



**EMMCO West, Inc.**  
**Northwest PA EMS Council**

# Annual Report

**FY 15 - 16**

*A report of regional EMS activities in Northwest PA between  
July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016*

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**Key-**

A= Alternate

P= Primary Appointee

G= Government  
Appointee**About EMMCO  
West, Inc.-**

EMMCO West, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that is governed by a 24 member board of directors.

EMMCO West is a grantee for the PA Department of Health. Since 1983, EMMCO West has overseen EMS system activities in seven Northwestern PA counties that include Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren.

## Our Board of Directors

### Board Appointees FY 16-17

#### Corporate Board Members (2016-2017)

- American Red Cross **Trish Lawrence** (Disaster Appointee)
- Clarion County Area Agency on Aging **Stephanie Wilshire** (At Large Appointee)
- Clarion County Government **Ron Wolbert** (G)
- Clarion Hospital **Don Hosey** (P)
- Clarion Hospital **Heather Nulph** (A)
- Corry Memorial Hospital **Dr. Michael Antoon** (P)
- Corry Memorial Hospital **Barbara Nichols** (A)
- Crawford County **Eric Henry** (G)
- Erie County Government **Kale Asp** (G)
- Forest County Government **Don Hall** (G)
- Grove City Medical Center **Cheryl Pebbles** (P)
- Grove City Medical Center **Kelly Williamson** (A)
- Meadville Medical Center **Mary Worley** (P)
- Meadville Medical Center **Valerie Waid** (A)
- Mercer County Government **Douglas Dick**, (G)
- Millcreek Community Hospital **Dr. Kohut** (P)
- Millcreek Community Hospital (A) **(Vacant)**
- Law Enforcement **David Morgan** (At Large Appointee)
- Primary Health Network **Joseph Montone** (At Large Appointee)
- Saint Vincent Hospital **Dr. Carrie Colleran** (P)
- Saint Vincent Hospital **Dr. Wayne Jones** (A)
- Sharon Regional Health System **Cory Fenton** (A)
- Sharon Regional Health System **Kurt Ellefson**, (P)

**Treasurer****Vice President**

- UPMC Hamot **Dave Basnak** (A)
- UPMC Hamot **Jason Chenault**, (P) **President**
- UPMC Hamot **Dr. Brian Risavi** (EMMCO West RMAC Rep)
- UPMC Horizon - Greenville **Cindy Snyder** (P)
- UPMC Horizon - Greenville **Tammy Bimber** (A)
- UPMC Horizon - Shenango **Albert Boland**, (P) **Secretary**
- UPMC Horizon - Shenango **Karen Calhoun** (A)
- UPMC Northwest **Thomas Perry** (P)
- UPMC Northwest **Dan Shearn** (A)
- VEMSACC/Meadville Ambulance **Katie Miller** (At Large Appointee)
- Venango County Government **Tim Dunkle**, (G)
- Warren County Government **Scott Rose** (G)
- Warren General Hospital (P) **(Vacant)**
- Warren General Hospital (A) **(Vacant)**

## Annual EMS Appreciation Dinner For 2016

Sponsored by-



*UPMC Hamot, Horizon, Northwest*



EMMCO West Thanks These Sponsors

## 2016 Regional Awards



*Mentor of the Year 2016 Robert Jamison*



*Volunteer Award 2016 Stephanie Hosack*



*Achievement Award 2016 Eric Henry*



*Awards Sponsored by Charles P. Leach*

## Financial Summary

EMMCO West receives grant funding through the PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS. Pennsylvania's Emergency Medical Service Operating Fund (EMSOF) and federal preparedness grants are the primary revenue sources for EMMCO West.

Below is the pre-audit financial report for EMMCO West, Inc. –

		Budget	Actual
Category I	Personnel & Benefits	\$459,747.64	\$454,020.22
Category II	Consultant	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Category III	Prehospital Provider/EMSOF	\$ 13,962.70	\$ 13,962.70
	Regional Plan Coord./Fed.Grant.	\$112,000.00	\$100,000.00
Category VI	Supplies/Federal Grant	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,497.45
Category VII	Travel	\$ 5,332.00	\$ 4,912.68
Category VIII	Other	\$197,826.66	\$196,415.67
	Federal Grant	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Total State/Federal Grants		<b>\$800,944.00</b>	<b>\$780,683.72</b>
<b>Federal Grant (+/-)</b>			<b><u>\$ 12,444.95</u></b>
<b>State Grant (+/-)</b>			<b><u>\$ 7,815.33</u></b>

### EMMCO West Company Vehicle Mileage FY 15-16

2004 Chevy	4,911	
2008 Chevy	6,963	<b>Total Miles – <u>36,046</u></b>
2014 Ford	8,128	
2014 Kia	16,044	

## 2016 Regional Projects

### EMS Scholarships & Examination Reimbursements-



EMMCO West Board of Directors, through its Transportation Committee, allocated grant EMSOF funding to support the regional EMS Scholarship and examination reimbursement programs. EMS agencies received a reimbursement of up to \$500 for each of their personnel that attended an EMR or EMT course between July 1, 2015 and May 15, 2016. Additionally, EMS agency personnel that attended an initial EMS certification written examination were eligible for a reimbursement of their initial (2) written examination attempt costs. A total of **\$19,530.00** was supported by this project.

