



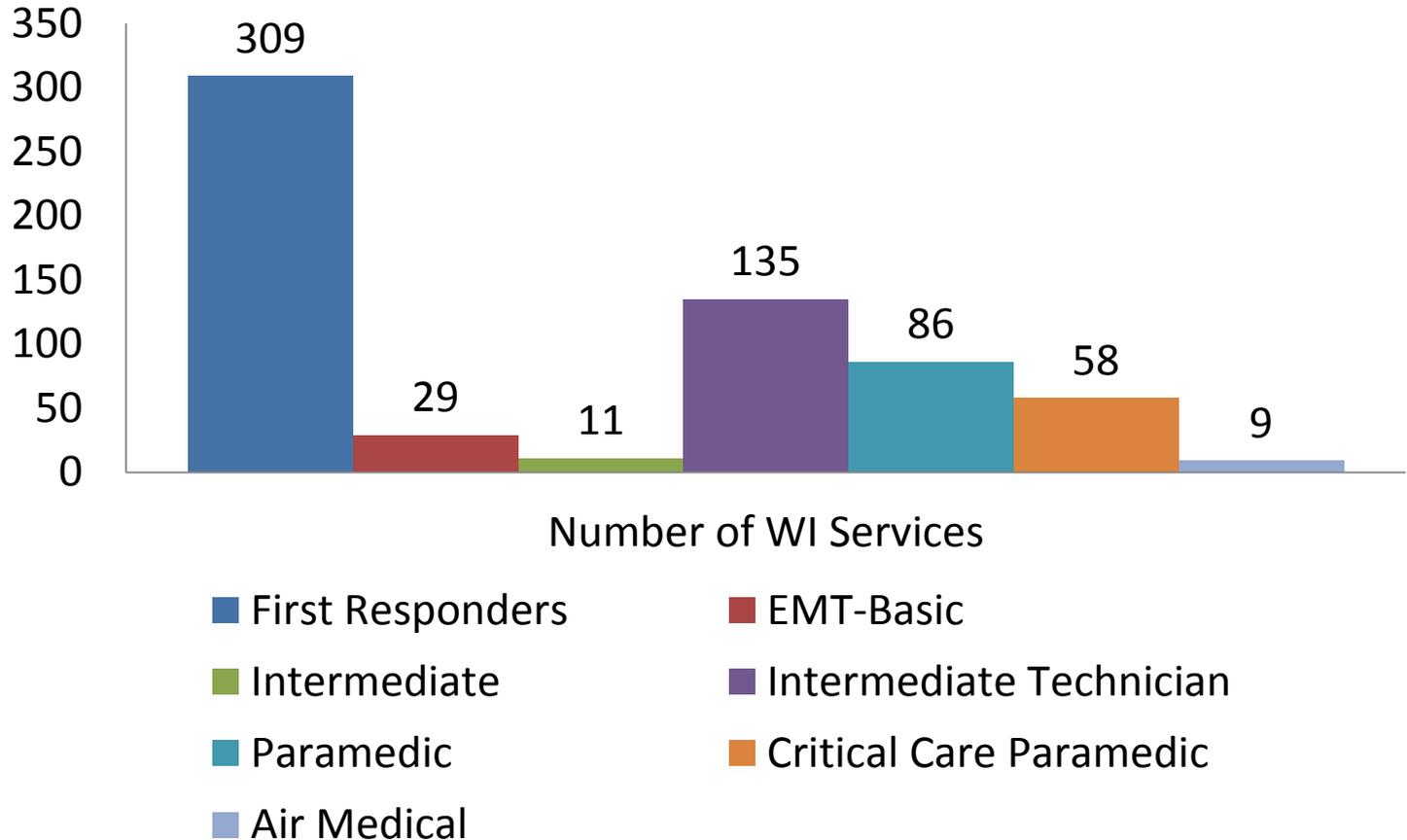
WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT TO JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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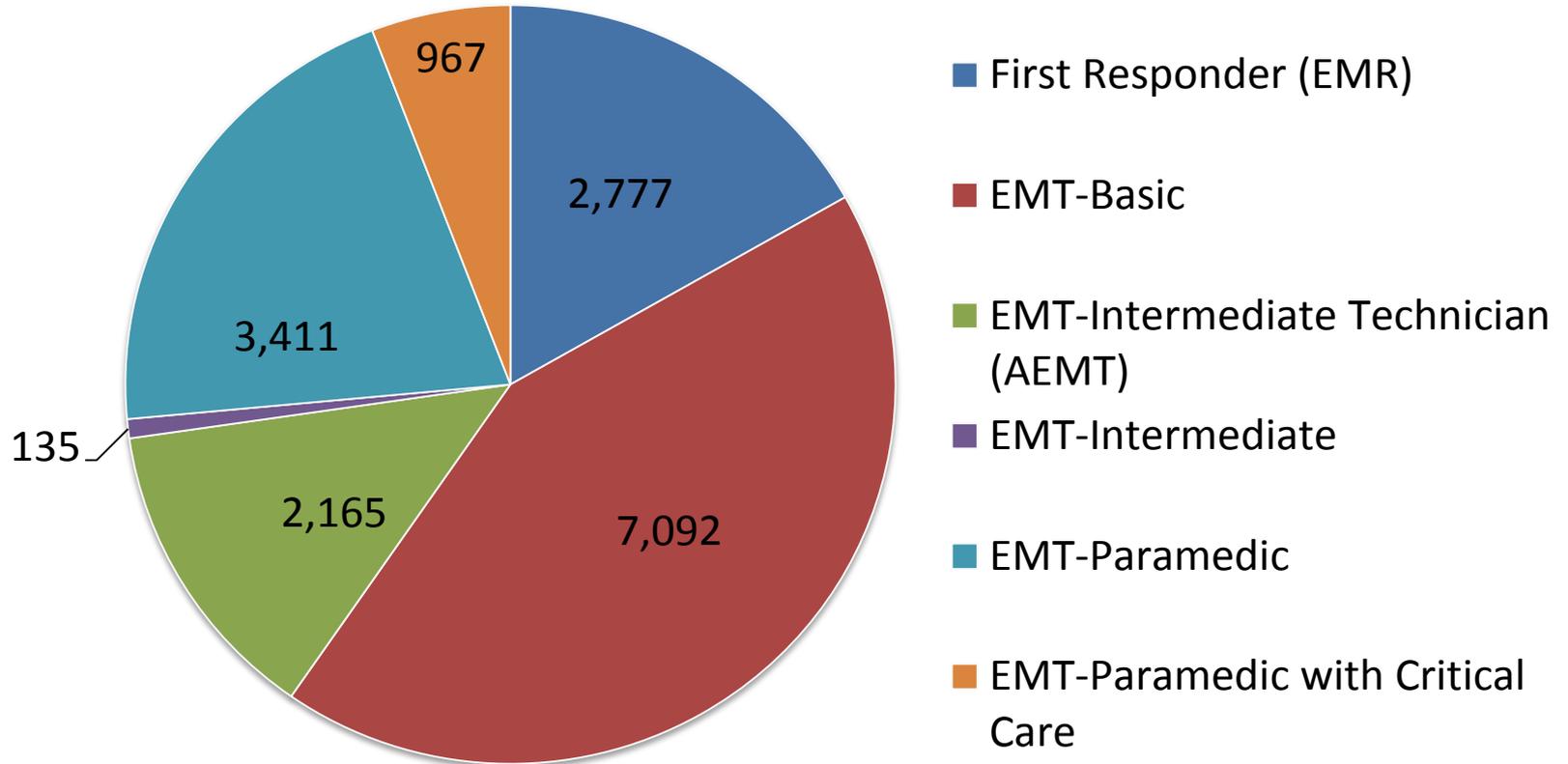
