



PEHSC

Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council



**PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

Your Voice In EMS.

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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 Paramedicine/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





PEHSC Home Page

www.pehsc.org

The screenshot shows the PEHSC website home page in a browser window. The browser address bar shows 'http://pehsc.org'. The page features the PEHSC logo with the text 'PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL' and 'Your Voice In EMS.'. To the right, there is a 'Connect with Us' section with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and contact information: '600 Wilson Lane, Suite 101, Mechanicsburg PA, 17055', '(717) 795-0740', and 'pehsc@pehsc.org'. A dark blue navigation bar contains links for HOME, ABOUT US, RESOURCES, GET INVOLVED, LINKS, CONTACT US, and MEMBERS ONLY. Below the navigation bar is a search box labeled 'Search Here'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'LATEST NEWS FROM PEHSC' and features a post from 'PEHSC @PEHSC May 09' with a URL and options to 'Reply | Retweet | Favorite | More'. The right column is titled 'The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council' and contains a paragraph: 'Serves as an independent advisory body to the PA Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to Emergency Medical Services.'





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