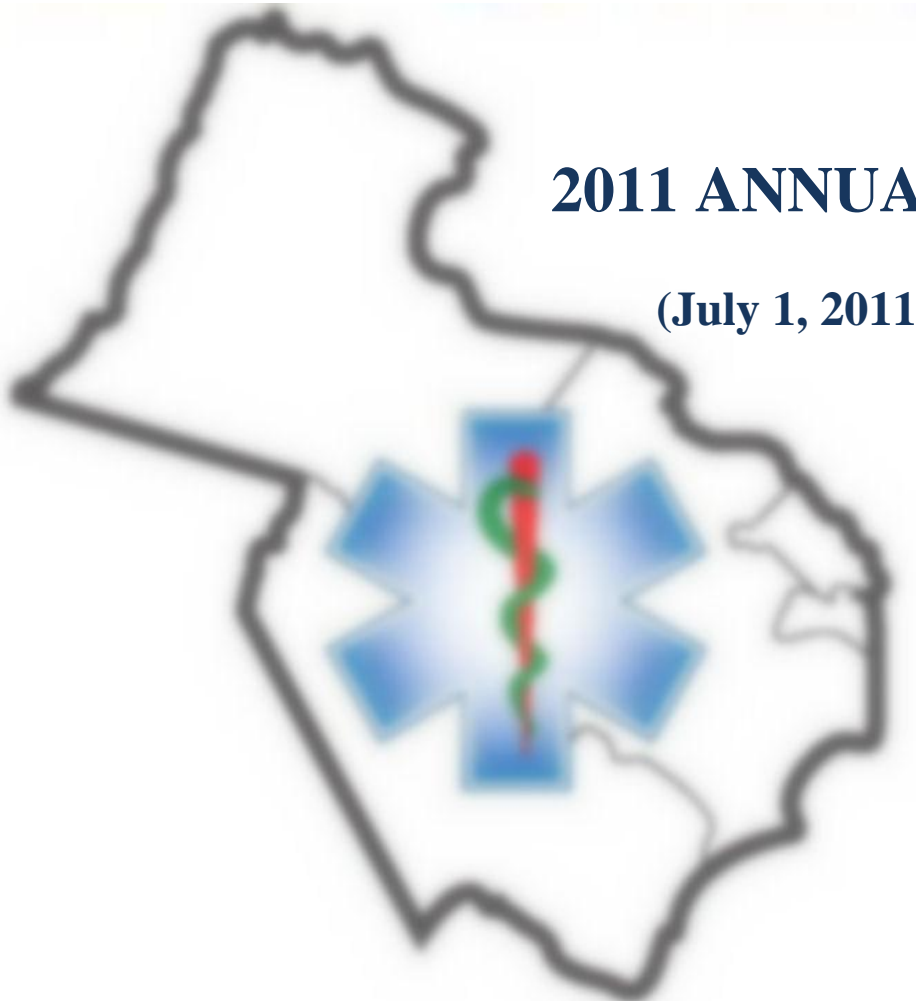


NORTHERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

(July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)



Helping to coordinate an efficient and effective regional emergency medical services delivery system in the following jurisdictions:

Arlington County
City of Alexandria
City of Fairfax
City of Manassas
City of Manassas Park
Fairfax County
Loudoun County
Prince William County
Metro Washington Airports Authority

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA EMS SYSTEM

The Northern Virginia region has a population of over 2.2 million, two major airports and two large municipal airports, the Pentagon and other federal and state agencies, numerous corporate headquarters, and endless highways and commuter routes. The region includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and the Metro Washington Airports Authority (Reagan National and Washington Dulles International Airports). This 1,338 square mile region extends from very urban to rural areas.