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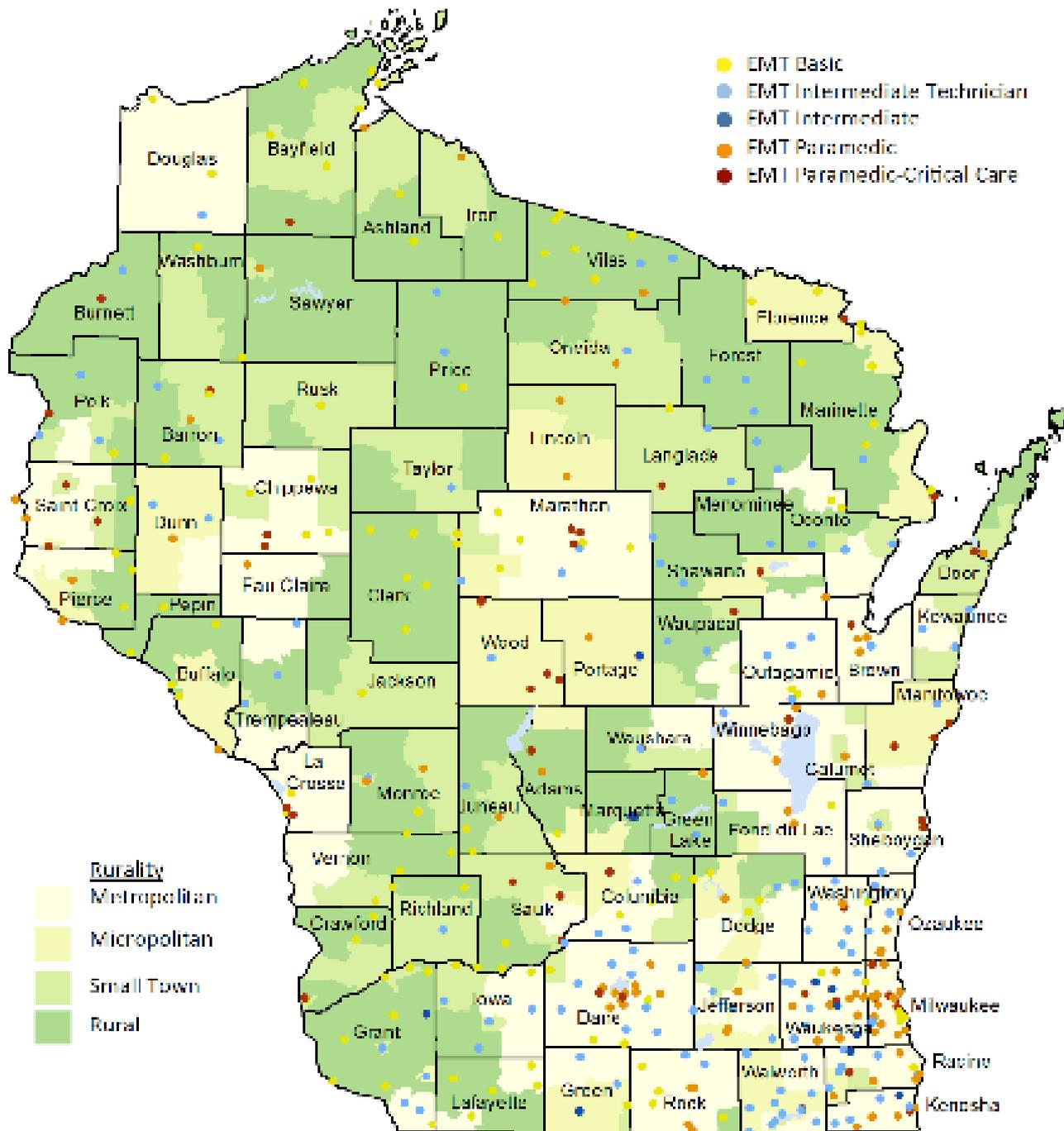
