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State Trauma Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

2024 Quarter 1 | January 19, 2024

Chair Ron Barbosa, MD | Vice Chair – Amy Slater, RN

Appointed Board Attendance

E= Excused

Y	Ron Barbosa, MD	Level 1 Trauma Surgeon
Y	Mac Cook, MD	Level 1 Trauma Surgeon
E	Jonathan Kark, MD	Level 1 or 2 Orthopedic Surgeon or Neurosurgeon
Y	Justin Sales, MD	Level 1 Emergency Medicine Physician
Y	Heather Wong, RN	Level 1 Trauma Program Manager Nurse
Y	Jennifer Serfin	Level 2 Trauma Surgeon
Y	Amy Slater	Level 2 Trauma Nurse Coordinator
Y	William Foster, MD	Level 3 Emergency Medicine Physician
Y	Judi Gabriel, RN	Level 3 Trauma Nurse Coordinator
Y	Timbra Burrup RN	Level 4 Trauma Nurse Coordinator
VACANT	VACANT	Urban Area Trauma Hospital Administration
VACANT	VACANT	Urban Area Emergency Medical Services Provider
E	April Brock, MSN	Rural Area Trauma Hospital Administration
Y	Diane Johnson, P	Rural Area Emergency Medical Services Provider
Y	Michelle Renault	Public Safety Answering Point Representative
Y	Aaron Ott	Public Member
N	Joel Carmody	Public Member
E	Jim Cole, Paramedic	EMS Committee Representative

Oregon Health Authority Attendance

Dana Selover, MD; David Lehrfeld, MD; Stella Rausch-Scott, EMT; Peter Geissert; Madeleine Parmley, RN; Rachel Ford; Robbie Edwards; Yesenia Rosario; Mellony Bernal; Julie Miller; Laxmi Pallathadka; Barrett Johnson

Public Attendance

Jeremy Buller St. Charles Bend
Linda Sheffield RN TNC Santiam Hospital
Katie Hennick, TPM GSRMC
Zack Hittner TNC WVMC
Kim Fletcher TNC, Albany

Matt Philbrick, Global Medical Response, Oregon EMSC Chair
Johnathan Jones, Clinical Trauma Coordinator, Providence Medford Medical Center
Libby Windell, TMD, Salem Hospital
Joey Van Winkel, TNC, West Valley Hospital

Tyson Lane-Lake Health District EMS
Stacey Holmes TPM Sky Lakes Medical Center
Michelle Davidhizar, TNC at Lake District Hospital
Emily Weber, TMD, Willamette Valley Medical Center
Velda Handler, Adventist Health Tillamook, RN Trauma Registrar
Anthony Huacuja, TC, Tillamook Adventist
Susan Steen TPM Doernbecher Childrens Hospital
Jill Shipley, Randall Children's Hospital TPM
Matt Edinger - TNC - ARPMC
Tami Wheeldon, PIPS Coordinator, Salem Health
Sarah Gold, OHSU Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Trauma Program
Mindy Stinnett, Trauma Program Manager, Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day
Leslie Engalgau, Trauma Coordinator, Redmond St Charles

Jody Berryhill, Trauma Program Coordinator OHSU
Ethan Lodwig, TNC, Riverbend. Springfield.
Kathy Tompkins PIPS Coord Salem Health
Clif Dodson, RN, TNC/TR, Providence Hood River
Rebecca Brown, OHSU program coordinator
Jordan Tiller, TNC, Legacy Emanuel Trauma Services
Alexis Moren Associate trauma medical director Salem health
Chip Scott, TNC, Peace Harbor
Angie Short
MaryClare Sarff
Karla Rutherford - SNLH
Ron Woita
Megan Lundeborg
Angela Aldrich
Pamela Halbrook

Call to Order - Ron Barbosa

The meeting was called to order.
2024 Quarter 1 agenda was presented and no changes were requested.

New STAB member introduction:

Timbra Burrup RN, Level 4 Trauma Nurse Coordinator. St. Alphonsus Medical Center, Baker City and Ontario.