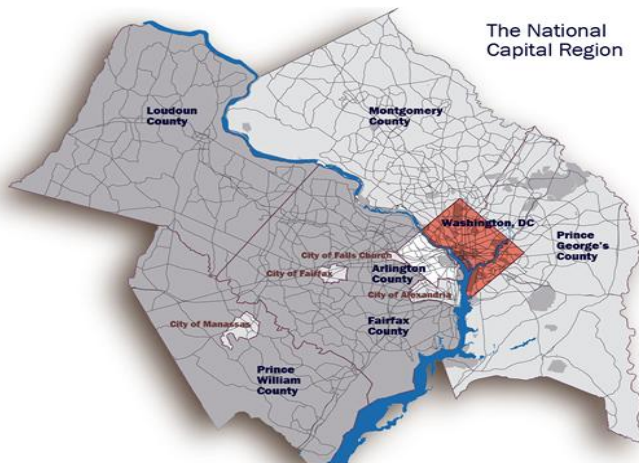
Serving this region are 10 hospitals, 6 emergency care centers, over 50 EMS agencies (government, volunteer, federal, non-profit, commercial, and industrial), over 4,900 EMS providers, almost 500 licensed EMS vehicles, 4 licensed aeromedical agencies and one fixed wing agency.

The Northern Virginia EMS Council’s mission is to improve emergency medical care in Northern Virginia. Our not-for-profit corporation is an integral part of Virginia’s comprehensive EMS system.

Established in 1980, the Council assists in the planning and coordination of the region’s emergency medical services to ensure that the best emergency care possible is available. In addition, we support the emergency providers themselves, providing an opportunity for education, testing, and recognition. We also work with the local community, supporting educational outreach and training needs.

The Northern Virginia EMS Council Board of Directors includes representatives from the region's EMS agencies, healthcare facilities, aeromedical agencies, training institutions, physicians, nurses, a fixed wing agency, law enforcement agencies, and military installations.

Our region is considered part of the National Capitol Region (NCR) and interacts on a daily basis with the EMS systems in Washington, DC and Maryland. All EMS agencies within the region are participants in the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Regional Disaster Plan.



Board of Directors

(as of 6/30/12)

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Kathleen Camp-Deal
(Vacant) (Alt.)

NVCC (No. Va. Community College)

Holly Frost
Kathleen Camp-Deal (Alt.)

OEMS Program Representative

Adam Harrell (ex-officio)

PHI AirCare

Richard Cohen
Lisa McAllister (Alt.)

Ft. Belvoir EMS

Joshua Dillow

Committee and Program Leaders

Executive Committee.....	Brian Hricik, President
EMS Performance Improvement Committee.....	Scott Weir, M.D., Chair
Medical Direction Committee	Mark Franke, M.D., Co-Chair
.....	Scott Weir, M.D., Co-Chair
Regional STEMI Committee	Jennie Collins, Chair
Regional Stroke Committee.....	James Vafier, M.D., Chair
State EMS Symposium	Ray Whatley, Council Rep.
.....	Jennie Collins, Advisory Board
.....	Marcia Pescitani, 2 nd Vice Chair
Trauma Performance Improvement Committee	Maggie Griffen, M.D., Chair



Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington



Manassas National Battlefield

Mt. Vernon, Alexandria



Great Falls, Fairfax



Dulles International Airport



Aldie Dam Road, Loudoun

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REGIONAL PLANNING

- ✓ Revised, published and distributed the Regional Strategic EMS Plan – which included core strategies and strategic initiatives.
- ✓ Reviewed and published Regional MCI Plan.
 - Work continued on revision of the EMS Multiple Casualty Incident Manual.
 - Attended COG Health & Medical Working Group monthly meetings. Surge issues discussed during these meetings.
 - Council is a Strategic Partner with the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS). Attended monthly NVERS Steering Committee meetings.
 - Council is Point of Contact for UASI EMS Planner for Northern Virginia. Deliverables of EMS Planners included:
 - Improve NCR MCI response capability
 - Improve NCR responder health and safety by standardizing rehabilitation processes and protocols
 - Develop regional EMS system performance measures to improve NCR EMS system situational awareness
 - Assistance with revisions on EMS MCI Manual
 - Member of FEMA/NIMS EMS Working Group.
 - Updated NCR listing of Mass Casualty Support Units (MCSU) and Medical Ambulance Buses (MAB)
 - Began work on a regional training video on the MABs
 - Assisted with a new patient tracking program.
- ✓ Regional STEMI meeting held. Minutes published on website.
- ✓ Regional Stroke Plan in place and published on the website.
- ✓ Participation on the NCR Burn Task Force which developed an NCR Burn Casualty Response Plan
- ✓ Executive Director a member of the Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force and attended the quarterly meetings.
- ✓ Reviewed and maintained the Regional Trauma Triage Plan. Published on website.
- ✓ Reviewed and published Hospital Diversion Plan.
 - Worked with Northern VA Hospital Alliance to ensure hospital diversion tracking system working appropriately.
- ✓ Participated in surge planning within the National Capital Region.
- ✓ Attended monthly NOVA Chiefs meetings.
- ✓ Updated a Continuity of Operations Plan for the Council.
- ✓ Attended COG EMS Committee meetings.
- ✓ Attended COG Health & Medical Technology Committee meetings.
- ✓ Attended Virginia Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC) meetings.
- ✓ Attended Medical Evacuation Workshop sponsored by No. VA Hospital Alliance.



