



EMMCO West, Inc.

Northwestern PA EMS Council

(EMMCO WEST, INC) ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR (22-23)

Authority

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Rules and Regulations 28 Pa. Code § 1021.103, The regional council governing body shall submit an annual report to the Department.

Reporting requirements of Appendix A – Work Statement. Comprehensive Annual Report as related to, Coordinate and Improve the delivery of EMS in the Council’s region.

Reports are due within 30 calendar days of the end of each state fiscal year (June 30th)

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REGIONAL SUMMARY:

(Provide a summary of the council including regional background / demographic and other information unique to individual region / county)

EMMCO West (Emergency Medical Management Cooperative) was incorporated in 1983 as a non-profit regional EMS council and began its operations in 1984. Regional acute care hospitals were the corporate shareholders for EMMCO West. Prior to EMMCO West, the former region EMS council consisted of 14 Northwestern PA counties. The region area was divided into two separate regions, EMMCO East and EMMCO West. Through a contractual agreement with the PA Department of Health, EMMCO West is charged with the oversight of emergency medical service activities for seven Northwestern PA counties; those counties being Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren.

As of July 1, 2004, EMMCO West, Inc. reorganized its corporate structure. A new non-profit board appointee format was established and diversified the membership of the Board of Directors. The Board consists of 12 Northwestern PA hospitals representatives (Ed Directors, Physicians, RNs, Administration), EMS representation from each county, EMA directors, instructors, EMTs, Paramedics, ambulance administrators, American Red Cross, Agricultural Extension Office, Active Aging, volunteer and paid EMS services.

EMMCO West has four standing board committees –

- Quality Improvement
- Regional Medical Advisory
- Communication
- Executive

Since 1988, EMMCO West, Inc. has been recognized as an International Critical Incident Management Stress Team. Peer support and mental health personnel comprise the team. Team members respond to incidents, as requested by EMS and public safety agencies. One-to-one, defusing, and debriefings can be requested. Team members meet on a regular basis and complete on-going education programming.

Annually, since 1985, EMMCO West has conducted a regional educational symposium. This year's symposium was held over three days at the Ambassador Conference Center, Erie, PA. This was the first 3-day conference since 2019. National, state, and regional guest speakers updated regional providers on the latest information in prehospital care.

EMMCO West maintains a diverse online presence. EMMCO West's website, www.emmco.org, is a one stop site for regional EMS agencies and providers. Links to the Department of Health websites (EMS Registry & TRAIN PA), Northwest PA Disaster Response Site, EMMCO West's Event & Answering the Call sites, and the Hands Only CPR site are all located on the EMMCO West homepage. The latest breaking news, downloads of protocols, licensure, educational programs, etc... are at the click or swipe of any device. EMMCO West's Facebook and CISM pages provide instant access to information/resources.

EMMCO West helps to support regional EMS agencies to provide excellence in prehospital patient care. "...the bottom line is patient care..." has been EMMCO West's mantra since it was incorporated in 1983 and remains its premise today!

1. Board of Directors \ Health Council Officers

President: Don Hosey

Vice President: Cindy Snyder

Treasurer: Donald Holsten

Secretary: Chris Heile

(Please list all other members below)

<u>NAME</u>		<u>NAME</u>
1 <u>Dan Lowenheim</u>	19	<u>Keith Patterson</u>
2 <u>Becky Wilkinson</u>	20	<u>Scott Gross</u>
3 <u>Jeff Smathers</u>	21	<u>Paul Elia</u>
4 <u>Donald Hosey</u>	22	<u>Kim Schell</u>
5 <u>Heather Nulph</u>	23	<u>Evelyn Kerr</u>
6 <u>Dan Grolemond</u>	24	<u>Donald Holsten</u>
7 <u>Patty White</u>	25	<u>Jason Chenault</u>
8 <u>Eric Henry</u>	26	<u>Cindy Snyder</u>
9 <u>John Grappy</u>	27	<u>Phil Rozic</u>
10 <u>Donald Hall</u>	28	<u>Heidi Boitnott</u>
11 <u>Dr. Greg Hellier</u>	29	<u>Ben Hart</u>
12 <u>Chris Heile</u>	30	<u>Gerald Carless</u>
13 <u>Mary Worley</u>	31	<u>Tim Fletcher</u>
14 <u>Dr. Brandon Kramer</u>	32	<u>Matthew Horton</u>
15 <u>Douglas Dick</u>	33	<u>Joseph Akif</u>
16 <u>Jeff Lockard</u>	34	<u>Paul Pascuzzi</u>
17 <u>Dave Basnak</u>	35	<u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>
18 <u>Dr. Carrie Colleran</u>	36	<u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>

2. Regional EMS Council Staff:

Executive Director William McClincy

<u>STAFF POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<u>Office Manager-Finance</u>	<u>Kim Pero</u>
<u>EMS System Specialist</u>	<u>Trish Parker</u>
<u>EMS Medical System Spec.</u>	<u>Matt Scowden</u>
<u>EMS Education Specialist</u>	<u>Katie Sherretts</u>
<u>EMS Operations Specialist</u>	<u>Daryl Parker</u>
<u>EMS Office Specialist</u>	<u>Christine Mahler</u>
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3. Regional Medical Director(s)

