



EMMCO West, Inc.

Northwestern PA EMS Council

(EMMCO WEST, INC) ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR (24-25)

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, 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 on two days. A new conference venue, Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA housed this year's Symposium. 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), 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: Scott Gross
Vice President: Christopher Heile
Treasurer: Cindy Snyder
Secretary: David Basnak

(Please list all other members below)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1 <u>Michelle Albaugh</u>	21 <u>Dr. Brandon Kramer</u>
2 <u>Tyler Babock</u>	22 <u>Jeff Lockard</u>
3 <u>Kara Bauer</u>	23 <u>Heather Nulph</u>
4 <u>Heidi Boitnott</u>	24 <u>Paul Pascuzzi</u>
5 <u>Gerald Carless</u>	25 <u>Phil Rozic</u>
6 <u>Jason Chenault</u>	27 <u>Kim Schell</u>
7 <u>Douglas Dick</u>	28 <u>Melissa Shaffer</u>
8 <u>Paul Elia</u>	29 <u>Sarah Simmons</u>
10 <u>Tim Fletcher</u>	30 <u>Patty White</u>
11 <u>Derek Frank</u>	31 <u>Rebecca Wilkinson</u>
12 <u>Donald Hall</u>	32 <u>Tiffany Wyant</u>
13 <u>Ben Hart</u>	33 _____
14 <u>Dr. Greg Hellier</u>	34 _____
15 <u>Chris Hendershot</u>	35 _____
16 <u>Eric Henry</u>	36 _____
17 <u>Donald Holsten</u>	37 _____
18 <u>Matthew Horton</u>	38 _____
19 <u>Donald Hosey</u>	39 _____
20 <u>Evelyn Kerr</u>	40 _____

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>Trisha 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>

3. Regional Medical Director(s)

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

4. Financial Statement of income and expenses:

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Personnel Services	<u>528,578.76</u>	<u>511,182.20</u>
Consultant Services	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Subcontracted Services	<u>131,907.95</u>	<u>131,907.95</u>
Patient Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Supplies	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,247.40</u>
Travel	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,333.22</u>
Other Costs	<u>298,286.98</u>	<u>279,032.04</u>
TOTALS	<u>964,923.69</u>	<u>927,702.81</u>

NOTE: THE AMOUNTS SHOWN ABOVE ARE PRELIMINARY END OF THE YEAR TOTALS AND ARE NOT A FINAL AUDIT AMOUNT.

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.

Fireworks Tax Recruitment and Retention Initiative	Amount \$26,191.42
Students enrolled and successfully completing EMS training programming received financial assistance Through the Bureau of EMS. EMS agencies that sponsored recruitment programming received Financial assistance.	
Special Regional Projects	Amount: \$35,500.00
EMMCO West licensed EMS agencies were provided CO detectors for their first in bags. Regional Transfer of Care forms were acquired for use by regional EMS agencies	
Regional Prehospital Provider Equipment Project Regional EMS agencies were reimbursed for equipment purchases or projects	Amount: \$96,071.55
Mobile Simulation Lab A mobile simulation lab was acquired. Fall 2025 is the target date for implementation of the lab. It will be available throughout the EW region	Amount \$45,000

6. Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

Date of the current Comprehensive Regional EMS System Plan	Date 07/2025
Number of Board of Director Meetings \ Health Council meetings	4
Public Education Stop-the-Bleed Events	6
Public Education CPR Events	6
Public Education Car Seat Inspections/Safe Kids Initiatives	16
Public Outreach/Awareness Events	7
Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts	2
Technical Assistance Request (local entities and elected officials)	As needed

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management Project Narrative:

Two additional EMMCO West staff members attained training as car seat safety technicians. Assisted regional PSP and other partners with car seat safety check stations. Assisted regional EMS agencies with public hands-only CPR events.

7. Continuous Quality Improvement

	Quantity
Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	0
Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region	4
Number of Times the Regional QI Committee Met	4

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

9. Systems Operations*

	Quantity
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies	3
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles	5
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	10
Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection	42
Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards	100
BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	13
Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.	162
ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	0
Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested	0
Certification Class Visits Conducted	13
Number of EMS Agency Re-Inspections Conducted	3
Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau	3

Systems Operations Narrative:

10. Emergency Preparedness Activities

	Quantity
Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended <small>(only EMSOF funded staff attendance)</small>	4
Table Top Exercises Attended / Conducted	1
Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted	0
Special Event Plans Submitted	3
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.

11. Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/17/24	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
12/12/24	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
03/12/25	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
06/10/25	12:00	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA

12. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/17/24	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
12/12/24	10:00 AM	Cancelled Due To Limited Agenda
3/12/25	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
06/10/25	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA

13. Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/13/24	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
12/06/24	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
03/07/25	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA
06/06/25	10:00 AM	EMMCO West, Meadville, PA

14. Regional Accomplishments:

EMMCO West Company Vehicle Use

EMMCO West's company vehicles are used to support program areas between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

2022 KIA Sorento 2,428 miles (lease / returned 9/24)
2024 Toyota RAV4 – 11,680 miles
2014 Ford F350 - 2,724 miles
2008 Chevy 3500 - 412 miles
2005 International/Horton Ambulance - 25 miles (Simulation Ambulance)



Total Miles Traveled = **17,269 miles**

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Regional EMS Agency Voluntary Pediatric Program

The 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. At a minimum, the “basic” level of recognition is encouraged for all services. Equipment and technical assistance is available through EMMCO West, Inc.

Regional Agencies Currently Recognized



Expert Level (2):

EmergyCare

Superior Ambulance Service

Master Level (5):

A.F. Dobler Hose and Ladder Co.
Kuhl Hose Company
Springboro VFD Ambulance

Kearsarge Fire Department
North Shenango Volunteer Fire Department

Advanced Level (3):

Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

Oil City Fire Department

Intermediate Level (2):

Community Ambulance Service

Basic Level (4):

East Erie County EMS
Lawrence Park Fire Department

Fallowfield Fire Rescue
Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department



EMMCO West Symposium 2025

EMMCO West's annual educational symposium had a renewed look and feel this year. The Bayfront Convention, Erie, PA was this year's location. The day and a half long event featured national, regional, and state guest speakers. All sessions had PA continuing education awarded. Thanks to assistance from the Erie Fire Department, a hands-on medical rescue class was held as one of the conference tracks.



A featured presentation was a documentary movie titled "*Honorable but Broken*". The movie illustrated some of the financial and personnel challenges that rural, suburban, and urban EMS organizations are facing on a day-to-day basis. Matt Zavadsky (PWW), State of PA Representative Marty Causer, Heather Harris (Ambulance Association of PA), and Dave Basnak (EmergyCare) discussed the state of EMS in Pennsylvania. Matt Zavadsky participated in the creation of the documentary. PA State Representative Parke Wentling also attended the session.

Plans are already underway for Symposium 2026! It will be held again at the Bayfront Conference Center, Erie, PA.. Mark your calendar for these dates, **May 8 – 9, 2026**.

Outreach Initiatives

Outreach is a critical component of ensuring the future of Emergency Medical Services. By actively sharing the incredible work being done across our region, we not only educate the public but also inspire the next generation of EMS providers. Raising awareness about the vital role EMS plays in community safety—and highlighting the meaningful, high-impact work our providers do every day—creates an important pipeline of future talent. Public engagement helps shift perceptions, encouraging individuals, especially youth, to consider EMS not just as a career, but as a calling. It also strengthens support for our providers by helping community members understand the dedication, skill, and compassion required to serve in EMS.

The staff of EMMCO West, Inc. have taken this mission to heart, embracing outreach as a core part of their responsibilities. This year, two team members earned certification as National Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Along with our existing technician, they have partnered with area fire departments and the Pennsylvania State Police to provide car seat safety checks—an invaluable service that demonstrates EMS's broader commitment to community safety. EMMCO staff have also attended at least one mass gathering in each of our seven counties, using those opportunities to engage the public and showcase the amazing work happening in EMS. Public education initiatives such as Stop the Bleed and Hands-Only CPR training have been delivered to community members, equipping them with life-saving skills and forging deeper connections between EMS and the people we serve.

Recognizing the importance of reaching younger audiences, EMMCO West staff have actively sought out opportunities to present at regional youth camps and visit school classrooms to spark interest in EMS careers. This hands-on engagement plants the seeds for a future generation of providers who are passionate, informed, and eager to serve. At the Pennsylvania Farm Show, our team joined the

Department of Health's Bureau of EMS to bring this message to thousands of attendees, reinforcing that EMS is an essential, rewarding, and impactful field. These outreach efforts make EMS more visible, more accessible, and more exciting to the communities we serve.

To complement these in-person efforts, EMMCO West has resurrected its quarterly electronic newsletter, which is distributed to EMS stakeholders throughout the region. The newsletter highlights success stories, shares important updates, and celebrates the accomplishments of our EMS providers—further reinforcing the message that EMS is a vibrant, innovative, and vital profession. Through these outreach initiatives, EMMCO West is proudly helping to shape the future of EMS by shining a spotlight on the remarkable work being done today.