REGIONAL COORDINATION

- ✓ Assisted agency training officers with course announcements and continuing education requirements.
- ✓ Provided assistance to agencies regarding EMS issues such as rules and regulations, reciprocity, and affiliation changes to entities within the region, the National Capital Region (including federal entities), and other parts of the State.
- ✓ Continued to provide triage/disaster tag to National Capital Region.
- ✓ Updated, distributed and published Regional EMS Resource Directory.
- ✓ Reviewed and published Performance Improvement Plan.
 - Held quarterly meetings of EMS PI & Trauma Committees and published minutes.
 - 1st quarter subject was evolving technology of non-invasive monitoring and the incidence of hemorrhagic shock with BP <90.
 - 2nd quarter subject was aspects of stroke care.
 - 3rd quarter subject was burn patient care.
 - 4th quarter subject was anti-coagulants.
- ✓ Published template for performance improvement (PI).
- ✓ Provided technical assistance to EMS agencies on state regulations related to QA/QI reporting.
- ✓ Provided updated information on legislation proposed and enacted in the Commonwealth.
- ✓ Encouraged agencies and providers to sign up on the OEMS portals.
- ✓ Reviewed and published Regional Trauma Performance Improvement Plan.
 - Held quarterly Trauma PI Committee meetings and published meeting minutes.
- ✓ Published Trauma PI template.
- ✓ Provided a statewide distance learning EMS Supervisor Training Program with assistance from Rescue Squad Assistance Funds.
- ✓ Coordinated the endorsement of several OMDs.
- ✓ Provided regional disaster (triage) tags to National Capital Region.
- ✓ Assisted jurisdictions with Return to Localities (\$4-for-Life) distribution issues.
- ✓ Maintained EMSAT, textbook, and other videos library.
- ✓ Maintained American Heart Association Community Training Center (CTC) for local EMS agencies and processed all card orders in a timely manner.
- ✓ Maintained active website and continually updated current EMS news and events, training information, reports and plans, performance improvement information, multi-patient incident information, and related EMS links.
- ✓ Maintained a regional EMS listserv and distributed information on educational classes, and timely information on local, regional, state, and national EMS news.
- ✓ Promoted the state EMS RSAF grant program and provided technical assistance to grant applicants.
- ✓ Provided standardized grading for all regional EMS RSAF grants submitted to OEMS.



- ✓ Provided updated material electronically to EMS instructors and coordinators across the region.
- ✓ Served as a clearinghouse for regional and state EMS information, posters, calendars and other public relation and recruitment materials.
- ✓ Maintained a regional CLIA waiver exempting EMS agencies from individual laboratory registration for testing of blood with portable glucometry equipment as required by federal regulations. This saves local EMS agencies over \$7,000 every two years.
- ✓ Sent out information on legislative changes, such as new DDNR rules.
- ✓ Conducted a regional training officers meeting where OEMS representative discussed changes to EMS regulations concerning training and certification.
- ✓ Regional committee formed to develop a plan to go paperless (ePCR) at the region's hospitals
- ✓ Region assisted with the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride and trip ended in Alexandria, VA. Special commemoration given for Joshua Weissman, from Alexandria Fire Department.
- ✓ Conducted regional EMS Awards Program.
 - Submitted regional award recipients to State Awards Committee.
 - 2011 Regional EMS Award recipients for the region were:
 - Award for Excellence in Emergency Medical Services**
Randy Breton, Hamilton Vol. Rescue & Physicians Transport
 - Award to the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider**
Joshua Weissman, Alexandria Fire Department
 - Award to the Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Educator**
Kathleen K. Deal, Northern Virginia Community College
 - Award to the Outstanding EMS Administrator**
Camille Birmingham, Physicians Transport Service
 - Award to Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety**
Troy J. Gibbs, Alexandria Fire Department
 - Award to Outstanding EMS Agency**
Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad
 - Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior**
Joseph Montgomery, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

REGIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTION

- ✓ Maintained a Scope of Service and signed contract with two regional Medical Directors – Drs. Mark Franke and Scott Weir.
- ✓ Maintained the regional protocols established for basic patient care. Updated regional medication and EMS supplies restocking program.
- ✓ Reviewed and maintained the Regional Medication Kit Exchange Program. The Regional Restocking Plan was reviewed by all agencies and will remain as is.
- ✓ Webinar held for OMDs on program developed by Dr. E. Reed Smith – Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC).
- ✓ Regional meeting held with agency OMDs. Discussed:
 - Regional definition of pediatric patient
 - ePCR issues
 - Drug shortages

- Modification of protocols on a disaster scene
- EMS physician on scene protocols

BLS-CTS ADMINISTRATION

- ✓ A total of **24** test sites were coordinated within the region, with 64 First Responder written/79 practicals; 1002 EMT written/1085 EMT practicals; 54 instructor pretests/ VEMSES; 3 Enhanced written; 7 Intermediate written; and 11 Paramedic written exams administered.
- ✓ Developed and posted a testing schedule of dates, times and locations.
- ✓ Assisted candidates for testing with their registration process.
- ✓ Several meetings held with OEMS to discuss consolidated testing within Northern Virginia.
- ✓ Webinar held on updates to the consolidated testing registration system.
- ✓ Council's Administrative Assistant travelled to Charlottesville to teach TJEMS Council staff on consolidated registration system.

REGIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

- ✓ Provided continuing education information to EMS providers and training departments.
- ✓ Published monthly course announcements on website.
- ✓ Assisted Northern VA Community College with their National Registry ALS and state EMT testing registrations.
- ✓ Attended annual meeting of the No. VA Community College EMS Advisory Committee.
- ✓ Participated in the planning and coordination of the Symposium which has over 1800 attendees each year.
- ✓ Staff assisted as room hosts at the annual EMS Symposium.



RECRUITMENT and RETENTION

- ✓ Provided agency affiliation assistance to local providers and agencies.
- ✓ Provided volunteer and career referrals and training information in response to hundreds of phone calls and electronic requests.

STATE and NCR COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

- ✓ Regional Directors' Group
- ✓ Governor's EMS Advisory Board, Brian Hricik, Council Representative
 - Communications Committee
 - EMS Emergency Management
 - Financial Assistance Review Committee
 - Medical Direction Committee
 - Professional Development Committee
- ✓ State Health & Medical Subpanel

- ✓ Regional Coordinator is Vice Chair of State EMS Symposium Committee.
- ✓ State Medevac Committee
- ✓ State Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee
- ✓ State Workforce Development Committee
- ✓ Virginia Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)
- ✓ State Regulation and Policy Committee
- ✓ Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force
- ✓ COG EMS Subcommittee
- ✓ COG Health and Medical Committee – ESF8
- ✓ COG Health and Medical Technology Committee
- ✓ Alliance for Emergency Medical Education and Research (AEMER)

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Maintained an office which is staffed during weekdays from 8 am until 4 pm.
- ✓ Provided a consistent point of contact for EMS providers, agencies and local governments
- ✓ Published monthly financial reports, quarterly program reports, an annual report, committee minutes and rosters, and other training and event announcements.
- ✓ Updated Continuity of Operations Plan for the Council.
- ✓ Maintained and published Council policies, by-laws and other plans and procedures.
- ✓ Held five Council Board of Directors meetings.

