



EMS Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes

2023 Quarter 4 | October 13, 2023

Chair Jim Cole, RRP | Vice Chair JoAnna Kamppi, P

Appointed Committee Attendance

V: Vacant | Exc: Excused | P: Pending

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| Excused | Physician | Christopher Van Tilburg, MD |
| yes | Physician | SunHee Chung, MD |
| yes | Physician | David Rosenburg, MD |
| Yes | Physician (Supervising) | Lucas Welle, MD |
| yes | Physician (Supervising) | Alicia Bond, MD |
| yes | Physician (Pediatric Emergency Care) | Daniel Hull, MD |
| yes | EMS Provider | Michael Cool, Paramedic |
| yes | EMS Provider (EMR) | Casi Hegney, EMR |
| no | EMS Provider | Rebekah Rand, Paramedic |
| yes | EMS Provider | Jim Cole, Paramedic |
| E | Vol. Ambulance Provider | Tiffany Peterson, EMT |
| yes | Public Ambulance | JoAnna Kamppi, Paramedic |
| yes | Private Ambulance | Sheila Clough |
| yes | Emergency Department Nurse | Candice Benjamin, RN |
| E | 911 Com Dispatch | Mike Fletcher |
| yes | Community College | Michele Claassen |
| yes | Hospital Administrator | Eric Swanson, Paramedic |
| no | STAB Representative | Ron Barbosa, MD |

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Attendance

Stella Rausch-Scott, EMT; Peter Geissert, MS, MPH; Rebecca Long, P; Madeleine Parmley, RN; Rachel Ford; Veronica Seymour, EMR; Andey Nunes-Brewster; Robbie Edwards; Amani Atallah, P; Leslie Huntington, P; Justin Hardwick, P; Kimberly Aubrey; Dana Selover, MD

Public Attendance

Lauri Martinich; Frank Ehrmantraut; Matt Neuenheim; Kelly Kapri; Jonathan Geertsen; Jeremy Bueller; Alisa Zastoupil; Matt Philbrick; Matt Edinger; Bet Martin

Call to Order – Jim Cole

The meeting was called to order and roll call of committee members was taken. Quorum was met. The agenda was reviewed, and no changes were requested.

Membership Review / Membership Annual Training. – Stella Rausch-Scott

Review of the current appointed committee members. Candace Benjamin, Trauma Nurse Representative, has declined to be reappointed for a second term. OHA will begin recruitment heavily from Region 9 as this is the least represented region on the board.

Appointed committee members are required to complete annual training by December 31 of each year.

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| Action | Stella will send out reminders for annual training until the end of the year. Committee members should reach out if they have any issues accessing the training. |
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2023 Quarter 3 Minutes – Jim Cole

2023 Quarter 3 EMS Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Michael Cool made a motion to accept the minutes. Sheila Clough seconded the motion and the motion passed. No changes were requested.

Stroke Workgroup – Alicia Bond, MD

The Stroke project was presented to the Stroke Care Committee who supported education to be sent to the agencies. The work will continue with the workgroup and hope to present at the 2024 Q1 meeting. Dr. Selover recommended that the NAEMSP – Oregon Physicians be notified and request feedback before sending to the agencies.

