



# PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE OF EMS ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2026

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:**

The Philadelphia Regional Office of Emergency Medical Services (PROEMS) is one of thirteen regional EMS offices established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health to support and oversee Pennsylvania's Emergency Medical Services System. As the regional office serving Philadelphia County, PROEMS is responsible for ambulance agency licensure, EMS provider certification, Medical Command Facility oversight, EMS education, continuing education, regulatory compliance, emergency preparedness, special event planning, and regional EMS system coordination. Philadelphia is one of five single-county EMS regions located in southeastern Pennsylvania and serves one of the busiest and most complex EMS systems in the Commonwealth. This report summarizes the activities, accomplishments, and operational responsibilities of PROEMS during Fiscal Year 2026.

I currently serve as Philadelphia's ninth Regional EMS Director. Mr. John Mariano, Dr. John Lewis, Captain Dominic Amato, Fire Paramedic Services Chief Ralph Halper, Fire Paramedic Services Chief George Butts, Fire Paramedic Services Chief Rick Bossert, Fire Paramedic Services Chief Michael Touchstone, and Fire Paramedic Services Chief Raymond George preceded me.

Philadelphia is the largest city in Pennsylvania and serves as the economic, healthcare, educational, and transportation hub of the region. With a population of approximately 1.6 million residents and a regional population exceeding six million, the city is home to numerous hospitals, colleges and universities, professional sports venues, cultural attractions, retirement communities, skilled nursing facilities, and one of the busiest transportation networks on the East Coast. The city is served by an extensive interstate highway system, SEPTA's rail, trolley, and bus network, Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, and Philadelphia International Airport, providing critical transportation links for residents, commuters, businesses, and millions of visitors each year.

The Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, the Port of Philadelphia, Fairmount Park, and numerous public venues contribute to a dynamic environment that routinely hosts major sporting events, concerts, festivals, conventions, and nationally significant special events. These activities require extensive EMS planning, coordination, and collaboration among healthcare systems, public safety agencies, government partners, and private event organizers.

PROEMS works closely with the Philadelphia Fire Department, area hospitals, EMS agencies, educational institutions, the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and numerous local, state, and federal partners to ensure a coordinated, high-quality EMS system. Through regulatory oversight, technical assistance, medical direction support, education, emergency preparedness, and regional collaboration, PROEMS remains committed to ensuring that Philadelphia continues its tradition of leadership in Emergency Medical Services at the local, statewide, and national levels while improving patient care and strengthening EMS system performance throughout the City of Philadelphia.

# **STAFF OFFICES AND DUTIES**

## **Secretary**

- **Shelisha Nelson**-DC 33-paid by grant
  - Shelisha replaced our former secretary, Kim Parrish, in March. She is highly skilled, organized, punctual with her work, and a quick learner.
  - Shelisha has been cross trained in other functions of the regional office.
  - Roles and responsibilities:
    - Greeting, process, and direct all office guests
    - Telephones and messaging
    - General Office typing
    - Maintain records of attendance, overtime, and compensatory time for employees
    - Ordering office supplies
    - Photographs and signatures for new provider cards
    - Mail distribution
    - Attending meetings and events as directed
    - Maintain a visitor database and create new databases as needed
    - Assist in compiling hospital diversion data

## **Contract Coordinator**

- **Michele Butler**-DC 47-paid by grant
  - Roles and responsibilities
    - Collects and compiles data for budget preparation.
    - Prepares justification for modifications in expenses
    - Adjust budget figures as result of administrative review
    - Maintains records on purchases, expenditures, and balances of accounts
    - Provides data to administrative officials concerning budget request and figures
    - Reports monthly budget expenditures

- Transmits information to city and state officials
- Submits paperwork/forms as required by governmental offices
- Verifies invoices for payment and prepares payment vouchers
- Monitors grants and contracts for program compliance
- Serves as liaison between department staff contractors and city agencies

### **Ambulance Licensure Coordinator**

- **Lieutenant James Theurer** - Local 22 - paid by grant
  - Roles and responsibilities
    - Process municipal and non-municipal ambulance applications
    - Conduct ambulance inspections
    - Liaison for non-municipal ambulance services
    - Maintain instructor training records
    - Provide report to AHA on instructor activities
    - Attend meetings as directed
    - Recruit ambulance participation for drills
    - Maintain an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) location and usage registry for the County of Philadelphia
    - Work with other EMS regions on special projects
    - Maintain records on ambulance decals and licenses
    - Investigates complaints against ambulance services licensed through Philadelphia
    - Lt. Theurer is cross trained in many other regional office functions.