Diane Johnson, P, Rural Area Emergency Medical Services Provider. AMR Josephine County.

Michelle Renault, Public Service Answering Point (911 Dispatch). Hood River Sheriff Office Dispatch Center.

OHA Staff Introduction:

Amani Atallah introduced Laxmi Pallathadka, EMS/TS program Analyst 2, who will support the Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EMSIS) data system. She is currently working on the NEMSIS 3.5 transition for prehospital agencies.

Review/Approve Minutes - Ron Barbosa

Jennifer Serfin motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Willy Foster seconded. Motion passed.

Board Membership – Stella Rausch-Scott

Current vacancies –

- Urban Area Trauma Hospital Administration
- Urban Area Emergency Medical Services Provider

Recruitment focus is from ATAB 7 and ATAB 5.

OHA Committee Updates

EMSC- Update - Matt Philbrick

EMS for Children Committee held the Chair vote. Matt Philbrick was not eligible as he has termed out. Dr. Justin Sales will serve at the Committee's chair and will give updates to the committees starting next quarter.

- Peds CE Opportunity: www.pedsreadyprogram.org
- Naloxone Leave Behind: www.savelivesoregon.org/apply/
HeroKids Registry: www.herokidsregistry.org
- National Pediatric Readiness Project assessment: www.pedsready.org
- SAMHSA EMS Grant: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-23-011>

State EMS Committee Update – Stella Scott

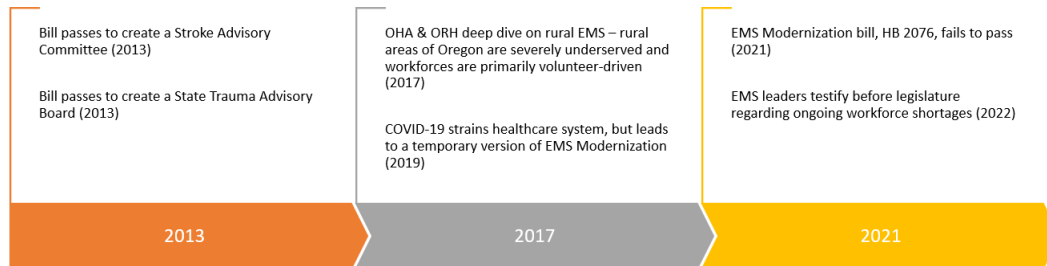
The committee met this morning and had presentations and discussions about:

- The Oregon EMS Modernization Legislative concept.
- Oregon Overdose drug map (ODMAP) integration with EMS data.
- EMS wall times and waiting on hospital beds to transfer patient care.

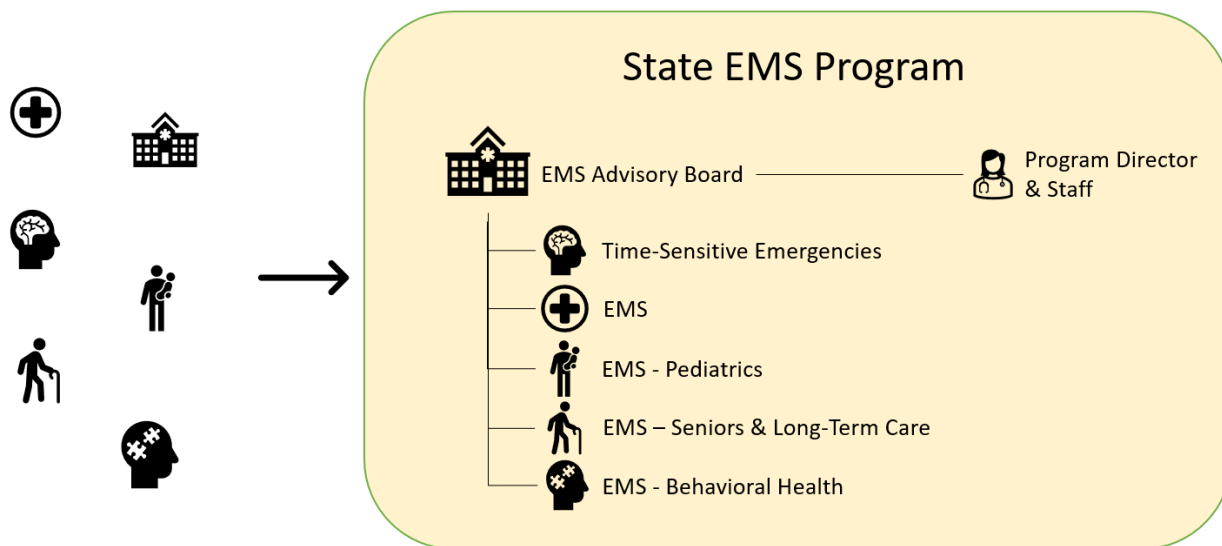
EMS Modernization Legislative Concept – Barrett Johnson