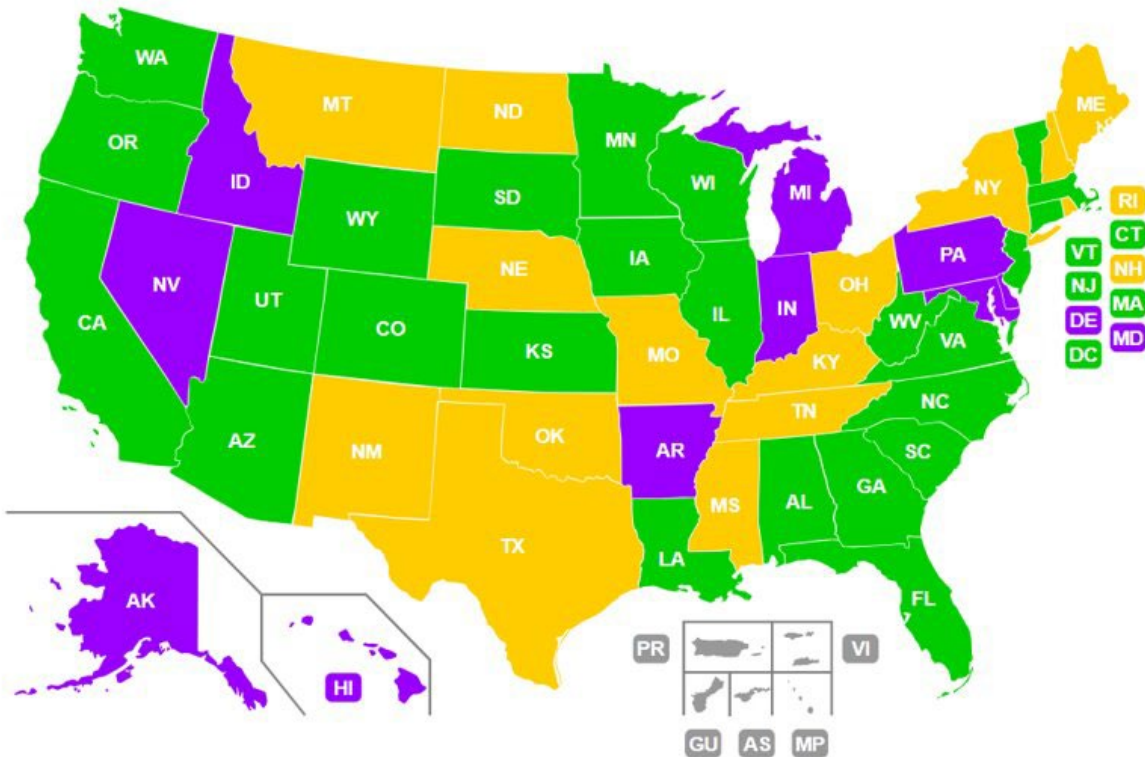
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| Action Item | One person has volunteered with committee to coordinate with Peter on ePCR. Timeline for the project will be drafted. Next quarter for the stroke |
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care committee to present in January. Agreement out to agencies for joint purpose of use. Q1 meeting of 2024 could send out letter.

OR – EMSIS – Peter Geissert

NEMSIS 3.5 update:

■ Submitting v3.5 Data ■ v3.5 Documents Available ■ v3.5 Implementation Plan ■ No Transition Plan



Oregon EMS Agency Transition (as of 10-5-23):

Live: 55

In Process: 18

Scheduled: 71

OR-EMSIS/OTR Integration

The existing linkage:

- Was a custom development
- Set up for NEMSIS 3.4 data
- Is not easily configurable
- Integrates with the OTR legacy software

Upon testing this export tool was found to be incompatible with our Trauma integration

Will consider using Rhapsody engine to create the linkage.

New NEMSQA Measures

- **Airway-01** Successful First Advanced Airway Placement without Hypotension or Hypoxia
- **Airway-05** Adequate Oxygen Saturation Achieved Before Intubation
- **Airway-18** Waveform Capnography Airway Device Monitoring
- **Respiratory-02** Oxygen Administration for Hypoxia
- **Safety-04** Pediatric Restraint Device Used During Transport
- **Syncope-01** ECG Performed for Syncope Patients
- **TBI-01** Clinical Assessments for Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury
- **Trauma-08** Documentation of GCS, SBP, and Respiratory Rate
- **Trauma-14** Trauma Call Rate
- **TTR-01** Vital Signs Documented

<https://nemsqa.memberclicks.net/measures>

It was recommended that the committee take the opportunity to review the NEMSQA measures and identify which measures would be beneficial to review. The Data Work group was requested to consider taking this task on after the Stroke data task was completed.

JoAnna would like a workgroup to look at the wait times currently happening around the hospitals in Oregon. California has submitted a bill that would review hospital times and emergency patient transfer. <https://trackbill.com/bill/california-assembly-bill-40-emergency-medical-services/2282316/#:~:text=The%20bill%20would%20require%20every,standardized%20time%20to%20the%20authority>

EMS Improvement Workgroup:

JoAnna Kamppi, Sheila Clough, Alicia Bond, SunHee Chung, Daniel Hull, Jacki Fox (volunteered by Eric Swanson), Frank Ehrmantraut, David Lehrfeld, Candi Benjamin.