### **Education Coordinator**

- **Donna Lebisly**-DC 47-paid by city
  - Donna is a storehouse of knowledge on State and regional matters and she is often directly connected to the operations within other regions throughout the state. She is an indispensable asset to the region and to anyone seeking educational and certification guidance.
  - Roles and responsibilities

- Plan, guide, assist, and coordinate education, student orientation, and testing process of pre-hospital providers in accredited EMS Institutes. This includes original certification classes, as well as the recertification, reinstatement, and endorsement process for pre-hospital practitioners.
- Provide guidance and professional advice on the quality of education provided by accredited EMS institutes
- EMS instructor/evaluator updates
- Provide assistance in the accreditation, reaccreditation, and compliance of EMS institutes, Con Ed sponsors, medical command facilities, and medical command physicians.
- Review submitted special event EMS plans to assure compliance with PA DOH Bureau of EMS rules & regulations
- Attend planning meeting for special events in the County Philadelphia
- Attend departmental and state meetings as directed
- National Registry representative
- Scheduling of evaluators for EMS exams
- Review and submit pre-hospital provider Criminal history clearance submissions
- Enforce and clarify loss of driver's license/suspension and clearance issues
- Curriculum development, implementation, course verification and quality compliance of EMS educational programs, clinicals, and instructors
- Medical command authorization/annual reauthorization for ALS
- Maintain regional ALS registry for ALS services
- Review PA DOH/BEMS educational policies as directed
- Serve with educational committees as directed
- Submit advance testing schedule
- Review & approve new Con Ed course applications
- Assist with incoming caller Train-PA issues
- Advisor to each regional EMS institute's advisory board to provide quality assistance and accurate information direct from the PA DOH Bureau of EMS.

## **Program Specialist**

### **○ Vacant position**

- Position remains unstaffed. Last occupied by Mr. David Brill, who retired in late June 2020.
- Roles and responsibilities
  - Monitor all hospital diversions and collect, collate, & report data as found
  - Collect and report medical command control forms
  - Collect and report FARS data
  - Perform open sky radio tests
  - Perform VHF non-municipal ambulance radio tests
  - Telephones and messaging
  - Inspect vetting containers at selected firehouses
  - Assist education coordinator during psychomotor exams
  - Obtains student/provider photos and signatures for PA DOH certification cards
  - Above responsibilities have been placed upon all other office staff.

## **Regional Director**

### **○ Fire Service Paramedic Chief Edward Lendvay-Local 22-paid by city**

- Chief Lendvay is in his 32<sup>st</sup> year with the Philadelphia Fire Department and has 34 years of experience in EMS. He has been the director of the PROEMS for nearly 4 years.
- Roles and Responsibilities
  - Assist the PA DOH and achieving a unified statewide EMS system
  - Assure compliance with regulations governing municipal and non-municipal EMS within the City/County of Philadelphia
  - Coordinate training budget and systems operations
  - Assist in designing and monitoring contracts and intergovernmental agreements
  - Create project goals and objectives which include time frames and available resources
  - Supervision of PROEMS personnel and management of office
  - Assist the PA DOH collection and maintenance of patient information