Representative Dacia Grayber (District 28) Chief of Staff (Barrett Johnson) presented the EMS Modernization Legislative Concept to the committee. The Act makes a program and an advisory board in the Oregon Health Authority to make it easier to get fast health care. Establishes the Emergency Medical Services Program and Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board within the Oregon Health Authority. Directs the authority to designate emergency medical services regions within the state. Directs the authority to designate emergency medical services centers for the provision of specific types of emergency care. Requires the program to establish and maintain an emergency medical services data system. Becomes operative on January 1, 2025. Repeals existing State Trauma Advisory Board and related boards.

Recent History of EMS in Oregon



1: Reorganize State EMS Governance



Next Steps:

PART I (2024)

- Statewide quality standards with regional plans of implementation
- Integrated EMS Data Systems.
- Coordinated communication network and protocols.
- Regulatory mechanism for accountability.

PART II (2025)

- Analysis of workforce needs with programs to support.

- Long-term funding mechanisms.

Add-On: EMS Mobilization plan [Oregon House Bill 4081](#)

Big 1 Workgroup – Mac Cook

Brain Injury Guidelines (BIG1) presented the final draft of the guidelines drafted by the workgroup to use at Oregon hospitals. The

Amy Slater made a motion to approve the presented BIG 1 guideline to be the recommendation from STAB to all Oregon Trauma hospitals. Willy Foster seconded. No other discussion or changes were requested.

The motion passed with all in favor of the motion.

- Next steps will be the workgroup to create education to be sent with the guidelines to all Oregon Trauma hospitals.

Oregon Trauma Registry Data – Peter Geissert

OTR 2024 Updates

- [National Trauma Data Standard \(NTDS\) Data Dictionary for 2024 Admissions](#)
- [ITDX Data Standard Data Dictionary for 2024](#)
- [Oregon Trauma Registry 2024 Data Dictionary](#)
 - No retired or new data fields
 - Language added to descriptions for 2 data fields
 - Interfacility transfer
 - Cirrhosis (Pre-Condition)
 - Additional information added or removed for 8 fields
 - Interfacility transfer
 - Complication and Pre-existing Conditions
 - Hospital and ED Discharge Dates and Times
 - Inclusion of geographic information in export:
 - PATIENT HOME COUNTRY
 - PATIENT HOME STATE
 - PATIENT HOME COUNTY
 - PATIENT HOME CITY
 - INCIDENT COUNTRY
 - INCIDENT STATE
 - INCIDENT COUNTY
 - INCIDENT CITY
 - Updates were implemented 1/10/24 at 5 PM
 - The system was down for less than 30 minutes

- The checklist of tests of core functionality were performed

If you encounter issues with record validation for 2024 records or related to the update please reach out through our support request form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/36d565736e314e7981f4897528b1822f>

OR-EMIS/OTR Integration

The existing linkage:

- Was a custom development.
- Set up for NEMIS 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.

ATAB Updates - ATAB Representatives

1: Discussed the EMS Mod bill. Working on Urban catchment areas

2: Increase in transfers and traumas and less admits. Implementing BIG 1. Working on a plan for EMS feedback.

3: Recruitment for vacant positions. Discussed TSA usage and reviewed the BIG 1 proposed guideline.