	<u>NAME</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Dr. Brian Risavi</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Dr. Joseph Radachy (Assistant Regional Medical Director)</u>

4. **Financial Statement of income and expenses:**

	Final Budget	Expended
Personnel Services	466,128.23	458,203.13
Consultant Services	1,500	1,500
Subcontracted Services	166,245.50	66,068.09
Patient Services	0	0
Equipment	0	0
Supplies	1,491.43	1,491.43
Travel	2,932	2,479.36
Other Costs	256,984.60	256,974.23
TOTALS	895,281.76	*786,716.24

NOTE: THE AMOUNTS SHOWN ABOVE ARE PRELIMINARY END OF THE YEAR TOTALS AND ARE NOT A FINAL AUDIT AMOUNT. * \$100,000.00 was not requested or spent for the statewide PCR project..

5. **Special Project Funding:**

Projects as determined by the Department to be appropriate and necessary for the implementation of a comprehensive statewide EMS system. The amounts listed below are included in the categorical totals shown above.

(Statewide Cloud PCR) State Bridge	Amount: \$ 100,000
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Project Narrative:

EMMCO West oversight – coordination of the statewide electronic cloud patient care reporting (PCR) bridge program ended on 12/31/22. The allocation was not requested or used in the management of the project. The PA DOH Bureau of EMS assumed responsibility and coordination of the statewide PCR initiative. EMMCO West assisted with the transition to the BioSpatial platform.

(Regional EMS Scholarship & Exam Reimbursement Project)	Amount: \$37,564.26
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Project Narrative:

EMMCO West provided regional EMS agencies with (BLS) and (ALS) reimbursement towards the tuition costs for each student associated with their EMS agency that was enrolled in an EMR, EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic course. The project also reimbursed at 100% the first two initial NREMT written examination attempts for an EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, or PHRN.

(Regional CO Detector Initiative. All licensed regional EMS agencies were provided a 2-year CO detector for each licensed vehicle and/or QRS container. They are attached to their 1st in bags.)	Amount: \$ 30,240
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<i>Project Narrative:</i> Regional Prehospital Provider Equipment Project – BLS EMS Agency AED. BLS EMS agencies that were eligible for an AED were provided an updated AED. (19) EMS agencies received a regional total of (24) AEDs.	Amount: \$ 35,828.09
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6. Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

Date of the current Comprehensive Regional EMS System Plan	Date 07/2023
Number of Board of Director Meetings \ Health Council meetings	4
Public Education Stop-the- Bleed Events	0
Public Education CPR Events	2
Public Education Car Seat Inspections/Safe Kids Initiatives	2
Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts	4
Technical Assistance Request (local entities and elected officials)	As needed

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management Project Narrative:

An EMMCO West staff member attained training as a car seat safety technician. Assisted regional PSP and other partners with car seat safety check stations. Assisted regional EMS agencies with public hands-only CPR events.

EMMCO West staff members attended regional legislative townhall meetings to discuss the EMS system crisis. Included was a legislative hearing in Grove City with the Republican leadership.

EMMCO West participates in meetings with the Erie County Emergency Services Committee and the Crawford County EMS Commission.

7. Continuous Quality Improvement

	Quantity
Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	1
Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region	6
Number of Times the Regional QI Committee Met	4

The QI committee continues to monitor PCR data performance and participation in the CARES program. Use of bystander CPR, guidance through 911 dispatchers, and AED are encouraged.

The QI committee reviewed the antibiotic case study's submitted as part of the statewide pilot study.

Published an action plan to improve regional out of hospital cardiac arrest survival rates, based on the 2022 CARES data summary report.

8. Medical Direction

	Quantity
Regional Medical Advisory Committee meetings	3
Accredited Level I Trauma Centers	0
Accredited Level II Trauma Centers	1
Accredited Level III Trauma Centers	0
Accredited Level IV Trauma Centers	1
Accredited primary Stroke Centers	5
Comprehensive Stroke Centers	1
Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers	0
Acute Stroke-Ready Hospitals	0

Medical Direction Narrative:

Pediatric Voluntary Program recognition for regional EMS agencies is encouraged. Assistance with equipment and technical support is provided through EW staff.

At Symposium 2023 a special hands-on pediatric session was held that focused on the safe transport of pediatric patients. Additional hands-on sessions focused on high performance CPR and difficult OB patients. Plus CPR recertification sessions and an EVOC driving refresher course were held.

9. Systems Operations*

	Quantity
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies	4
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles	6
Spot inspections conducted – Continuing Education Sponsors	0
Spot inspections conducted – Education Institutes	0

Spot inspections conducted – Medical Command Facilities	0
Number of Safety Inspections Conducted	3
Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection	14
Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards	As Requested
BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	17
Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.	151
ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	3
Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested	20
Certification Class Visits Conducted	24
Number of EMS Agency Re-Inspections Conducted	0
Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau	

Systems Operations Narrative:

Per BEMS request, quarterly EMS agency safety inspections were conducted at various hospitals and receiving facilities throughout the EMMCO West region. Additionally, EW staff followed up with EMS agencies needing to submit corrective action plans to BEMS.

