# Southern Alleghenies EMS Council, Inc



Annual Report 2013-2014





#### Welcome

In the 32 years in which I have been involved in EMS there has never been a time when so many different factors are coming together and having such a profound impact on EMS systems both within the region and nationwide.

In order to meet these changes head-on, we have adjusted the focus of Southern Alleghenies EMS Council (SAEMS) to prepare for the future, provide information and support to agencies and personnel; to look for ways to collaborate and work together to improve the system; and to ensure that our ultimate customer, the patients that are treated on a daily basis, receive the best possible care. We continue to seek greater transparency in our operations and programs, greater involvement of our stakeholders and improved communications with the EMS providers and stakeholders that we serve. We truly have hundreds of thousands of customers that we represent and are working to represent the best interest of each and every one of them.

No one can say for certain what the future holds, but trends such as mobile integrated healthcare, health care consolidation and partnerships, aging populations, and changes in the economy, reimbursement and funding are all impacting the EMS system. We must all continue to work together as a team with the common goal of providing the best possible EMS system for our patients, our communities, our families and ourselves.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each provider and each agency to look ahead and begin to plan for five or ten years down the road. It is not the end goal that is important, but rather the planning process, so that when something happens that takes you down a different path than you were expecting, you are prepared and capable of responding to anything the future may bring.

Carl L. Moen

Carl Moen, MPM, EMT-P Executive Director

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always be what you've always been,"

Jay Fitch



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#### 2013-2014 Board of Directors

Under our new corporate Bylaws, our Board of Directors was changed from four representatives per county to three per county beginning with the January 2014 meeting. Dates of service are indicated.

We appreciate their dedication, time commitment and hard work.

#### **Bedford County**

Allen Berkey (2013)

Sheldon Benton (2013/2014)

Justin Keel (2013)

JC Miller (2014)

Tom Stoudnour (2013/2014)

#### **Blair County**

Jeff Blake (2013/2014)

Donnie Edelblute (2014)

Ed Frontino (2013)

Steve Ott (2013)

Gary Watters (2013/2014)

# **Cambria County**

Mike Brawley (2013/2014)

Flo Eberhart (2013)

Tim Reitz (2014)

Julie Sloan (2013/2014)

#### **Fulton County**

Brian Barton (2013/2014)

Sheila Barton (2014)

Christine Englert (2013)

Shelby Knepper (2013/2014)

Sid McConahy (2013)

#### **Huntingdon County**

Christy Reed (2013)

Mike Corbin (2014)

Fred McKnight (2013)

Adam Miller (2013/2014)

Max Park (2013/2014)

#### **Somerset County**

Dennis Crossen (2014)

Mark Miller (2013/2014)

Terry Phillips (2013)

Terry Ruparcic (2013/2014)



Regional Medical Director:

John S. Karduck, M.D.



#### **Council Staff**

Lori Driscoll

**Deb Mellott** 

Dan Eberhart

Herb Enos

Carl Moen

Debbie Pasqualone

Rachelle Tippery

# **Committees**

Our committees have become much more active and involved and are providing great suggestions and guidance. The following committees have been active in the past year:

# **Performance Improvement**

JC Miller, Chair

# **Medical Advisory**

Dr. John Karduck, Chair

# **Education and Logistics**

Tim Reitz, Chair

#### **Communications**

Donnie Edelblute, Chair

# **Marketing and Outreach**

Mike Brawley, Chair

## **Executive Committee**

Gary Watters, President;

Julie Sloan, Vice President;

Terry Ruparcic, Treasurer;

Brian Barton, Secretary;

Tom Stoudnour, At Large;

Max Park, At Large.

# **Educational Programs**

SAEMS provided several educational programs this year:

# Rules and Regulations Town Meetings

With the approval and implementation of the new regulations under Act 37, we conducted a meeting in each county to discuss the regulations and changes.

# **NAEMT Safety Course**



Nearly 40 people attended the Safety program held at Southern Cove EMS.

# Tactical Survival and Operations

Offered at the EMS Appreciation Day, this course educated Strike Team members on safety, security and operating in potentially dangerous situations.