County	Scholarships	Exams
Clarion	(2) \$1,000	-
Crawford	(7) \$1,905	(5) \$415
Erie	(24) \$9,690	(21) \$1,395
Forest	-	-
Mercer	(3) \$855	-
Venango	(1) \$500	(1) \$70
Warren	(11) \$3,500	(3) \$200

### CO Detector Initiative



Since 2009, EMMCO West has supported a regional safety initiative through the use of clip-on CO Detectors placed on EMS agency first in bags. The CO Detectors have alerted EMS providers of unsafe environments, as they have responded to requests for EMS assistance. In several documented events, the CO detectors have assisted with establishing a medical diagnosis for patients suffering from an unknown illness. (175) CO detectors are being distributed to licensed regional EMS agencies for a project cost of **\$21,437.50**

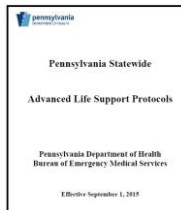
## 2016 Regional Projects

### PCR Data Management Project



EMMCO West is developing a cloud-based patient care report management system. Regional EMS agencies submit their PCR data to EMMCO West, where the data is validated, data reports created and then is forwarded onto the PA Department of Health. EMMCO West is working with Cloud PCR, Inc. to improve the validation, data reporting, transfer, and data management of the PCR data. Phase I of the project has been completed, with beta testing scheduled to begin in Phase II that will involve the participation of other regional EMS councils. When finalized the program will be able to collect PCR data from regional EMS councils throughout the state. Regional EMS councils will be able to access their PCR data in an almost real-time manner. Initial project development is **\$25,000**.

### ALS Protocol Rollout Development



EMMCO West assisted the PA Department of Health with the development of both in-person 2015 ALS Protocol Updates and the Learning Management System (LMS) programs. EMMCO West staff was assisted by Betty Lou Schau, PHRN, Douglas Dick, Paramedic, Don Hosey, Paramedic, Don Holsten, Paramedic, Dr. Brian Risavi, DO (EMMCO West Regional Medical Director), and Dr. Carrie Colleran, MD (EMMCO West Assistant Regional Medical Director). The update took effect September 2015.

### Regional Educational Programming



EMMCO West conducted a regional EMS Instructor course and an Evaluator program. This program prepares aspiring instructors in education and evaluation concepts used in today's educational programming and certification testing.



## **2016 Regional Projects**

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### **Online EMT Training**



Indiana University of PA (IUP) online EMT educational program was offered in the Spring 2016 term. Pleasantville VFD was the program's location for the "hand's on" practical lab sessions. The class is scheduled to conclude in mid-July.

## **Symposium 2016**

### **EMS Leaders of Tomorrow**



Jerry Ozog, VFIS, was the featured presenter for this year's EMS Leaders of Tomorrow program. Jerry focused one of his presentations on the responsibilities of board members within organizations.

### **EMS Safety Conference**



Attorney Joel Feldman, Esq. was the keynote presenter. His presentation dealt with distracted driving in and outside of emergency vehicles. Eating, texting, talking on cell phones, looking at GPS devices, etc... while driving are all potential distractions to vehicle operators. Brian Shaw, Deputy Director EMSI, followed Joel's presentation with a review of a driving simulation program used in Southwest PA that improves driver performance.

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## 2016 Regional Projects

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### Symposium 2016

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Over 250 personnel attended Symposium 2016. This year's symposium was 1.5 days in length. In addition to EMS Leaders of Tomorrow and the EMS Safety Conference being added into the symposium agenda, STATMedEVAC's Party 2016 and a Saturday vending area complimented Symposium 2016.

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Regional Medical Director, Dr. Brian Risavi, DO, was one of the presenters during the educational programs on Saturday. Bureau of EMS Director, Richard Gibbons provided an update of the status of EMS in PA. The day ended with an interactive educational program taught by Randy Benner.

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## **Regional Status**

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### **Effects of State Budget Impasse 2015-2016**

Not unlike other non-profit corporations in Pennsylvania that rely on a state budget to be enacted on time, the 2015 – 2016 state budget impasse effected EMMCO West's business operations. All aspects of business operations were impacted by the budget impasse.