EMMCO West staff conducted a regional training meeting with all recognized PA DOH training institutes and with BEMS staff. Educational compliance with the revised policy manual was discussed and reviewed.

10. Emergency Preparedness Activities

	Quantity
Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended (only EMSOF funded staff attendance)	4
Table Top Exercises Attended / Conducted	0
Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted	0
Special Event Plans Submitted	0
Responses / Deployments	1
Strike Team Agencies	3

Emergency Preparedness Narrative:

EMMCO West maintains its preparedness assets at various locations throughout the region. Sites include Meadville, Greenville, and Clarion.

There are currently 3 EMS strike teams from the EMMCO West region. Included are Clarion Hospital EMS, Community Ambulance Service, and EmeryCare. These agencies have additional equipment and personnel credentialed to respond to in-out of state EMS system emergency responses.

EMMCO West responded its 70K generator to a nursing home that was without power, due to a region-wide wind storm that disrupted power systems for a week.

11. Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/13/22	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
12/14/22	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
03/16/23	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
06/13/23	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA

12. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/13/22	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
		Meeting Postponed
03/16/23	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
06/13/23	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA

13. Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/09/22	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
12/09/22	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
03/10/23	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
06/09/23	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA

14. Regional Accomplishments:

Narrative:



EMMCO West Company Vehicle Use

EMMCO West’s company vehicles are used to support program areas between July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

2022 Kia Sorento	12,845miles
2014 Ford F350	6,559 miles
2008 Chevy 3500	2,643 miles
Total Miles	22,047 miles

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Regional EMS Agency Voluntary Pediatric Program

EMMCO West board of directors, QI and RMAC committees, are encouraging regional EMS agencies to participate in the EMS for Children Voluntary Pediatric Recognition Program. The “basic” level of recognition is encouraged. Equipment and technical assistance is available through EMMCO West, Inc.

Regional Agencies Recognized

Expert Level (2):

EmergyCare

Superior Ambulance Service

Master Level (5):

A.F. Dobler Hose and Ladder Co.
Kearsarge Fire Department
Kuhl Hose Company

North Shenango Volunteer Fire Department
Springboro VFD Ambulance

Advanced Level (3):

Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

Oil City Fire Department

Intermediate Level (2):

Community Ambulance Service

Jefferson Township Fire Department

Basic Level (8):

East Brady Ambulance Service
Fairfield Hose Company
Hayfield Central Hose Company
Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department

East Erie County EMS
Fallowfield Fire Rescue
Lawrence Park Fire Department
Rouseville Volunteer Fire Department



EMS Scholarship and Exam Reimbursements

EMMCO West, Inc. expanded its EMS scholarship program to include tuition reimbursement for AEMT and Paramedic educational programs. Up to \$650 for EMR, \$750 for EMT, \$850 for AEMT and \$3,000 for Paramedic reimbursements are available for EMS agencies that sponsor candidates for these training programs. A total of 15 EMS agencies @ **\$ 37,564.26** was reimbursed to EMS agencies for either the EMS scholarship or exam reimbursement programs. This was the 11th year for this regional program.



Regional CO Detector Project

EMMCO West, Inc. received funding from the PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS to acquire a 2-year CO Detector for each licensed regional EMS agency or container QRS agency. Each licensed vehicle or QRS container received a CO detector for placement onto their first-in treatment bag. The CO detectors provide audio and visual notification when an EMS provider enters an environment with CO gas.



Prehospital Provider Equipment Purchases For 2023

EMMCO West, Inc. received funding from the PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, to support regional EMS agencies. Replacement – Updated AEDs were a priority for the EMMCO West region. A total of 24 AEDs were acquired for 19 licensed EMS agencies.

EMS agencies receiving AEDs include-

City of Warren FD	Perry Hi-Way Hose Co.	Cooperstown VFD
West Co. Paramedics	Lawrence Park FD	Cranesville VFD
Tidioute Area VFD	Titusville FD	Edinboro VFD
Glade Twp VFD	West Mead #2 VFD	Limestone Twp VFD
President Twp VFD	Strattanville VFD	Spring Creek Twp VFD
Wrightsville VFD	Grand Valley VFD	Stancliff Hose Co.
Sugar Grove VFD		

EMMCO West Symposium 2023- March 30 – April 1, 2023



The annual educational Symposium 2023 was held at the Ambassador Conference Center, Erie, PA. 225 regional participants attended the 3-day event that featured national, state, and regional guest speakers. Hands-on Thursday sessions featured pediatric, OB emergencies, and cardiac arrest management. An EVOC Refresher and CPR Refresher courses were offered throughout the symposium. A vendor area complimented the educational sessions.



The special guest for Friday’s Vendor Night (“It’s a hockey night in Erie”) was former Pittsburgh Penguin Tyler Kennedy. He signed autographs and took pictures with participants.



AHN – LifeFlight and EMMCO West sponsored social events on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Future educational symposiums will likely model after the “in-the-county” style symposium. Full details will be announced in Fall 2023.