- Determine system needs and recommend the allocation of resources based on the assessment
- Participate in PA DOH/BEMS meetings regarding the maintenance, development, and revisions of EMS policy, rules and regulations
- Chair Philadelphia Regional EMS Advisory Council
- Member of the Philadelphia Regional EMS Council
- Participate as member of Philadelphia emergency planning committee
- Participate as member of SEPARTF EMS work group
- Participate in the review process for investigating complaints concerning care given by pre-hospital providers
- Developing and implementing comprehensive EMS plans
- Participating in the development of the Pennsylvania state EMS plan
- Plan and assist in regional mass casualty/disaster drills
- Serve as liaison between PFD and non-municipal ambulance companies
- Coordinate communication efforts between the PFD, non-municipal ambulance companies, state of Pennsylvania, and other counties and jurisdictions
- Attend meetings as requested by the Regional Medical Director
- Assist in the preparation of RFPs and contracts
- Carry out special projects and requests of the fire Commissioner and Deputy commissioners

## **1. Philadelphia Regional EMS Council**

Mayor: Cherelle Parker  
Managing Director: Adam K. Thiel  
Fire Commissioner: Jeffrey Thompson  
Medical Director: C. Crawford Mechem, MD  
Regional Director: Edward Lendvay

## **Commissioners Medical Advisory Board**

Alexander Yang, MD  
Alvin Wang, DO  
Amanda Spier  
Andrew Best, MD  
April Smallwood  
Ari Schwell, MD  
C. Crawford Mechem, MD  
Christopher Edwards  
Christopher Ritter, RN, BS  
Conor McLaughlin, MD  
Dana Liu, MD  
Daniel Bledsoe, MD  
Diane McKinsey  
Diane Schweizer  
Dominica Leisey  
Dominick Mireles  
Donna M. Lebisly, RN, BSN, MS  
Edward Bowman, MD  
Edward Jasper, MD  
Edward Lendvay  
Eric Crouch  
Eric Lusinski, MD  
Fred Henretig, MD  
Gerald O'Neill, MD  
Gerald Wydro, MD  
Jack Kelly, DO  
James Glessner  
James Theurer  
Jean B. Will-Bail, RN, Ed.D  
Jeffifer Torres, MSHS  
Jeffrey Thompson  
Jessica Caum  
John Cavenagh, PhD, PA-C  
John Erbayri, MS

Jonathan Bar, MD  
Jordan Barnett, MD  
Joseph Bushra, MD  
Joseph Saloma  
Joshua Glick, MD  
Karen Sobczak, RN, MSC  
Ken Lavelle, MD  
Kevin Duffy, MD  
Lynn Booz, RN  
Martin McCall  
Mary Preston  
Megan Schlegelmilch, MD  
Michael Pasirstein, MD  
Michael Simmons  
Mischa Mirin, MD  
Neil Brady, CEO  
Nicholas Tsarouhas, MD  
Nina Gentile, MD  
Patrick Boyle, MD  
Patrick Deal, MD  
Peter Sananman, MD  
Ray Farley  
Rhona Cooper, RN  
Robert McNamara, MD  
Ruqiyya Greer, RN  
Ryan Overberger, MD  
Samuel Eldrich, MD  
Scott Goldstein, DO  
Scott Sutherland, MD  
Shara Epstein, MD  
Theresa Walls, MD  
Tim Hinchcliff  
Tyler McCardell, MD  
William Hughes, MD

**2. Regional EMS Council Staff:**

| <b>POSITION</b>       | <b>NAME</b>               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Executive Director    | Edward Lendvay            |
| Education Coordinator | Donna Lebisly             |
| License Coordinator   | James Theurer, Lieutenant |
| Program Specialist    | Vacant                    |
| Contract Coordinator  | Michele Butler            |
| Support Clerk         | Shelisha Nelson           |

**3. Regional Medical Director(s)**

C. Crawford Mechem, MD

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

|                                  | Final Budget         | Expended            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel Services               | \$265,398.12         | \$274,369.37        |
| Consultant/ Subcontract Services | \$74,708.44          | \$176,989.72        |
| Patient Services                 | \$0.00               | \$0                 |
| Supplies/Equipment               | \$25,703.07          | \$313.00            |
| Travel                           | \$5,181.75           | \$749.01            |
| Other Costs                      | \$154,288.62         | \$33,890.00         |
|                                  |                      |                     |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>                   | <b>\$ 525,280.00</b> | <b>\$486,311.10</b> |

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

5. **Special Project Funding:**

Projects determined by the Department to be appropriate and necessary for the implementation of a comprehensive statewide EMS system. The amounts listed below are not included in the categorical totals shown above.