5: Meets in February.

6: Canceled the 2024 Q1 meeting due to weather and emergency declarations.

7: Met last week and discussed the EMS Mod bill.

9: Ground Level Falls reviewed with identifying medications and blood pressures with age. Included facility locations for possible education opportunity.

EMS/TS Director & Medical Director Update– Dana Selover, David Lehrfeld, Amani Atallah

Legislative update:

Legislation has not opened yet but the EMS Modernization bill is HB 4081. Legislative Session can be tracked here: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>

HB 4081 – EMS Modernization

Trauma Rule Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3

For Public Comment - You may also file written comments before 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2024, to the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at the following address:

OHA, Public Health Division

Brittany Hall, Administrative Rules Coordinator

800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 930

Portland, Oregon 97232

E-mail comments to: publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov or you may also send comments by fax to: (971) 673-1299.

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments.

For more details, please see the attached Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Statement of Need and Fiscal and Racial Equity Impact, and the full text of these proposed rules. This information is also posted on the following website, under Proposed Rules Out for Public Comment: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PROVIDERPARTNERRESOURCES/EMSTRAUMASYSTEMS/Pages/Rulemaking-Activity.aspx> .

If you have any questions or would prefer to receive a hardcopy, please contact Mellony Bernal at mellony.c.bernal@oha.oregon.gov.

General Rulemaking activity link for EMS:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PROVIDERPARTNERRESOURCES/EMSTRAUMASYSTEMS/Pages/Rulemaking-Activity.aspx>

Rural Grant opportunity:

SAMHSA- <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-23-011>

Safe Streets and Roads for All:

[https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A#:~:text=The%20Bipartisan%20Infrastructure%20Law%20\(BIL,roadway%20deaths%20and%20serious%20injuries](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A#:~:text=The%20Bipartisan%20Infrastructure%20Law%20(BIL,roadway%20deaths%20and%20serious%20injuries)

2023 Quarter 4 report has been linked below.

Public Comment - Ron Barbosa

No Comments.

Meeting was adjourned.

QUARTER 4 REPORT | PUBLISHED JANUARY 2024

Data timeline for this report January 1 to November 30, 2023

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EMS & Trauma Systems Manager's Update



2024

Happy New Year EMS & Trauma Systems community!

We are excited to introduce the newest member of our team, Laxmi Pallathadka, serving in the Program Analyst 2 position. Laxmi comes to us as a recent graduate from Pacific University with a Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management. Laxmi has several years of experience in research and health care settings. Our EMS agencies & Trauma Hospitals will begin to see and hear from Laxmi more as she continues her onboarding and becomes integrated with the workflows. Laxmi has already hit the ground running in our program and we are excited to see all the wonderful things Laxmi will continue to bring to the table.

On December 1st, 2023, we launched the first Oregon Transitional Paramedic Application. This allows a NREMT certified Paramedic to obtain an Oregon Transitional Paramedic license with the agreement that they will pursue and complete an associate degree within 48 months. This rule change came about in response to concerns raised by our EMS community. We will be tracking the progress of this rule change and hope to report on the application and licensee numbers in the coming months.

On January 8th and 9th, our program conducted interviews for the Research Analyst 3 position. We should have more of an update on the RA3 candidate by next quarter.

Our program is excited to start this year off with renewed vigor for the important work that we do to serve our EMS and Trauma community. We have a busy year ahead of us with several Rules Advisory Committees (RACs), trauma hospital surveys, new Oregon Trauma Registry implementation, initiating Oregon Department of Transportation grant work, EMS conferences, and preparing for new education requirements set forth by the NREMT.

We look forward to this upcoming year!