EMS for Children update – Matt Philbrick and Rachel Ford

- Make the Right Call – card (printable) can be provided to people in community if needed (provided link in the quarter report below)
- Agencies and Hospitals are seeing a rise in RSV, COVID and Flu patients currently. Peds readiness program pedsreadyprogram.org

- New TikTok Trend- high dose Benadryl in peds. Seeing this rise at hospitals across the state.
- Equipment that has been provided to agencies – on website and in Q4 report.
- Looking for EMS Tribal rep to be on this committee
- HeroKids registry- new videos created (complex medical histories, behavioral health etc.)

Director/Leadership update – Dana Selover, Amani Atallah

Leg Update- Rep Graber- EMS Modernization

- Change in time sensitive emergencies- add stroke and STEMI to Trauma
- EMS Mobilization – working with HSPR to maybe get some agreements in place, so we can surge beyond mutual aid. We have a thin agreement in place, but it's not a good long-term solution.
- Licensing of non-transporting agencies. We are one of 3-4 states that don't regulate fire agencies. It is unclear if that piece will be included.
- This is not OHA's bill, so we are in communication with Rep Graber's office and will support them. These bills should start dropping in Feb.

HB 2395- Naloxone Omnibus bill-

- EMS has a small role, option to share Narcan with the public that need it.

Rules-

Finished the associate degree rules. Drafting Hearing Officer report, then final rules will be implemented.

- Trauma Rules – Exhibit 2 & 3
 - o 2- Field Triage Criteria
 - o 3- Triage at hospital, modified, full, etc.
 - o Exhibit 4 is coming- we need some requirements for critical access hospitals.
- 250 & 255 Ambulance Service and vehicle rule changes coming
- RAC rules changed- RAC members can be created from this group, but it will not be this committee as it was before.
- 2024- EMS Education rules will be opened 265s

Mobile Integrated Healthcare- new billing code from CMS

- We don't have a license type for this but have a broad statute that speaks to this.
- Ambulance Service Plan Reviews
- Shout out to Julie and Justin for this work. We are required to respond to the counties in 60 days. We are getting closer to that response time. These plans are for the counties to enforce.

Andey Nunez has accepted a research position, thankful for his work and this is a bittersweet transition. RA3 position to be posted soon, Andey will help with that recruitment.

Review 2023 Q3 report below.

Public Comment – Stella Scott

No public comment. Next meeting is January 19th, all virtual.

Meeting adjourned.

These minutes have not been approved by the committee.

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Data timeline for this report January 1 to August 31, 2023

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State email domains are changing. Please note this is taking place over a period of time. Emails will still reach our office but make sure to update your contacts when noted.



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EMS & Trauma Systems Manager's Update

It is with bittersweet sentiment that I share the news that Andey Nunes Brewster has accepted a new position with the Data Equity Team as a Research Analyst 4. Andey has been an integral part of the EMS & Trauma Systems program since 2021, particularly with the Trauma System. Andey has demonstrated superior technical expertise and leadership with Trauma System improvement projects. In addition to his remarkable skill with databases, he has been a driving force behind several RFPs and a multitude of program improvement initiatives. We will surely miss his companionship and are comforted that he is not going too far. Please join us in congratulating Andey! Andey will be starting his new role on October 16th and has graciously committed to helping our program with onboarding a new Research Analyst 3. Recruitment for an RA3 for the EMS & trauma Systems Program will likely begin in late October.

Interviews for the EMS & Trauma Data Systems Coordinator (PA2) were conducted on September 13th and September 14th. The EMS & Trauma Systems Coordinator will be responsible for developing and implementing the program budget, managing fiscal matters relating to contract administration, and managing vendor partnerships. We are excited to announce we are in the final stages of hiring for the position and are looking forward to onboarding the newest member to our team!

We have some exciting news for private EMS agencies who are participating in CARES. Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) has chosen the CARES registry for their program's Private Agency Quality Measure requirement. Not only is this going to improve visibility of cardiac arrests in Oregon through increased participation in CARES, but it also extends a potential reimbursement to private EMS agencies. More information can be found below.