MAJOR SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Commonwealth of Virginia	Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.
HCA Reston Hospital	Fairfax Police Helicopter Division
INOVA Fairfax Hospital	George Washington University
INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital	Loudoun County Fire & Rescue
Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Ctr.	Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Dept.
Virginia Hospital Center - Arlington	Metro. Washington Airports Authority
Alexandria Fire Department	No. Virginia Community College
Arlington Fire Department	PHI, Inc.
City of Fairfax Fire Department	Physicians Transport Service
City of Manassas Fire & Rescue	Prince William Dept. of Fire & Rescue
Emergency Nurses Association	

\$4-For-Life Return to Localities Funding

Funding for EMS is provided through a vehicle registration fee in the Commonwealth. 26% of these funds are returned directly to the localities. Below is a listing of the Return-To-Locality funds for FY '12. Northern Virginia localities are highlighted.

City/County	\$ Amount	City/County	\$ Amount	City/County	\$ Amount
Accomack County	47,091.20	City of Norton	3,018.60	Louisa County	35,721.92
Albemarle County	124,237.36	City of Petersburg	25,175.80	Lunenburg County	11,751.48
Alleghany County	21,882.12	City of Poquoson	12,101.44	Madison County	13,761.80
Amelia County	13,868.92	City of Portsmouth	72,249.32	Mathews County	9,693.32
Amherst County	31,342.48	City of Radford	9,038.64	Mecklenburg County	29,901.04
Appomattox County	15,159.56	City of Richmond	146,170.96	Middlesex County	12,995.84
Arlington County	152,842.04	City of Roanoke	77,885.60	Montgomery County	66,800.76
Augusta County	78,024.96	City of Salem	22,396.40	Nelson County	16,790.28
Bath County	5,968.04	City of Staunton	20,504.64	New Kent County	19,952.92
Bedford County	73,895.12	City of Suffolk	73,277.36	Northampton County	11,492.00
Bland County	6,304.48	City of Virginia Beach	374,350.60	Northumberland City	14,661.40
Botetourt County	35,078.16	City of Waynesboro	17,983.16	Nottoway County	13,139.88
Brunswick County	15,439.32	City of Williamsburg	15,162.16	Orange County	33,515.04
Buchanan County	24,008.92	City of Winchester	21,734.44	Page County	23,794.16
Buckingham County	14,725.88	Clarke County	15,410.72	Patrick County	18,980.00
Campbell County	54,099.76	Craig County	5,524.48	Pittsylvania County	63,412.44
Caroline County	27,323.40	Culpeper County	43,443.40	Powhatan County	28,134.60
Carroll County	28,646.28	Cumberland County	9,806.68	Prince Edward County	16,350.88
Charles City County	8,403.72	Dickenson County	14,856.92	Prince George County	32,112.60
Charlotte County	12,432.16	Dinwiddie County	27,696.76	Prince William County	337,429.69
Chesterfield County	290,433.00	Essex County	11,272.04	Pulaski County	32,053.84
City of Alexandria	183,824.68	Fairfax County	918,178.04	Rappahannock County	8,576.36
City of Bedford	4,915.04	Fauquier County	71,680.44	Richmond County	9,386.52
City of Bristol	13,212.68	Floyd County	16,099.20	Roanoke County	91,777.92
City of Buena Vista	5,106.92	Fluvanna County	24,590.28	Rockbridge County	23,296.52
City of Charlottesville	28,125.24	Franklin County	54,566.72	Rockingham County	75,839.40
City of Chesapeake	197,100.80	Frederick County	76,776.44	Russell County	30,017.52
City of Colonial Heights	17,249.96	Giles County	16,503.24	Scott County	20,892.56
City of Covington	5,337.80	Gloucester County	38,693.72	Shenandoah County	43,462.12
City of Danville	33,625.28	Goochland County	23,627.24	Smyth County	27,887.60
City of Emporia	4,349.80	Grayson County	15,120.04	Southampton County	17,527.12
City of Fairfax	22,942.40	Greene County	18,160.48	Spotsylvania County	117,488.28
City of Falls Church	16,232.84	Greensville County	8,070.92	Stafford County	105,918.28
City of Franklin	6,906.64	Halifax County	35,283.04	Surry County	7,757.88
City of Fredericksburg	23,279.36	Hanover County	103,208.04	Sussex County	9,845.16
City of Galax	5,572.84	Henrico County	269,108.84	Tazewell County	39,945.36
City of Hampton	111,083.96	Henry County	51,994.80	Warren County	38,369.24
City of Harrisonburg	27,133.60	Highland County	2,908.88	Washington County	50,515.40
City of Hopewell	18,479.24	Isle of Wight County	36,857.60	Westmoreland County	19,119.88
City of Lexington	3,759.08	James City County	57,461.56	Wise County	34,544.12
City of Lynchburg	52,197.60	King & Queen County	7,676.24	Wythe County	27,904.24
City of Manassas	33,099.04	King George County	24,179.48	York County	58,896.76
City of Manassas Park	11,336.00	King William County	16,504.28		
City of Martinsville	11,589.76	Lancaster County	12,403.56		
City of Newport News	152,665.76	Lee County	20,026.76	TOTAL	7,147,068.89
City of Norfolk	167,122.80	Loudoun County	269,458.80		