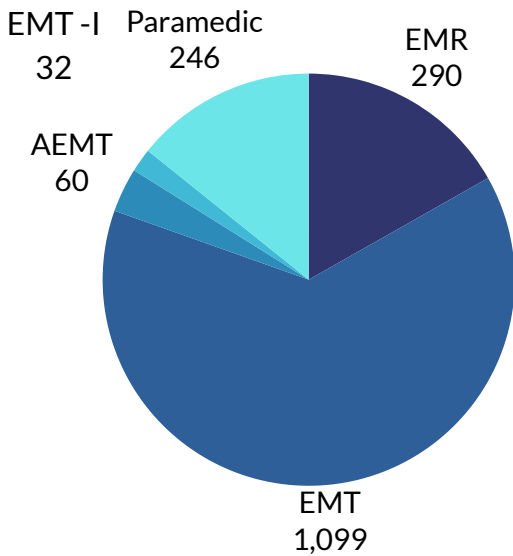
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Professional Standards Unit (PSU)

2023 EMS Licensing and Relicensing Review

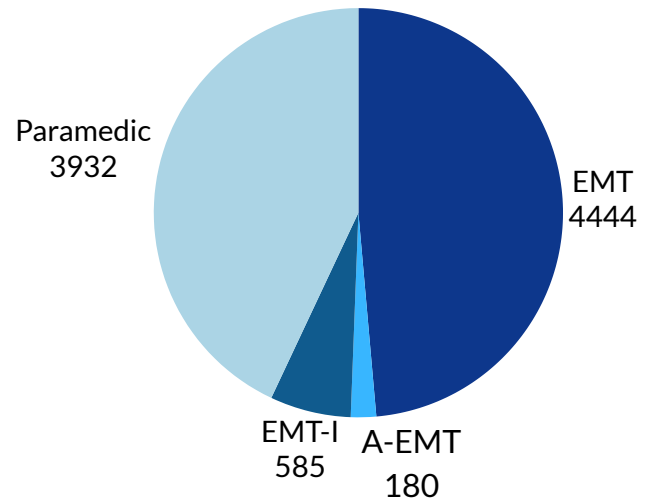
EMS Initial License Issued

1,727 Total



EMS Renewal License Issued

9,144 Total



Summary of regulatory activities *

*January 1 - August 31, 2023

- Investigations opened: 147
- Investigations closed: 150
- Investigations pending: 117
- Licensees currently on probation: 7
- Licensees reinstated:
 - EMR : 4
 - EMT: 32
 - AEMT: 1
 - PARAMEDIC: 10
- Continuing education audits completed: 9

Actions

- Letters of concern issued: 72
- No action taken/Background cleared for approval: 32
- Stipulated Agreement, Probation: 5
- Stipulated Agreement, License Surrender: 2
- Letters of Reprimand: 14
- Civil Penalty: 1
- Closed Inactive: 17
- License Expired Under PSU Review: 4
- Merged with another case: 2

Ambulance and Services Licensing

New Ambulance Services

- Initial Service License Applications received: 7
- Initial Service License Applications issued: 4

New Ambulance Vehicles

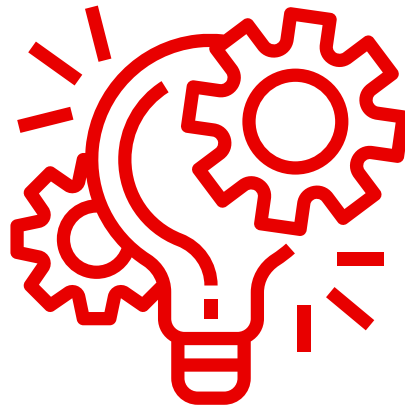
- Initial License Applications received: 127
- Initial Licenses issued: 117
- Exception documents reviewed: 39

Variance/Waiver

- Number of ambulance services currently utilizing rural staffing [OAR 333-255-0070 \(4\)](#): 14
- 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: 5
- Annual ambulance service surveys conducted: 20



Projects & Public Representation

- Veronica Seymour represents the PSU on quarterly National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) meetings, including HITS (Highway Incident Transportation Systems), AVL (Agency and Vehicle Licensure), and Air Medical.
- Rebecca Long represents the PSU on quarterly National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) meetings, including the Personnel Licensure Committee.
- Current rule revision and new rule development projects:
 - Initial EMS Provider education
 - **Licensure of military spouse or domestic partner & Transitional Paramedic/AAS degree requirements**
 - Adopted, effective December 1, 2023
 - Ambulance service and vehicle licensure requirements
 - Oregon Medical Board Scope of Practice changes

