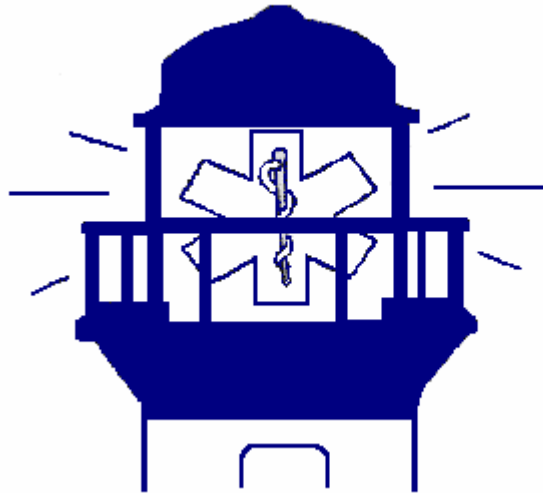


Peninsulas EMS Council, Inc.



REGIONAL EMS PLAN

2006-2011

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PENINSULAS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

Strategic Emergency Medical Services Plan

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Introduction

The strategies and initiatives contained herein are developed to provide the Council and staff guidance in regional emergency medical services issues over a protracted period of time. This document is not a “recipe” for day-to-day management or oversight activities because it represents a broad-brush approach addressing the bigger picture surrounding provision of services and interactions between stakeholders. In that this document focuses on strategies of most value to the Council and its emergency medical services partners in the region of responsibility, details are not included (It is merely a “road-map”).

Our Vision

In the PEMS Region, the EMS System...

- Will provide coordinated access to citizens and visitors in a manner which is universally recognized as state-of-the-art, regardless of geographic location within the region**
- Will provide for dispatch/hospital telephone assistance to callers with perceived life or limb threatening injuries or illnesses**
- Will respond to medical emergencies based on established minimum response times which are developed through continuous quality improvement mechanisms**

- **Will require standardized basic life support training programs, accredited advanced life support education, mentoring programs, standardized testing programs, appropriate continuing education programs and quality improvement programs**
- **Will triage and transport patients to the most appropriate facility based on predetermined, universally accepted guidelines**
- **Will provide timely emergency department or trauma center care with appropriate emergency physicians, emergency nurses, and other support personnel**
- **Will provide communications capabilities which enables seamless communications throughout the region with all EMS stakeholders**
- **Will provide resources and capabilities in order to appropriately respond to and manage large disaster and mass casualty situations**
- **Will ensure EMS system viability and excellence through effective use of state, local and private funding sources, research activities, appropriate medical direction and collaboration of all persons, institutions, agencies and facilities in the provision of emergency medical services**

Our Mission

The mission of the Peninsulas EMS Council is to facilitate regional cooperation, planning and implementation of an integrated emergency medical services delivery system

Core Strategies and Key Initiatives

Core Strategy 1. Develop and Strengthen Partnerships

1.1 With Hospitals –

1.1.1 Develop an electronic Senior Emergency Department (ED)/EMS Council Staff Coordinating Group which includes all eight hospitals in the region to promote addressing real-time problems/issues, on-line, which affect pre-hospital delivery and/or ED operational requirements

1.1.2 Help EMS Agencies formalize agency-hospital networks to improve communications and follow-up between agencies and all hospital departments which are involved in pre-hospital/hospital care

1.2 With County Administrators and City Managers –

1.2.1 Encourage formal communication methodologies which will enable periodic exchange of EMS System information and cooperative problem solving

1.2.2 Encourage expanded local jurisdiction representation on The Board

1.3 With Public Health agencies develop and promote more EMS involvement in injury and illness prevention strategies

**Core Strategy 2. Develop and Strengthen
Infrastructure**

**2.1 Communications – Promote the standardization of
Collection, transmission, and sharing information
which enhances clinical data collection and analysis**

**2.1.1 Consider the need for and means to implement
centralized online medical control, especially in
the heavily populated areas of the region**

**2.1.2 Facilitate whole-system internet capabilities by
developing a program whereby all agencies are
on-line and user-group active**

**2.1.3 Disaster Response – help facilitate a
cooperative, regionalized response to major
disasters capitalizing on the leadership of the
Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical
Response System and the Hospital Disaster
Preparedness Organization for Eastern
Virginia**

Core Strategy 3. Strengthen Education and Training

**3.1 Promote the concept of a regionalized training
plan that coordinates the efforts of RRC, TCC,
TNCC, VOTEC Centers, other training
centers, the EMS Council and EMS agencies**

**3.2 In concert with TEMS Council and OEMS,
champion the development of web-based
learning and recertification programs**

**3.3 Develop strategies which enable regional EMS
Agency personnel to remotely use selective
TEMS Simulation Laboratory capabilities**

- 3.4 Consider the need for and means to implement a Bi-Regional EMS Training Center (PEMS/TEMS) to replace agency training centers**
- 3.5 Develop strategies to assure continuation of the institutionalization and standardization of EMS Training**

Core Strategy 4. Strengthen Medical Direction, EMS Research and Quality Improvement

- 4.1 Champion whole-system data collection – development of standardized data collection, analysis and reporting**
- 4.2 Analyze the need for and develop strategies by which medical direction could be centralized (see Strategy 2.2.1)**
- 4.3 Consider the need for and means of establishing a multi-council EMS Quality Improvement Center**

Core Strategy 5. Strengthen Staffing and Human Resources

- 5.1 Assist agencies in the development, identification and utilization of available Management and leadership training Opportunities**
- 5.2 Improve EMS career and volunteer Opportunities**