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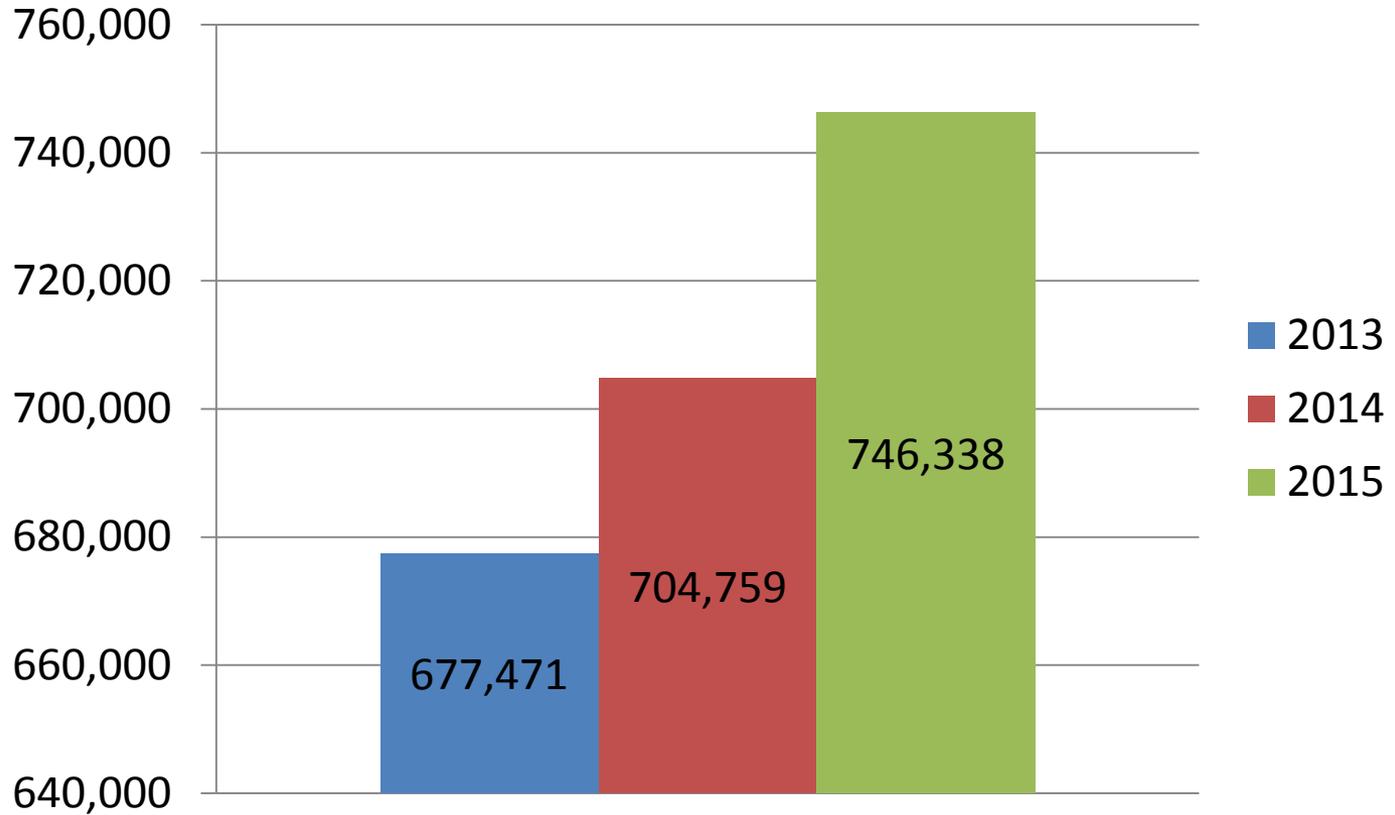
EMS Personnel in Wisconsin