Using its limited cash reserves, divesting long term investments, and using a line of credit through a bank, EMMCO West was able to sustain its operations during the budget impasse. Sacrifices were made throughout the business operations. Travel was limited to essential program areas only, i.e. licensure inspections and certification examinations. EMMCO West staff voluntarily reduced their salaries and benefits; while the office's utilities were reduced to limit costs. Many of our corporate vendors continued to provide their services, without financial payment, until the budget impasse ended and funding was restored.

EMMCO West's premiere educational event, Symposium 2016, was almost cancelled. Over 250 + EMS providers attended a modified 1.5 day event.

A thank you to the board of directors, EMMCO West staff, vendors, and the EMS system stakeholders for their assistance and understanding during the prolonged state budget impasse.

### **Regional CISM Team**

The regional critical incident stress management (CISM) team provides support to regional EMS agencies during critical events. The team is recognized by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) and meets on a monthly basis. Michelle Eaton is the EMMCO West staff liaison for the team.

### **EMMCO West Management Team & Staff**

EMMCO West's Executive Committee is the corporation's management oversight team, (President, Jason Chenault, Vice President, Kurt Ellefson, Treasurer, Douglas Dick, and Secretary, Albert Boland). Bill McClincy is the Executive Director and oversees the day-to-day business operations.

EMMCO West staff –

Jane Hamza (EMS System Specialist)

Michelle Eaton (EMS Education-Medical Systems)

Kim Pero (Office Manager-Financial)

Melissa Thompson (on medical leave)

Trish Parker (EMS System Outreach)

Kaylen Irwin (Office Operations)

Chris Heile (Special projects)



## 2016 Camp EMS



EmergifyCare's 2016 Camp EMS was held at Allegheny College, Meadville June 26 – July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's camp had its largest attendance to date. 50 campers attended the week long program. Jim Kifer was the coordinator of the camp. Shown above, STATMedEVAC provided campers with knowledge and experience about air ambulance operations. EMMCO West provided financial and technical assistance to Camp EMS.



EmergifyCare's 4th Annual Camp EMS. 14 - 17y/o campers are provided hands on experience and education in EMS systems.



*The EMMCO West Quality Improvement Committee created these performance awards to recognize the accomplishments of regional EMS agencies. The awards recognize excellence for an EMS agency's EMS system response, overall performance, and PCR data reporting.*

*The awards of excellence that are presented- Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Honorable Mention.*

*EMMCO West applauds the 2016 QI Award recipients!*

## 2016 Quality Improvement Awards



2016 Gold Level QI Award



2016 Silver QI Award



2016 Bronze QI Award



2016 Honorable Mention QI Award



Keynote Presenter - Kevin Bartlett

## 2016 Quality Improvement Awards

### Gold Level

Conneaut Lake Area Ambulance
City of Warren Fire Department
Community Ambulance Service
Cranesville VFD
EmergyCare, Inc.
Greenfield Twp. VFD
LifeForce of Western PA, Inc.
McGonigle Ambulance Service
Meadville Area Ambulance Service
Millcreek Paramedic Service
Reno VFD
Sheffield VFD
Springboro VFD
West Co. Paramedic Assoc.

### Silver Level

Corry Ambulance Service
Platea Volunteer Fire Co.

### Bronze

Brookside VFD
East Brady Ambulance Service
McKean Hose Co.

### Honorable Mention

Albion VFD
Cambridge Springs Area Ambulance
Knox Area Ambulance Service
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company
Southern Clarion Amb. Service
Spartansburg VFD

***Symposium 2017***  
***EMMCO West's 30<sup>th</sup>***  
***EMS Symposium***

**March 30, 31, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**  
**Ambassador Conference Center**



## Emergency Preparedness Activities

EMMCO West, Inc. provides technical assistance and support to regional EMS system stakeholders. Emergency preparedness readiness and operations are coordinated by EMMCO West, at the direction of the PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS.

- EMMCO West region has five EMS Strike Teams (Clarion Hospital, Community Ambulance Service, Cambridge Springs Vol. Ambulance Service, EmeryCare, and West Co. Paramedics)
- Maintain website access for the Northwest PA Emergency Response Group. Participation on Health & Medical Subcommittee and NWPAERG meetings
- Maintenance of preparedness assets that include the regional MCI trailer, MSEC trailer, MMSS trailers, 70K generator trailer, lighting trailer, and tow vehicles



*2016 Sharon Regional Hospital Preparedness Fair*



*70K Generator Training*



*New Preparedness Equipment Building Meadville & UPMC Horizon*