This past June, our program purchased 4 High Performance CPR Mannequins and Training AEDs for use at Resuscitation Academy events. The new equipment was debut in Enterprise, Oregon for the Wallowa County Resuscitation Academy in August. We are happy to support our rural communities and their efforts to improve responses to sudden cardiac arrests. More information can be found below.

In collaboration with the HERO Kids Registry team, the Oregon EMS for Children Program submitted an application to the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs regarding the HERO Kids Registry. We are thrilled (and so proud) to report that the HERO Kids Registry was recognized as an **Emerging Practice** by the organization. Well done to the HERO Kids Registry team!

Lastly, the program continues to improve internal processes. For example, in addition to the new online complaint intake system launched several months ago, we redesigned how our program receives and reviews ambulance construction exceptions. In the coming months, we intend to review and revise our ambulance agency/vehicle survey process. We are passionate about growth and will continue to report our progress on system improvement to better serve our Oregon EMS agencies and communities.

Happy Autumn & Be Safe.

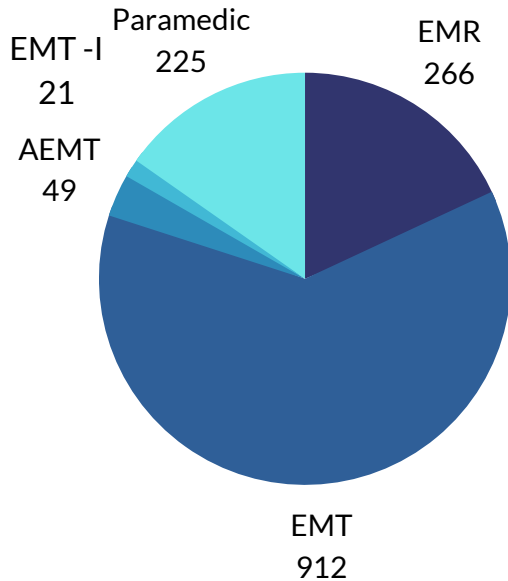
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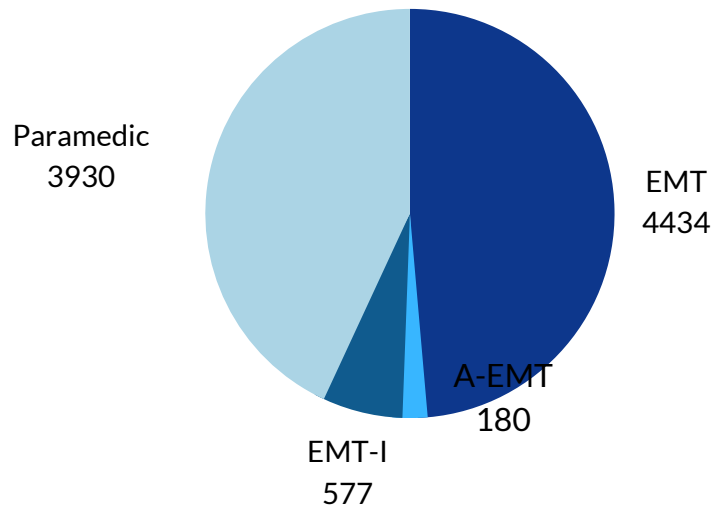
Professional Standards Unit (PSU)

2023 EMS Licensing and Relicensing Review

EMS Initial License Issued



EMS Renewal License Issued



Summary of regulatory activities *

*January 1 - August 31, 2023

- Investigations opened: 131
- Investigations closed: 128
- Investigations pending: 125
- Licensees currently on probation: 3
- Licensees reinstated:
 - EMR: 4
 - EMT: 32
 - AEMT: 1
 - PARAMEDIC: 10
- Continuing education audits completed: 9

Actions

- Letters of concern issued: 54
- No action taken/Background cleared for approval: 32
- Stipulated Agreement, Probation: 4
- Stipulated Agreement, License Surrender: 1
- Letters of Reprimand: 15
- Closed Inactive: 17
- License Expired Under PSU Review: 4
- Merged with another case: 1

FYI

Closed inactive typically occurs when an applicant for initial licensure fails to respond to questions posed by the Authority about their application or criminal history, which require review prior to approval of the application.