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>EMSOF Spend Down</b> | Amount:      |
|                         | \$309,283.80 |

*Project Narrative:*

PROEMS managed the regional distribution of roughly \$310,000 in special EMSOF equipment funding for Philadelphia EMS agencies. The office developed an equitable allocation process, coordinated agency equipment requests, and worked with the Eastern PA EMS Council to procure and distribute patient movement equipment, AEDs, and other eligible equipment in accordance with Department of Health guidance.

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Fireworks Tax Reimbursement Program</b> | Amount:     |
|                                            | \$11,899.67 |

*Project Narrative:*

Administered the Commonwealth Fireworks Tax, Tuition Reimbursement, and Recruitment and Retention reimbursement programs in collaboration with the Eastern PA EMS Council, which served as the regional fiduciary by assisting with the administration and distribution of funds to eligible EMS agencies and providers.

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*Project Narrative:*

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## 6. Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

|                                                                     | Date    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Date of the current Comprehensive Regional EMS System Plan          | 03/2023 |
| Number of Board of Director Meetings \ Health Council meetings      | 1\4     |
| Public Education Stop-the- Bleed Events                             | 41      |
| Public Education CPR Events                                         | 41      |
| Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts                         | 0       |
| Technical Assistance Request (local entities and elected officials) | 1       |

### *Regional Activities/ Organizational Management Project Narrative:*

The PROEMS continues to work with Philadelphia Police Department's SWAT unit to provide educational continuing education programs to its members.

PROEMS continues to offer assistance to all EMS agencies and institutes. It supports the PFD and its Mobile Integrated Health team, which attended 24 community outreach events in 2026, as well as, 41 events that included Narcan, hands-only CPR, and Stop the Bleed education and demonstrations provided to attendees.

PROEMS staff continue to attend Commissioners Medical Advisory Board (CMAB) and hold Regional EMS Advisory Council (REMSAC) meetings quarterly, and Federal Interagency Committee on EMS meetings.

## 7. Continuous Quality Improvement

|                                                                       | Quantity |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee            | 62       |
| Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region | 2        |
| Number of Times the Regional QI Committee Met                         | 11       |

### *Continuous Quality Improvement Narrative:*

PROEMS has 22 licensed EMS Agencies in Philadelphia, consisting of one (1) municipal fire-based EMS service (Philadelphia Fire Department) and twenty-one (21) non-municipal EMS services licensed in Philadelphia. Non-municipal EMS services conduct retrospective peer review of electronic patient care reports. The PFD CQI currently performs peer review of the electronic patient care reports for all cardiac arrests, strokes, STEMIs, Level 1 and 2 trauma patients, and OB/GYN cases. Random reviews are also conducted, as well as audits based on input from EMS field supervisors or members of the medical community. Details of the reviews are shared with the authors of the reports via their EMS or Fire Supervisor. PFD CQI is non-disciplinary.

## 8. Medical Direction

|                                              | Quantity |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Regional Medical Advisory Committee meetings | 4        |
| Accredited Level I Trauma Centers            | 6        |
| Accredited Level II Trauma Centers           | 1        |
| Accredited Level III Trauma Centers          | 0        |
| Accredited Level IV Trauma Centers           | 0        |
| Accredited primary Stroke Centers            | 9        |
| Comprehensive Stroke Centers                 | 3        |
| Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers          | 2        |
| Acute Stroke-Ready Hospitals                 | 0        |

### *Medical Direction Narrative:*

PFD CQI currently performs peer review of all electronic patient care reports associated with cardiac arrests, strokes, STEMIs, Level I and II trauma patients, and OB/GYN cases. Random reviews and audits are also conducted based upon input from EMS field supervisors and members of the medical community. Review outcomes are shared directly with the authors of the reports or through their EMS and/or Fire Supervisor.