Medical Director & Supervising Physician Application



- **Petter L Overton-Harris DO (DO214916):** Depoe Bay Fire and Rescue (2101), Newport Fire Department (2106), Seal Rock Fire Department (2113), Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue (2109), Toledo Fire Department (2110), Siletz Fire Department (2108), Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (2107)
- **Petter L Overton-Harris DO (DO214916):** Agent of MD for Dr. Neth: Bay City Fire Department (2908), Garibaldi Fire Department (2904), Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District (2902), Netarts-Oceanside Fire District (2916), Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (2907), Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Department (2911)
- **Craig Durck DO (DO217445):** Knight Fire Rescue Consulting (registration in progress)
- **Jenna M Wiley MD (MD198764):** Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District (0501), Columbia River Fire and Rescue (0506), Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District (0507), Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District (0502), Westport-Wauna RFPD (0419)
- **Amy Forrest DO (DO188109):** Southern Wasco County Ambulance Service, INC. (3303), Wamic Rural Fire Protection District (3304), City of Dufur (3301), Sherman County (2801), North Gilliam Medic (1104)
- **Sarah F McClure DO (DO211710):** Timberline Medical Services, LLC (registration in progress)

Trauma Program



COMPLETED

- Full trauma reverification survey: 9
 - Focused review trauma survey: 3
 - ACS verification survey: ACS Level II Trauma center
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- Scheduling for 2024 is in its preliminary stages, with an anticipated 14 full reverification surveys and 7 focused review surveys for 2024
 - Quarterly meetings for trauma program managers, coordinators and registrars are ongoing, with good attendance and participation.
 - The RAC for Exhibits 2 and 3 met on December 5, 2023, and the proposed exhibits were presented at that time. Please see the Legislative and Rule Update for more information.
 - 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](#). At this time, there is no new information that ACS will add an addendum to the 2022 Standards for Level IV trauma centers. As such, our plan is to commence with plans to convene a RAC addressing Exhibit 4 in 2024.

Education & Examinations

EMR Course Applications Approved: 58

College course applications (2022-2023 academic year)

College course applications were processed from nine schools to date.

- EMT:39
- AEMT: 5
- EMT-I: 5
- Paramedic: 9

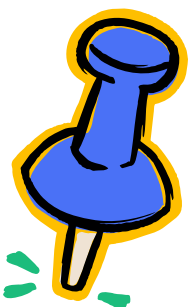
National Registry Psychomotor Exams Conducted: 4 AEMT | 5 Paramedics

Projects

Competency-based assessment program (CBA) for initial EMT education: College EMS instructors and program coordinators are starting to adopt the CBA program infrastructure into their EMT courses. Wide-scale testing of the program's framework, performance outcomes, and assessment processes will begin winter term (January 2024). Biweekly workgroup sessions with instructors are ongoing and focus on technical support, shared learning, instructional development, and feedback. Accountability processes for the program are under development.

NREMT examination transition: On July 1, 2024, NREMT will discontinue all psychomotor testing for the AEMT and paramedic levels and implement a new computer-based performance exam with the cognitive exam. Eligibility for NREMT paramedic testing will require course-level verification of student competencies, as determined by the Commission on Accreditation of EMS Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP).

Eligibility for AEMT testing will require competency verification as determined by each state EMS regulatory agency. Leslie is exploring opportunities, methods for competency tracking and potential impacts of additional clinical requirements for AEMT courses with the college EMS instructors and program coordinators.