Current Projects

- Working with the EMS team to revise and update EMS Provider applications for improved design, function, and value.
- Current rule revision and new rule development projects:
 - Initial EMS Provider education
 - Licensure of military spouse or domestic partner & Transitional Paramedic/AAS degree requirements
 - [\(Out for Public Comment\) \(Notice of Proposed Rulemaking\)](#)
 - Ambulance service and vehicle licensure requirements
 - Oregon Medical Board Scope of Practice changes
- Working with the Subcommittee on Licensure and Discipline to revise current investigative policies and procedures.
- Staff have converted the previous Complaint Form from a fillable PDF to a Smartsheet document. This new form can be found on the main EMS/TS webpage, under [Submit a Complaint](#). This new format will assist staff with the intake, processing, and tracking of complaints as they are submitted.
- Rebecca Long and Justin Hardwick are scheduled to attend the **Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) Annual Education Conference** at the end of September in Salt Lake City, UT.

Ambulance and Services Licensing

New Ambulance Services

- Initial Service License Applications received: 0

New Ambulance Vehicles

- Initial License Applications received: 101
- Initial Licenses issued: 88
- Exception documents reviewed: 18

Variance/Waiver

- Variance/Waiver requests received approved: 0
- Number of ambulance services currently utilizing rural staffing [OAR 333-255-0070 \(4\)](#): 13
- There is one volunteer licensed ambulance service approved to respond to an emergency scene without a full crew, per [OAR 333-255-0070 \(6\)](#).

Ambulance Service Surveys

- Initial ambulance service survey conducted: 2
- Annual ambulance service surveys conducted: 13

Medical Director & Supervising Physician Application



- **Michael Fucci (DO203409):** Glendale Ambulance District (1007)
- **Kevin Schoen (DO192951):** Lowell RFPD (2005), Dexter Rural Fire Protection District (2027)
- **Robert Farrell (128816):** Siletz Rural Fire Protection District (2108), Toledo Fire Department (2110), Newport Fire Department (2106), Depoe Bay RFPD (2101)
- **Sarah Laiosa (DO153087):** Elite Medical Rescue LLC (Registration in process)

Trauma Program

- Scheduling for 2023 is still in process, with three additional full trauma reverification surveys to be completed before the end of the year, as well as four focused reviews.
- Scheduling for 2024 is in its preliminary stages, with an anticipated 13 full reverification surveys and 5 focused review surveys to be completed next year.
- Quarterly meetings for trauma program managers, coordinators and registrars are ongoing, with good attendance and participation.
- Work has begun on updates for Trauma System Rules including Exhibit 4 and the preparation of a crosswalk to the new Resources for the Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, [2022 Standards](#). We are waiting to see if ACS adds an addendum to the 2022 Standards for Level IV trauma centers before commencing with the plans for a RAC addressing Exhibit 4 currently. We hope to reconvene the RAC for Exhibits 2 and 3 in early 2024.

COMPLETED



- Full trauma reverification survey: Sutter Coast Hospital
- Focused review trauma survey: Harney District Hospital
- ACS verification survey: PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center RiverBend

Education & Examinations

EMR Course Applications Approved: 36

College course applications (2022-2023 academic year)

College course applications were processed from nine schools to date.

- EMT: 22
- AEMT: 8
- EMT-I: 8
- Paramedic: 15

National Registry Exams Conducted: 3 AEMT | 2 EMT-I | 2 Paramedics

Major Projects

Development of a competency-based assessment program for initial EMT courses is ongoing.

Committee Information

Vacant Committee Positions

 [Stroke Care Committee](#)

 No Vacancy

 [EMS Committee](#)

 No Vacancy

 [State Trauma Advisory Board](#)

- Urban Area Hospital Administrator
- PSAP Representative

 [EMS for Children Committee](#)

- Tribal EMS representative

**APPLY
NOW**

2023 State Public Meeting Information

Date:

- October 11, 12, 13(Hybrid)

[Meeting information - Attendance](#)

To be considered for an appointed position you must include:

- Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Completed application

Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)



Pediatric Equipment

Equipment Received:

- Tourniquets
- EMS communication card sets
- Pediatric Assessment sheets
- PEDIATAPES

Agencies that received equipment:

- Agness Fire Protection District
- Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde
- East Umatilla County Ambulance
- Falls City Fire & EMS
- Keno Fire Department
- Natarts-Oceanside RFPD
- Noth Lake County EMS
- Portland Airport Fire & Rescue
- Silver Lake RFPD
- SW Polk Fire District
- Turner Fire District
- Unity-Burnt River Fire & EMS

Share the [MAKE THE RIGHT CALL](#) card with patients and community members!