Statewide Call Volume





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

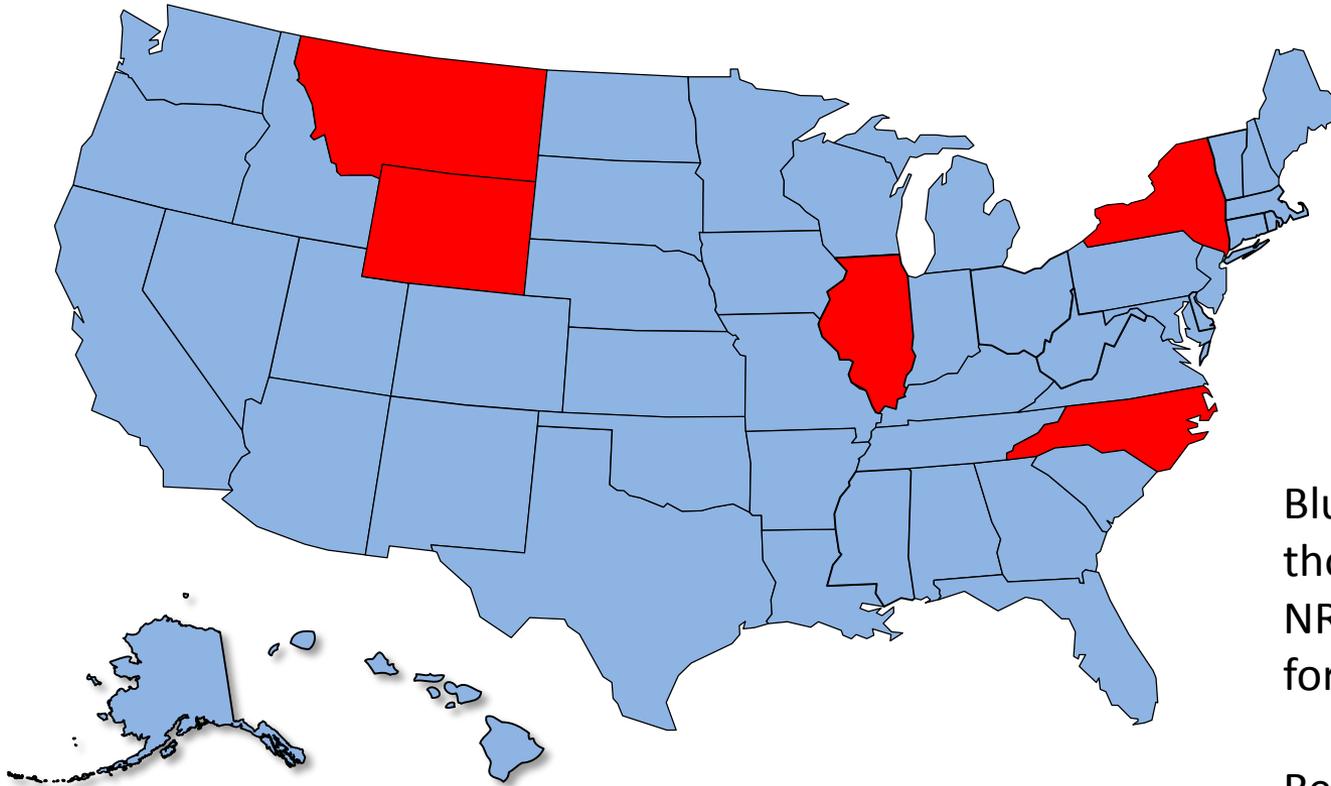


Competency-based Curricula

- 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)
 - Complete refresher activities
 - Pay \$50 fee

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

- Lapsed (over 24 months)
 - Complete original training for specified level



Training Permits

Two processes:

- Training Center Training Permit (all levels)
 - For patient contacts and clinicals
 - Places responsibility on student
 - Provides better screening of applicants with issues that may prevent them from being licensed
 - 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
 - Medical
 - Military
 - other