2024 Oregon EMS Conferences:

[Eastern Oregon EMS Conference](#) - March 7-10

[State of Jefferson Conference](#) - March 7-10

[Oregon EMS Conference](#) - September 27-29

Committee Information

Vacant Committee Positions

[Stroke Care Committee](#)

- ✓ Neurology physician specializing in stroke care

[EMS Committee](#)

- ✓ Trauma Nurse

[State Trauma Advisory Board](#)

- ✓ Urban Area Hospital Administrator
- ✓ Urban EMS Provider

[EMS for Children Committee](#)

- ✓ Tribal EMS representative



2024 Meeting Dates:

January 17-19 | April 11-13

July 11-13 | October 10-12



[Meeting information - Attendance](#)

Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)



Hospital Pediatric Readiness

The National Pediatric Readiness Project assessment is available for improving pediatric readiness, www.pedsready.org. When hospitals complete the assessment, they receive a report that may be used to create a plan to address any gaps in pediatric readiness. More resources available in hospital section of the EMSC website, www.oregonemsc.org.

**Save Lives
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Naloxone Leave Behind
Save Lives Oregon has a harm reduction supply clearinghouse. EMS and fire agencies are eligible to access no cost naloxone to provide to community members as part of a Leave Behind program. When EMS & Fire agencies are engaging in Leave Behind efforts, Save Lives Oregon can also provide naloxone to use in case of an on-site overdose emergency.

Apply:
www.savelivesoregon.org/apply/



www.pedsreadyprogram.org

Register for this FREE class!
Registration is open for the February 15th 1200-1300 **Pediatric Fentanyl Exposures education session** presented by Dr. Robert G. Hendrickson. CME for physicians and CE for nurses and other medical professionals is available. Check out the **Respiratory Distress Assessment & Management education session** posted on the Pediatric Readiness Program website.

Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EMSIS)

Oregon Trauma Registry (OTR)

Data Quality Assurance

[2024 NTDB](#) updates were reviewed Q3 of 2024 and submitted to the vendor. ESO has confirmed their timeline to implement for January 2024.

The OR-EMSIS system is updated twice a year in the Spring and the Fall. The Fall updates have just been completed, including retirement of some custom COVID elements, updates to medications and procedures and updates to the demographic data set Schematron.

EMS and Trauma Data Quality tool development is ongoing. An application for exploring trauma band distribution in OREMSIS and OTR was developed and demonstrated for proof of concept. The data team also continued to build documentation for Data Quality tools and reports.

NEMSIS 3.5 Implementation

Oregon was the 7th State in the nation to go live submitting NEMSIS 3.5 compliant data to the national database. As of the end of the 4th quarter 2023, 59 agencies are live submitting NEMSIS 3.5 data to OR-EMSIS, and 35 more are in process. Though planning, preparation, and communication for this transition have been going on for over two years, the transition of agencies to the new data standard began in December of 2022. The data team continues to reach out to agencies that have not yet scheduled their transition date and support agencies in process. Resources with more information about NEMSIS 3.5 and the Oregon implementation plan are available through our [web site](#).

Oregon Trauma Registry RFP

A major focus for the EMS & Trauma Systems Program and the data team in 2023 has been the Oregon Trauma Registry Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP is the bidding process through which vendors compete for contracts and is required for procurements of this size by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The RFP was posted in Spring of 2023 and closed June 26th. Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems Program received two responses to the RFP, which were reviewed and scored. The contract for the Oregon Trauma Registry was awarded to ImageTrend. Contract negotiations are currently underway. A new Trauma registry solution is expected to be implemented in production before January 2026.

Reports

- [The Trauma biennial report](#)
- [The EMS Report Dashboard for 2020](#)
- [The EMS Report Dashboard for 2021](#)
- [Updated EMS for Children Program dashboard](#)
- Development and reporting of stroke performance measures for the Stroke Committee



Your ePCR data being used!

Data Integration projects

Work to implement the integration between the License Management System and OR-EMSS is ongoing. Since the beginning of the project, 316 agencies have been synced. During work on deduplication of users in Elite, a bug in the user merge process was discovered which was disrupting user information. Because of this, work on user accounts has been placed on hold while the Oregon Office EMS & Trauma Systems works with vendors to resolve the issue.

The project with Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) to integrate EMS data into the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) system began in December 2022. The ODMAP system provides public health agencies with a resource for monitoring trends and spatial patterns in drug overdose events. This project uses the Rhapsody Integration Engine to implement an EMS specific definition for drug overdose, geocode scene locations, mask the precise location to protect patient confidentiality, map NEMIS data elements to ODMAP data elements, format an output file, and send this deidentified data on to the ODMAP system. The Rhapsody route is currently under development with testing in the production environment expected to begin in Q1 2024.

