WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT TO JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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### Number of WI Services

- **First Responders:** 309
- **EMT-Basic:** 29
- **Intermediate:** 11
- **Intermediate Technician:** 135
- **Paramedic:** 86
- **Critical Care Paramedic:** 58
- **Air Medical:** 9

**Legend:**
- First Responders
- EMT-Basic
- Intermediate
- Intermediate Technician
- Paramedic
- Critical Care Paramedic
- Air Medical
EMS Personnel in Wisconsin

- First Responder (EMR)
- EMT-Basic
- EMT-Intermediate Technician (AEMT)
- EMT-Intermediate
- EMT-Paramedic
- EMT-Paramedic with Critical Care

- First Responder (EMR): 2,777
- EMT-Basic: 7,092
- EMT-Intermediate Technician (AEMT): 3,411
- EMT-Intermediate: 967
- EMT-Paramedic: 2,165
- EMT-Paramedic with Critical Care: 135
Statewide Call Volume

Year | Call Volume
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2013 | 677,471
2014 | 704,759
2015 | 746,338
EMS SECTION

• Located in Preparedness and Emergency Health Care Office of Division of Public Health

• Five staff members, including one licensing coordinator

• Approximately 800 EMT Services and 18,000 EMT’s licensed bi-annually
EMS Program Website

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/EMS

• Available 24/7
• Updated frequently
• Licensing page
• Instructor page
Competency-based Curricula

• First Responder (EMR)  
  (49 hours – not including CPR or advanced skills)

• EMT - Basic  
  (150-180 hours)

• Intermediate –Tech (AEMT)  
  (140-150 hours)

• Intermediate  
  (496 hours)

• Paramedic  
  (1200 hours)
NREMT STATES

Blue states represent those that require NREMT registration for licensure.

Red states do not.
National Scope Transitions

• Transition to the new levels and scopes of practice (completed 6/30/2016)

• Investigating best method to facilitate name changes for EMS levels – in progress
WARDS: Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System

- Standard reporting
- Required to submit patient care reports
- Personnel managed in system by service director
- Up-to-date individual and service demographic information
- Hospital can access for reports
WARDS: Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System

• National EMS Information System-compliant submission of data
• Upgrade to Version 3 data set expected by the end of 2016
• Streamlined report process with dynamic run report
WISCOM

- Statewide communications system for all public safety users
- 95% mobile coverage statewide - many areas for portables
- Local, regional, state mutual aid talk groups
- Dedicated talk groups for hospitals, EMS
- Already over 22,000 users
- Hospital radio installations
Funding Assistance Program

- Application sent via e-mail
- Electronic application located in E-Licensing
- No need for municipal certification
- All expenses reviewed
- Current budget = 1.9 million
- Funding used for EMT-B training and improvements.
Renewals 2016-2018

• Opened November 1, 2015
• Training focus is on transition to the new national EMS scope of practice levels
• Website offers updated information
• Operational plan update

(www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/License_certification/index.htm)
E-Licensing

• New interface
• EMS website link updated
• Contact information current
• Primary database for correspondence
DHS 110.16 - Fees

• No cost for initial license
• No cost for renewals completed on time

Late renewal: $50    Reinstatement: $75
Returned renewal: $30    Verification: $25
Reciprocity: $50    Manual application: $35
DHS 110.09 - Renewals

• Late renewal (less than 6 months)
  o Complete refresher activities
  o Pay $50 fee

• Reinstatement (6 months – 24 months)
  o Complete refresher activities
  o Complete National Registry of EMT’s assessment written and practical exams
  o Pay $75 reinstatement fee

• Lapsed (over 24 months)
  o Complete original training for specified level
Training Permits

Two processes:

• Training Center Training Permit (all levels)
  o For patient contacts and clinicals
  o Places responsibility on student
  o Provides better screening of applicants with issues that may prevent them from being licensed
  o Extension of permits

• EMT-Basic Training Permit
  (used as part of an EMT-Basic licensed crew – EMT-Basic level only)
Waivers

• New form for waiver requests
  o Medical
  o Military
  o other
Vehicle Standards

• National standards changing: National Fire Protection Agency 1917 (standard for automotive ambulances)

• State changes: Trans 309 (administrative code) will be open for revision
Wisconsin Healthcare Coalitions (HCC)

• Federal initiative
• Seven regions determined at state level by DHS
• Based on previous hospital preparedness regions, developed based on patient referral patterns
• Hospitals, public health, emergency management will participate
Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition Regions
Key Components of an HCC

- Regional board of directors – representing involved disciplines
- Regional HCC coordinator
- Regional trauma coordinator
- HCC medical advisor
- Medical coordination centers (under development)
EMS Board

- Working board meetings: February and August
- Regular board meetings: April, June, October, and December
- Current meeting location = Madison
- Now available via webcast
  - Static link for meetings
  - Information on our website
EMS Board Committees

• EMS Data Management and Systems Quality
• EMS Education and Training
• EMS System Management and Development
• Physicians Advisory Committee
Licensure names need to be updated in rule and statue

- First Responder: Emergency Medical Responder
- EMT Basic: Emergency Medical Technician
- Intermediate Technician: Advance EMT
- EMT Intermediate: Intermediate
- EMT Paramedic: Paramedic
Questions?

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