Although PFD CQI is non-disciplinary, reviews that identify possible deviations from statewide protocols and/or PFD policies and procedures are brought to the attention of the CQI Captain. After further evaluation by the captain and in consultation with the Medical Director, a course of corrective action is determined and implemented, which may include counseling by a CQI or EMS Operations Officer, a meeting with the Medical Director, or a temporary assignment to the EMS Training Unit for remediation. The CQI Captain maintains records of all reviews and follow-up as necessary. All issues involving alleged provider misconduct are investigated by the Philadelphia Fire Department's Special Investigations Office.

During FY2026, the Philadelphia Fire Department expanded its cadre of EMS Medical Directors to enhance physician oversight, clinical support, and quality improvement efforts. PROEMS worked closely with the Philadelphia Fire Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of EMS throughout the application and approval process, providing technical assistance and administrative support to facilitate the addition of these physicians.

In collaboration with BEMS and other regional EMS councils, PROEMS developed new Medical Command Facility accreditation and reaccreditation tools while assisting hospitals with physician re-registration, regulatory compliance, and Medical Command administrative processes.

All issues involving alleged provider misconduct are investigated by the Philadelphia Fire Department's Special Investigations Office.

## 9. Systems Operations

|                                                            | Quantity |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies                  | 5        |
| Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles                  | 11       |
| Spot inspections conducted – Continuing Education Sponsors | 3        |
| Spot inspections conducted – Education Institutes          | 6        |
| Spot inspections conducted – Medical Command Facilities    | 2        |
| Number of Safety Inspections Conducted                     | 13       |
| Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection      | 45       |
| Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards            | 2,454    |
| BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted                     | 48       |
| Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.          | 451      |
| ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted                     | 5        |
| Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested           | 18       |
| Certification Class Visits Conducted                       | 61       |
| Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau | 4        |
| VRT Classes Conducted (Philadelphia Fire Academy)          | 0        |

### *Systems Operations Narrative:*

PROEMS continues to support many operational functions annually performing regular spot safety inspections of PFD EMS units and ambulances from various non-municipal EMS services licensed in the Philadelphia region. Our licensure coordinator, has completed numerous EMS Agency re-inspections along with spot inspections of agencies and their licensed ambulances.

Our education coordinator continues to conduct several BLS and ALS National Registry psychomotor exams annually, and performs regular pre- and post-class National Registry orientation visits. She also conducts spot inspections of medical command facilities, educational institutes within the region, and continuing education sponsors. Her instrumental involvement in the expansion of our region's ability to produce EMS providers has resulted in two additional EMS institute satellite sites within PA and New Jersey, as well as planning discussions with possibly 4 new EMS institutes within Philadelphia.

To assure minimum regulatory standards are established and maintained within the region, our office continually monitors and assists 9 medical command facilities, 497 medical command physicians, and nearly 4,000 pre-hospital personnel within Philadelphia. We have also processed a total of 271 Medical Command Physician initial applications and re-registrations.

The Philadelphia Regional office continues to remain available to assist other regions with large scale agency inspections.

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## **10. Emergency Preparedness Activities**

|                                                                               | Quantity |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended (only EMSOF funded staff attendance) | 2/6      |
| Tabletop Exercises Attended / Conducted                                       | 2/0      |
| Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted                        | 1/0      |
| Special Event Plans Submitted                                                 | 40       |
| Responses / Deployments                                                       | 0/0      |
| Strike Team Agencies                                                          | 1        |

### *Emergency Preparedness Narrative:*

PROEMS continued to maintain a close working relationship with the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Southeast Pennsylvania Regional Task Force (SEPATF), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and numerous local, state, and federal partners to enhance regional emergency preparedness. The regional office continued to provide technical assistance to agencies and organizations responsible for special events in developing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plans and continued to receive, review, and approve Special Event EMS Plans submitted for Department approval. During FY2026, PROEMS reviewed approximately 40 Special Event EMS Plans and coordinated approximately 375 EMS service requests submitted by the Philadelphia Fire Department to support the large volume of special events held throughout the city.

Throughout FY2026, PROEMS supported emergency preparedness planning and coordination for several major regional events, including the FIFA World Cup 2026™, FIFA Fan Festival, America250, Welcome America, and the MLB All-Star Game. The office participated in SEPATF meetings, communications interoperability activities, emergency preparedness planning meetings, and multi-agency coordination efforts to ensure EMS readiness for these high-profile events.