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

Josephine
Sherman
Yamhill

Counties with outdated ASPs - older than 5 years

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

Returned for Requested Revisions

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

Counties with approved plans

Clatsop
Columbia
Gilliam
Lincoln
Linn
Malheur
Marion
Wasco
Washington

CARES

2023 CARES cases should be submitted by the following dates:

- Prehospital Agencies: Due January 31, 2024
- Hospital/Dispatch: Due February 29, 2024
- State Coordinator Completion: March 31, 2024



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](#).



Congratulations to HeartSafe Eugene Springfield for winning the national PulsePoint 2023 competition. The program is using CARES data to identify areas where they can supply public AEDs for their community.

Oregon RA leadership and agencies participated in the Seattle Resuscitation Academy in October 2023.



Mobile Integrated Care / Community Paramedicine



Oregon's Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine coalition is meeting and working to support the different programs in Oregon. If you are interested in attending the meetings or would like to receive current notifications and updates from the coalition submit your contact information to the coalition: [Coalition Signup](#)

The coalition is hosting the [International Board of Specialty Certification](#) – Community Paramedic Certification. The final testing will be held at the State of Jefferson Conference.



MIH/CP Coalition has partnered with OHSU Knight Community Outreach and Engagement Program to identify the current state of Oregon's MIH/CP programs. This survey is intended for **ALL agencies, even those without MIH/CP programs**. To participate in the survey, scan or click on the QR code.

Rule and Legislation Update

Legislative Update

The 2023 Oregon Legislative Session ended on Jun 25, 2023. Legislative measures that were signed into law that may be of interest to the EMS community are summarized in the attached Legislative Report.

The 2024 Oregon Legislative “Short Session” is scheduled to convene on February 5, 2024 and end no later than March 10, 2024.

Helpful links and information relating to the Oregon Legislature:

- [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#)
- [Status Report for all legislative measures](#)
- [Viewing legislative public hearings \(scheduled or archived\)](#)
- [How Ideas Become Law](#)

Sign up to receive email updates on legislative news and other information [Capitol e-Subscribe](#)

Administrative Rules

A Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) was initially convened in October 2022 to discuss proposed changes to Trauma Rules (OAR 333-200-0080). The proposed changes under consideration included adopting the revised 2021 National Guideline for Field Triage of Injured Patients (Exhibit 2) and amending the Trauma Team Activation Criteria (Exhibit 3) by incorporating changes based on the revised field triage criteria. The RAC met in October and November 2022 and reconvened in December 2023.

Meeting notes are available on the [EMS Rulemaking Activity page](#), under ‘Rulemaking Advisory Committees in Progress.’ **A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has been filed and a public hearing has been scheduled for January 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm .**

Information on providing oral or written comments can be found on the [EMS Rulemaking Activity page](#) under ‘Proposed Rules out for Comment.’

The Paramedic License and Military Spouse/Domestic Partner Provisions RAC met in June and July of this year to consider changes to the associate degree requirement for Paramedic licensure and requirements for licensing a military service member or the spouse or domestic partner of a military service member based on state and federal regulations. Final rules were adopted and became effective December 1, 2023. The meeting notes and final rule text can be found on the [EMS Rulemaking Activity web page](#) under ‘Rulemaking Advisory Committees in Progress.’ [A summary of the rule changes along with Frequently Asked Questions](#) is available.

Rule and Legislation Update

A future Ambulance Service/Ambulance Vehicle RAC is being planned for Spring 2024 to discuss amendments to ambulance service and ambulance vehicle licensing requirements. Information regarding this RAC was shared via email to all ambulance service agencies on November 28, 2023, as well as sent to persons who had previously expressed interest on serving on a RAC. Application deadline to express interest in serving on this RAC was December 15, 2023. Persons selected to serve on this RAC will be notified in January 2024.

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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.

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