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

2-1-1
Connect with local resources

9-8-8
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

5-1-1
Oregon TripCheck - Travel Info

6-7-7
Oregon State Police

9-1-1
Emergency Line

Check local listing for non-emergency line

My address is:

My phone number is:

I speak:

**DOWNLOAD
PRINT
USE**

Oregon EMS for Children Program June 2023
Special thanks to Northwest Center for Public Health Practice for sharing this resource.



www.pedsreadyprogram.org

Register for this FREE class!

November 16th (1200-1300) - [Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Distress Assessment and Management session](#) CME for physicians and CE for nurses and other medical professionals is available online for live and recorded sessions.

Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EM SIS)

Oregon Trauma Registry (OTR)

Data Quality Assurance

Oregon Trauma Registry: [2024 NTDB](#) updates have been reviewed, and will be implemented without modification for January of 2024

EMS and Trauma Data Quality tool development is ongoing. Some of this work will be highlighted in the 2022 EMS Annual Report as a special project.

NEM SIS 3.5 Implementation

As of the end of the 3rd quarter of 2023, **50 agencies are live** submitting NEM SIS 3.5 data to OR-EM SIS, and **18 more are in process**. A schedule for agency transition is in place, onboarding additional agencies and vendors are scheduled through the end of the year. Resources with more information about NEM SIS 3.5 and the Oregon implementation plan are available through our web site. [web site](#).

Oregon Trauma Registry RFP

A major focus for the EMS & Trauma Systems Program is the Oregon Trauma Registry Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP is the bidding process through which vendors compete for contracts and is a requirement by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems Program has received two responses to the RFP, which are currently under review.

Reporting

Collaboration in reporting work:

The Oregon EMS & Trauma Data Team has been engaged in reporting work including the following:

- Trauma biennial report is still under review, anticipated publication in Q3 2023.
- The 2021 EMS Annual Report is complete and undergoing final review for publication to the website.
- A draft of the 2022 EMS Annual report dashboard will be complete by the end of Q3, 2023.

Data Requests and Partnerships

In Q3 2023, the Oregon EMS & Trauma Data Team have received two new project proposals from other OHA programs, state agencies, and outside research organizations including:

- Oregon Injury & Violence Prevention Program and Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory - Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard .
- Oregon Health Authority Environmental Health Program - Environmental Health Heat Event Monitoring .

Data Integration projects

- The Oregon EMS & Trauma Data Team are currently in development for a new OR-EMSIS – Oregon Trauma Registry integration to bring it into compliance with NEMSIS 3.5 national data standard update. This work will restore data exchange for ePCRs submitted under the NEMSIS 3.5 data standard
- Work to implement the integration between the License Management System and OR-EMSIS is ongoing. Since the beginning of the project, 299 agencies have been synced.
- The Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems Program has initiated a project with Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) to integrate EMS data into the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). The ODMAP system provides public health agencies with a resource for monitoring trends and spatial patterns in drug overdose events. This project will use the Rhapsody Integration Engine to geocode scene locations, mask the precise location to protect patient confidentiality, filter down to a limited set of data elements, and send this deidentified data on to the ODMAP system.

Ambulance Service Plans (ASP) Review



In accordance with [OAR 333-260-0020\(7\)](#), the OHA EMS & Trauma Systems Program reviews county Ambulance Service Area (ASA) plans for compliance with state regulations at least once every five years. The OHA EMS & Trauma Systems Program is working with counties to ensure all ASA plans have been determined to be compliant with state rules within the past five years. Counties with outdated approvals are being prioritized for review.

