volunteer Loan Assistance Program Application Review Committee
- Quarterly PFESI Statewide Advisory Board meetings
- 2009 PFESI Annual Dinner
- 2009 Eastern Region EMS Conference
- 2009 EMS Provider Foundation 9/11 Dinner
- 2010 EMMCO West Regional EMS Conference
- 2010 American Trauma Society Conference
- 2009-10 Ambulance Association of PA Reimbursement and Leadership Conferences
- EMSC Annual Program meeting
- Board of Directors Meetings - Prevent Child Abuse, PA Chapter
- PTSF Pediatric Standards Committee
- 2009 EMSI Regional EMS Conference
- Atlantic Region EMSC meeting and National EMSC Data Analysis Workshop

Legislative Affairs

During Fiscal Year 09-10 PEHSC tracked, and when appropriate provided comment on state and federal legislation affecting emergency medical services.

Pennsylvania General Assembly

- HB158 Bloodborne pathogens standards for emergency services personnel
- HB212 Administration of sedation by registered nurses
- HB250 Incentives for volunteer fire companies, ambulances, and rescue squads
- HB816 Establishing funding for the Heart Disease and Stroke Program within the DOH
- HB867 Prohibiting discrimination against volunteer ambulance services by insurers
- HB978 Amending the PA Trauma Systems Stabilization Act – Level III Trauma Centers
- HB 1231 Presumption of cancer in firefighters and EMS providers
- HB1280 Establishing an emergency medical services memorial flag
- HB1332 Providing for confidential communications related to CISM teams
- SB240 Revisions to the PA EMS Act – Act 37 of 2009
- SB369 Emergency and Law Enforcement Death Benefits – Act 51 of 2009
- SB851 Providing Right-To-Know exemption for volunteer fire/ambulance organizations
- SB1025 Providing for confidential communications related to CISM teams

United States Congress

- Letters sent to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation in support of:
 - Medicare rate increases for ambulance providers
 - Amending federal Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Act to include those EMS providers employed by non-municipally owned/operated services

Corporate Activity

- The Executive Director reviewed and secured benefit packages for the next twelve months.
- PEHSC staff met with representatives from Delta Development to discuss enhancements to the Total Visibility Member Management System.
- The Executive Director prepared the FY 10-11 operating budget and submitted the final FY 09-10 budget revisions.
- The financial audit for FY 09-10 was completed by McCarthy and Shea, LLP and approved by the PEHSC Board of Directors.
- The final FY 09-10 activity report was completed by the Executive Director and submitted to the Department of Health.

Group Purchasing

PEHSC has coordinated cost savings agreements with the following organizations in an effort to assist EMS organizations in purchasing needed services. During FY 09-10, two vendors were added to the group purchase program; Philips Medical and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.



Pennsylvania's 32nd Annual EMS Conference

August 11-15, 2009

Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey
Grantville, PA

Conference Highlights:

- Nationally renowned speakers: Skip Kirkwood, Katherine West, Bryan Bledsoe, Peter Lazzara, John Todaro, Robert Murray, and Dr. Jeff Myers
- ALS and BLS Skills Labs
- 2009 PA State EMS Awards Luncheon
- EMS Day at Hersheypark

Total Attendance	439
Multi-Day General Conference	192
Single-Day General Conference	32
Preconference ONLY Attendees	130
Exhibiting Organizations	47



Preparations for Pennsylvania's 33rd Annual EMS Conference

- A survey was distributed to determine the future needs of EMS conference attendees.
- Based on an analysis of the survey data, the 33rd Annual PA EMS Conference will be held at the Lancaster Convention Center in September of 2010.

PEHSC staff:

- Prepared a preliminary conference budget
- Secured both local- and national-speakers for the conference
- Secured exhibitor organizations to attend the conference
- Presented proposed session topics to, and obtain approval from, the Bureau of EMS Director
- Coordinated with the Bureau of EMS to assign continuing education credit to sessions
- Developed direct mail material that was distributed to approximately 25,000 EMS providers from across the Commonwealth. A mailing was also prepared and distributed to all licensed/recognized ambulance and QRS services

2010 PEHSC Awards

Each year, as a thank you to those individuals who have provided exemplary service to the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, a series of awards are delivered at a luncheon held in conjunction with the June Board of Directors meeting.



Walter J. Thomas Citizen Award
John J. Glass Jr., EMT-P
City of Pittsburgh EMS



Jerry Esposito EMS Administrator Award
David K. VanAllen, EMT-P
City of Allentown EMS



Mildred K. Fincke Nursing Award
Thomas E. Brandt, RN
Robert Packer Hospital



Joel E. Grottenthaler Memorial Award
David P. Brown, EMT-P
Montgomery County Emergency Services



Joel E. Grottenthaler Memorial Award
Joseph D. Ponko, EMT
Emergency Medical Services Institute