Northern Virginia EMS Council, Inc.
Financial Statement of Activities
For the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

<u>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
State Contract/Grant Income	\$ 234,119	234,179
State Consolidated Testing Funds	24,615	31,705
Contributions	15,000	30,025
In-kind donations	17,982	15,115
Regional Assessments	51,519	47,880
CTC membership & sales	27,140	17,576
Inventory sales (triage tags)	2,645	2,695
State Consolidated Testing Funds	24,615	31,705
Testing Fees	44,310	38,110
RSAF Supervisor Course	3,600	-
EMS Supervisor Course	3,600	-
Interest income	372	1,241
Miscellaneous other	98	174
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<u>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>	\$ 433,719	421,075
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Program	\$ 250,214	258,755
Supporting Services	<u>\$ 167,238</u>	<u>154,499</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$ 417,452	413,254
 <u>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</u>	 \$ 16,267	 7,821
<u>NET ASSETS</u> , beginning of year	<u>\$ 316,371</u>	<u>308,550</u>
 <u>NET ASSETS</u> , end of year	 <u>\$ 332,638</u>	 <u>316,371</u>

Reed and Hendershot, Certified Public Accountants, Manassas, VA conducted the Council's audit of financial statements. Other notes (not shown here) are an integral part of the report. The full audit report, as well as the Council's annual Federal 990 report, is available for inspection at the Council's office.

OUR VISION

The EMS system in the Northern Virginia region will continue to...

- * Provide the appropriate staffing level and level of training of hospital and pre-hospital personnel
- * Provide communication access for victims of injury and sudden illness via an enhanced 911 dispatch system.
- * Provide for dispatcher-provided telephone assistance (pre-arrival instructions) to callers with life-threatening emergencies.
- * Provide timely response of EMS personnel and transport vehicles to emergency medical incidents.
- * Provide state-of-the-art, high-quality treatment of patients as a result of standardized basic and advanced life support educational programs, standardized testing programs, superior continuing education courses, and quality improvement programs.
- * Provide adequate ground, air, and water transport vehicles that meet appropriate standards regarding location, design, performance, equipment, personnel, and safety.
- * Provide an interoperable communication system for EMS providers to communicate with other EMS personnel throughout the region, the regional dispatchers, and all hospital emergency departments and other public safety personnel.
- * Provide a communications system for all of the regional emergency departments to communicate with each other on a daily, year-round basis.
- * Provide a system of identifying the most appropriate facility to manage a patient's clinical needs.
- * Provide for an inclusive trauma care system in which every health care provider or facility with resources to care for the injured patient is incorporated.
- * Ensure the involvement of the medical community in providing medical oversight and accountability to all phases of the EMS system.
- * Provide programs of public education and information to establish an awareness of the EMS system, how to access the system, and how to use the system properly.
- * Provide appropriate system response to incidents beyond the day-to-day resource capabilities of individual EMS provider organizations.
- * Ensure EMS system excellence through the effective use of local, state, private and federal funding sources, research, medical direction and collaboration with persons and agencies involved with the provision of emergency medical services.

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