

# PEHSC

# Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council



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#### Mission

➤ To serve as an independent advisory body to the Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to emergency health services

➤ To foster improvements in the quality and delivery of emergency health services throughout the Commonwealth



### History

> 1974 - Formed and Incorporated

- ➤ 1985 Recognized as the official EMS advisory body to the PA Department of Health (Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985)
- 2009 Re-authorized as the official EMS advisory body to the PA Department of Health (Emergency Medical Services Act of 2009)



## We Represent...



### **EMS**



- EMS Agencies
- \* ALS and BLS Providers
- Patients



Throughout Pennsylvania



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### How is PEHSC funded?

➤ Contracted by the PA Department of Health

>EMSOF is source of Funding

➤ No fees or dues are charged to PEHSC's member organizations or individuals to participate



### **Council Members**



- Ambulance Services
- Hospitals
- Health Care Providers
- > Fire/Rescue
- Other Agencies Interested in PA's EMS System



### **Affiliate Members**

Over 200 Members

- Can be an organization or individual
- Access to valuable information resources
- Target group for polling on a variety of issues



### **Board of Directors**

Serves as the official advisory body to the Department of Health on EMS issues

Comprised of at least 30 Council organizations

- Board Elects
  Executive Committee
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Two (2) At-Large Members



# Board of Directors / Council Membership

- Multi-disciplinary member organizations involved with emergency health issues, to include representation from:
  - American Heart Association
  - American Red Cross
  - American Trauma Society
  - All Regional EMS Councils in PA
  - Hospital and Healthsystem Association
  - American College of Emergency Physicians
  - State Nurses Association



# Other Partners Involved in PEHSC Activities

- Office of Rural Health
- Coroner's Association
- HRSA via the national EMS for Children Project
- Healthcare Coalitions Preparedness
- State Fire Commissioner's Office



## **Advisory Function**

- Responsive to provider issues through a group consensus process
- Fosters system improvements through grassroots participation on inter-disciplinary committees and issue-driven task forces – yields official recommendations or educational initiatives
- Develops formal recommendations for system improvements that are approved by the PEHSC Board of Directors prior to being sent to the PA Department of Health for consideration
- Reviews and educates the legislature on proposed bills and current system needs via testimony and stakeholder meetings



### Committees & Task Forces

- CCT Task Force
- Education
- EMS for Children
- Information Systems
- Community
  Parmedicine/EMS

- Medical Advisory
- > Rescue
- > State EMS Plan
- > Telecommunications
- > Special OPS EMS



### **Current Projects**

- Wilderness and Tactical Medic Integration
- Critical Care SOP, Education Integration
- Community Paramedicine Development
- Efforts to enhance EMS Funding sources and Staffing
- Clinical Protocol Reviews/Updates SOP, Drugs and Devices
- Rural EMS issues and integration with hospitals and healthcare systems for the future
- National EMSC Project Initiatives



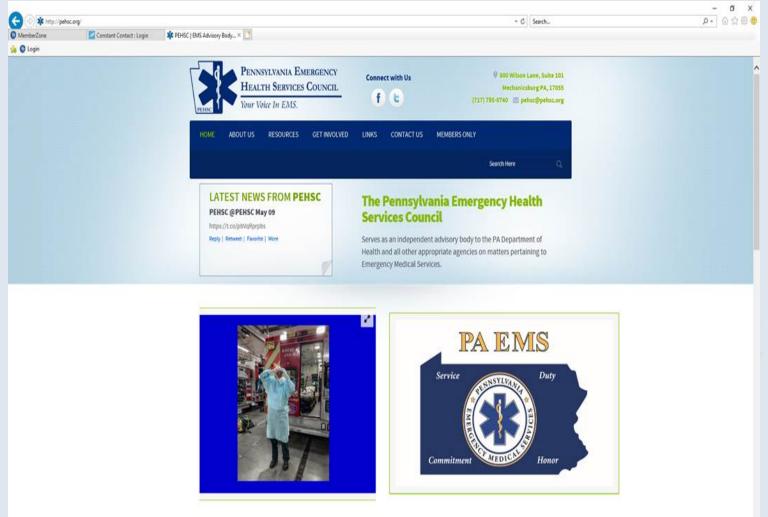
# Annual EMS Conference



- ➤ This year is the 42nd Annual State Conference Sept 2-4
- National-Level Speakers
- Wide Range of Clinical and Non-Clinical Topics
- > CEU Credits Available
- > VIRTUAL DUE TO COVID
- More info at www.paEMSconference.org



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