# **Recognition Events**





**EMS Recognition** 























Balance Sheet as of : ASSETS	<u>Jun 30, 14</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
M & T Bank	81,138.65
Petty Cash	175.00
Emergency Operating Fund	500.00
Total Checking/Savings	81,813.65
Accounts Receivable	•
Accounts Receivable	551.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	551.00
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	2,182.58
<b>Contracts Receivable</b>	116,683.17
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	118,865.75
Total Current Assets	201,230.40
TOTAL ASSETS	201,230.40
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,134.21
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	1,134.21
Other Current Liabilities	
<b>Due to Commonwealth</b>	343.96
Accrued Expense	44,369.04
Payroll Liabilities	
PA Tax	
PAUC - Emp	0.02
Total PA Tax	0.02
Total Payroll Liabilities	0.02
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	44,713.02
Total Current Liabilities	45,847.23
Total Liabilities	45,847.23
Equity Opening Bal Equity	112,186.75
Retained Earnings	32,786.40
Net Income	10,410.02
Total Equity	155,383.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	201,230.40
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## 2013-2014 EMS Awards

Providers who responded to Super Storm Sandy in 2012 received recognition bars for their uniforms. They included;

**AMED**: James Greene, Joseph (Casey) Easton, Caleb Stephens, Brian Stewart, Robert Seiler, and Tom Miller.

**Conemaugh Twp EMS**: Terry Ruparcic, Heidi Lampel, John Chipchosky, John Zellam and John Bowman.

**Ebensburg Ambulance**: Mindy Maraj Owens, Tracey McGinnis, Dennis Gresh and Gregory Wagner.

**Hollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance**: Robert Craig, Kristina Starr, Marcus Angello and Daniel Estep.

Hustontown VFC: Brian Barton, Christine Englert, Shelby Knepper, and Randy Black.

Med Van: Jim Smith.

7<sup>th</sup> Ward Ambulance Service: Toni Grove and Joe Brawley.

Three EMS crews were recognized for having a cardiac save from July 2012-June 2013.

Robert Craig, Ernie Hewitt, and Brianna Steiner from Hollidaysburg American Legion mbulance Service in Hollidaysburg.

Cathy Benton, George Shaw and Paul Price from Raystown Ambulance in Everett

Troy Deters, Paul Grove, Rodney Estep, Roger Oswald and David Smithbower from ollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance Service in Hollidaysburg.

Gerald "Herk" Stevens from Cambria Alliance Ambulance in Cresson was presented with the Community Service Award for an individual for going above and beyond the call of duty and making a positive impact on his community.

Shawnee Valley Ambulance Services was awarded the **Community Service Award** for a agency. This award was to honor the service that has gone above and beyond the call of duty and made a positive impact on the community.

Three providers were recognized as the **longest serving EMS providers in the region**. Each of these providers have dedicated over 40 years of their lives to EMS. These awards were presented to William Kelly from Saxton VFC, John "Jack" Seymore from AMED in Altoona and Cambria Alliance Ambulance in Cresson, and Terry Sloan from Health Ride Plus in Northern Cambria.



Thomas Stoudnour from Saxton VFC was honored as the **Outstanding EMS Leader** for showing outstanding leadership traits at his service, in his community and for the region.

Dr. John Karduck from Portage received **the Lifetime Achievement Award** for his endless hours of service he provides to EMS not only in our region, but also throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. Besides training the majority of the paramedics in our region, Dr. Karduck is active on many committees, as an Agency Medical Director for many services and is currently serving as the Regional Medical Director and is the Chairperson for the Medical Advisory Committee.



# **EMS Services**

County	ALS Agencies	BLS Agencies	QRS Agencies
Bedford	3	6	0
Blair	3	1	16
Cambria	19	3	10
Fulton	2	2	1
Huntingdon	2	6	11
Somerset	6	3	11
Total	35	21	49

# **EMS Providers**

County	Emergency Responders	ЕМТѕ	Paramedics	PHRN	Health Professionals	EMS Instructors
Bedford	69	204	32	9	4	11
Blair	104	264	123	19	6	20
Cambria	91	457	214	37	14	21
Fulton	14	61	7	2	0	3
Huntingdon	107	244	25	2	2	7
Somerset	42	318	74	18	2	15
Total	427	1548	475	87	28	77

# Facilities

County	Hospitals	Medical Command Facilities	Trauma Centers
Bedford	1	1	0
Blair	3	2	1 – Level 2
Cambria	2	2	1 – Level 1
Fulton	1	0	0
Huntingdon	1	0	0
Somerset	3	1	0
Total	11	6	2