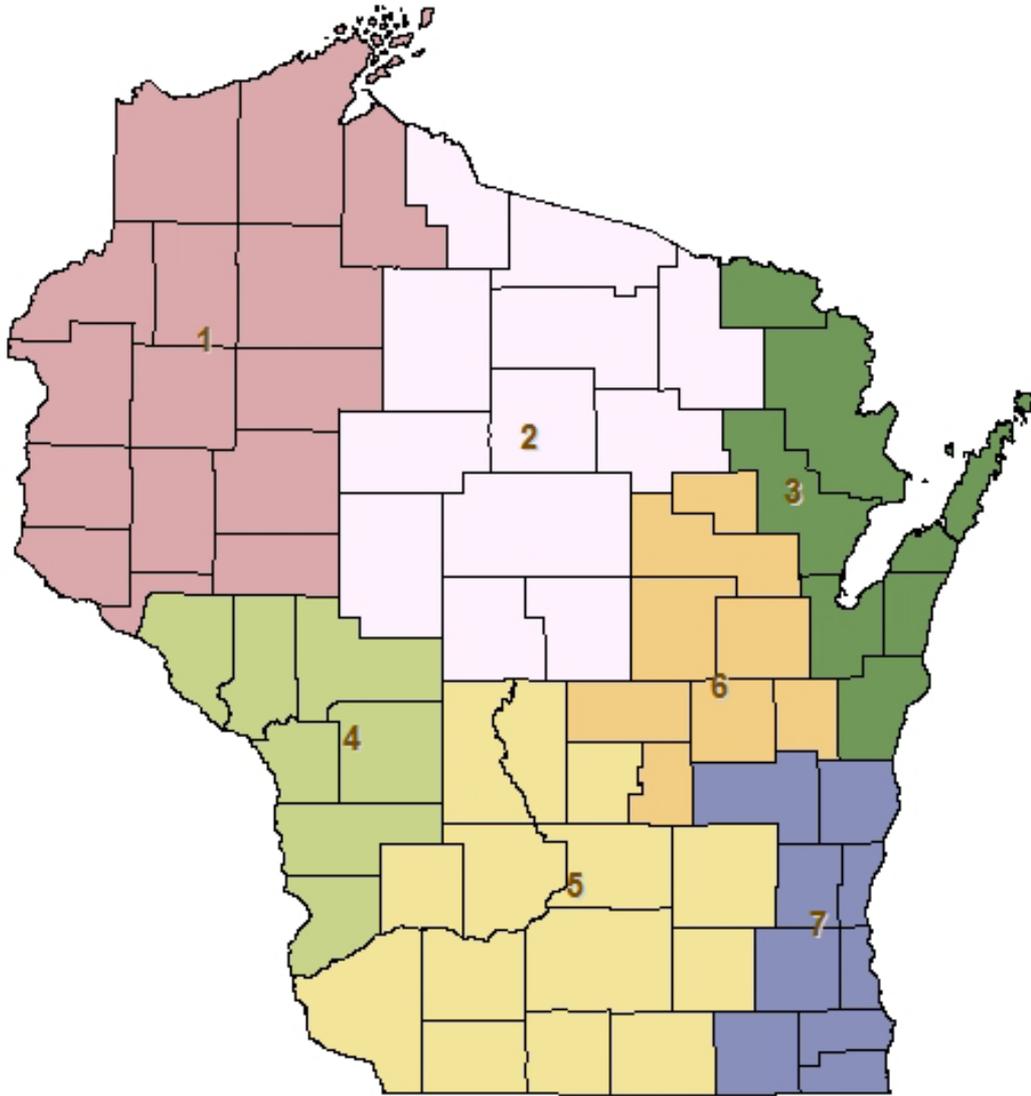
Vehicle Standards

- 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



DHS 110 and WI Statute 256 Updates

Licensure names need to be updated in rule and statute

- 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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