PROEMS also participated in the Philadelphia International Airport Emergency Preparedness Exercise (EPEX), working with city, state, federal, airport, and healthcare partners in support of the FAA-required full-scale exercise. Regional staff assisted with planning, coordination, and the recruitment, moulage, and preparation of 132 volunteer victims to support the exercise and evaluate regional emergency response capabilities.

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**11. Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings**

| DATE:    | TIME  | LOCATION                                                  |
|----------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/24/25 | 09:00 | PEMA 1310 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110 CC112        |
| 08/28/25 | 09:00 | CoPA HUB Conference Center, 2525 N 7th Street, Harrisburg |
| 09/22/25 | 09:00 | Virtual Teams Meeting                                     |
| 10/23/25 | 09:00 | Virtual Teams Meeting                                     |
| 12/04/26 | 09:00 | PEMA 1310 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110 CC112        |
| 01/22/26 | 09:00 | PEMA 1310 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110 CC112        |
| 02/26/26 | 09:00 | Virtual Teams Meeting                                     |
| 03/19/26 | 09:00 | PEMA 1310 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110 CC112        |
| 04/23/26 | 09:00 | PEMA 1310 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110 CC112        |
| 05/28/26 | 09:00 | PEMA 1310 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110 CC112        |
| 10/08/25 | 10:00 | PEHSC – Virtual Teams meeting                             |
| 11/13/25 | 10:00 | PEHSC – Virtual Teams meeting                             |
| 12/17/25 | 10:00 | PEHSC – Virtual Teams meeting                             |
| 03/11/26 | 10:00 | PEHSC – Virtual Teams meeting                             |

**12. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting**

| DATE:    | TIME  | LOCATION              |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|
| 07/03/25 | 13:00 | Virtual TEAMS meeting |
| 10/02/25 | 13:00 | Virtual TEAMS meeting |
| 01/15/26 | 13:00 | Virtual TEAMS meeting |
| 04/02/26 | 13:00 | Virtual TEAMS meeting |

**13. Quality Improvement Committee Meeting**

| DATE:   | TIME  | LOCATION                                  |
|---------|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| Monthly | 13:00 | Philadelphia Fire Administration Building |

## **Regional Accomplishments:**

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Narrative:

In addition to the activities and responsibilities detailed throughout this report, the following highlights represent notable accomplishments, initiatives, and collaborative efforts undertaken by the Philadelphia Regional Office of EMS during Fiscal Year 2026.

- Managed the distribution of approximately \$310,000 in EMSOF-funded equipment by developing an equitable allocation methodology, assessing agency needs, and overseeing procurement and distribution through the Eastern PA EMS Council.
- Supported implementation of innovative EMS initiatives designed to improve ambulance availability, reduce system strain, and connect patients with the most appropriate level of care.
- Continued supporting the Philadelphia Fire Department's Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Program and Operation Code Blue, which included community outreach events, approximately 7,560 community engagements, and nearly 1,900 transports during FY2026.
- Facilitated quarterly Commissioner's Medical Advisory Board (CMAB) meetings, strengthening regional collaboration among EMS medical directors, hospitals, EMS agencies, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- Expanded regional EMS education through development of new EMS educational partnerships and programs, including Orleans Technical Institute, Holy Family University School of Nursing, Congresso EMS Institute, the School of EMS ALS Program, and continued development of Disaster University.
- Coordinated planning, recruitment, moulage, and training for 132 volunteer victims participating in the Philadelphia International Airport Emergency Preparedness Exercise (EPEX).
- Continued supporting statewide EMS initiatives through leadership meetings, communications exercises, special projects, and collaboration with neighboring Regional EMS Councils, EMS agencies, EMS educational institutions, Medical Command Facilities, and other healthcare partners.
- Strengthened regional EMS education through development of new EMS educational programs and partnerships, workforce development initiatives, implementation of the Bureau of EMS Evaluator Program, National Registry educational initiatives, and collaboration with the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to provide EMS educational institutions with training supplies and equipment.