Currently Under OHA Review

Clackamas
Gilliam
Josephine
Marion
Sherman

Returned for Requested Revisions

Baker
Columbia
Crook
Harney
Hood River
Klamath
Lake
Lane
Morrow
Umatilla
Wallowa

Counties with outdated ASPs - older than 5 years

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| Benton | Jefferson |
| Coos | Multnomah |
| Curry | Polk |
| Deschutes | Tillamook |
| Douglas | Union |
| Grant | Wheeler |
| Jackson | Yamhill |

Counties with approved plans

Clatsop
Lincoln
Linn
Malheur
Wasco
Washington

CARES

Wallowa County Hospital EMS hosted a Resuscitation Academy for first responder in Wallowa County and other Eastern Oregon communities. 23 participants received training in leading the initiative for a stronger response to cardiac arrests. OHA provided, 4 HP-CPR mannequins to support the instruction and ideas around High-Performance CPR.



GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program provided the opportunity to present the 2022 CARES data. Collaboration between the GEMT and EMS/TS office supports the CARES program and further data collected. More information on the GEMT program and its Public and Private funding can be found on their [website](#).

OHA is collaborating with different conferences to provide more Resuscitation Academies in Oregon.

Resuscitation Academy Dispatch: December ([APCO/NENA](#))

Eastern Oregon Preconference ([EOC](#))

NAEMSP Meeting State of Jefferson Preconference ([NAEMSP-Oregon](#))

Mobile Intergrated Care / Community Paramedicine

[Oregon MIH/CP survey](#) is open now until October 21st.

The purpose of this survey is to gain a better understanding of MIH throughout Oregon. We encourage **all departments and agencies** to respond to survey this includes those entities that may not have a fully operational MIH program in place.



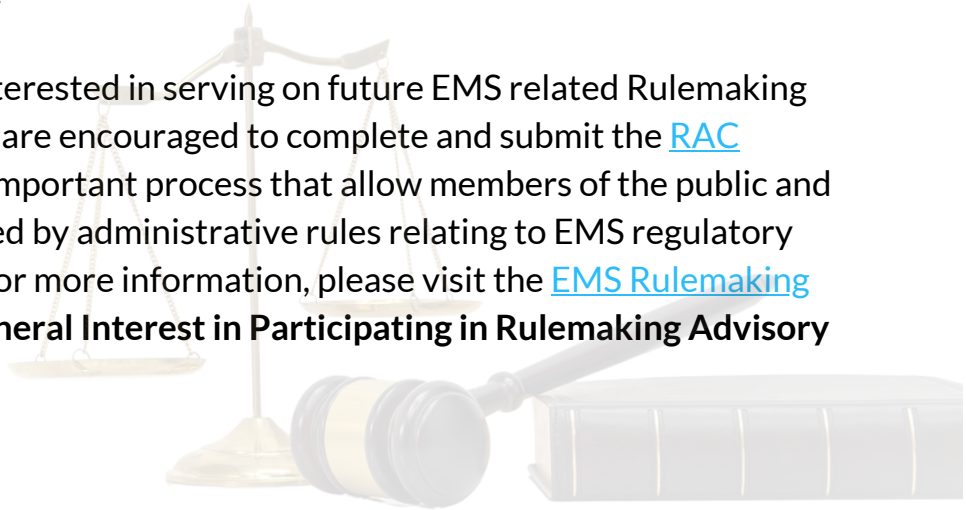
Think Out Loud: *How community paramedics in Oregon fill gaps in care and reduce visits to emergency departments* [Article](#)



Rule and Legislation Update

Administrative Rules

- The EMS and Trauma Systems Program has concluded the Paramedic License and Military Spouse/Domestic Partner Provisions Rule Advisory Committee (RAC). RAC meetings were held on June 6th, June 21st, and July 10th. The meeting notes can be found on the [EMS Rulemaking Activity web page](#) under 'Rulemaking Advisory Committees in Progress.'
- A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing was filed with the Secretary of State's Office and a public hearing held on September 20th and written public comments were taken until 5:00 p.m., September 25th. Public testimony and written comments are being considered for possible changes to the rule. Information will be shared when final rules are in effect.
- Persons and communities interested in serving on future EMS related Rulemaking Advisory Committees (RAC) are encouraged to complete and submit the [RAC Interest Form](#). RACs are an important process that allow members of the public and communities who are affected by administrative rules relating to EMS regulatory functions to provide input. For more information, please visit the [EMS Rulemaking Activity web page](#) under 'General Interest in Participating in Rulemaking Advisory Committees.'



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