

EMSC NJ General Business Meeting 10-17-2025

EMSCNJ Board of Trustees Meeting October 17, 2025, abbreviated meeting due to General Business Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER at 1023 am by President Sue DeWitt

PRAYER & FLAG SALUTE – Prayer given by H. Rocky Rockhill; Flag Salute lead by Sue DeWitt

ATTENDANCE: Secretary confirmed quorum by role call.

(MINUTES- earlier BOT minutes will be voted on at November BOT)

CORRESPONDENCE: Read by Secretary Cyndy Reardon – Letter from 12th District VP Edna Deacon, and letter from 11th District

TREASURER: Apu M **report in packet for General Business Meeting** - locations of monies and bills to be paid. All filings have been completed, taxes are now caught up, working on reinstating nonprofit status. Additional bill submitted for Kelly Grayson and Nancy MaGee for conference.

Motion to accept report made by Kim Iadanza seconded by Frank Goodstein

Motion to pay the bills made by Kim Iadanza seconded by James Ambro

ASST. TREASURER: Sue VanOrden **report in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT.**

NAEVP: Alison Wallin **report in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT.**

CAEVP: Kari Phair **report in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT.**

SAEVP: Barbara Platt **reports in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT.**

STATE SECRETARY: Cyndy Reardon THANK YOU APU FOR HANDLING THE PRINTING FOR THE PACKETS AND MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Paula Weiler **reports in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT.**

PRESIDENT: Sue DeWitt **report in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT**

DISTRICT REPORTS received written reports from the 6th District /8th District/ 12th District **in packet for General Business Meeting nothing urgent to add for BOT.**

Questions/comments on officer reports: no questions.

NO DEFERRED BUSINESS FROM SEPTEMBER BOT MEETING

NEW BOT BUSINESS:

Motion made by Paul Kennedy 11th VP, seconded by James Ambro 15th VP, to remove Matawan/Aberdeen FAS at their request. Motion carried

Motion made by Barbara Platt SAVP, seconded by James Ambro 15th VP to accept the application from Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company to return to the membership. Application was submitted by District 15 at the October district meeting. Dues have been sent to the council treasurer. Motion carried.

NO ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD, MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY KIM IADANZA, SECOND BY PAUL KENNEDY. BOT ADJOURNED AT 1033 HOURS.

Respectfully submitted, Cyndy Reardon, State Secretary

EMSC NJ General Business Meeting

Called to order at 1335 hours by President DeWitt. Opening prayer by Sue. Van Orden, followed by flag salute.

Judge of elections confirmed quorum, 136 squads eligible to vote, 48 squads signed in.

Minutes: Jay Meisch, Lincoln Park, made a motion, seconded by Eric Rudd, Belvedere, to accept the minutes as posted, emailed and distributed, Motion passed – all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT: Apu covered under treasurer's report in packet, Audits are in progress.

AWARDS ANNUAL AWARDS/ TRAFFIC & SAFETY – Barbara Nelson- All the EMS awards had several qualified applicants. The Traffic Safety awards received several entries in each class, based on miles traveled. The first-place award winner in each category was dedicated to the memory of a member of the Council who worked tirelessly for the organization. This year we added Mary Ann Ferrara to the 1st Place Class C award.

BYLAWS: Barbara Platt - The Bylaws Committee has been working on the rewrite and the modernization of the Councils Bylaws.

CADET RESOURCES: Joe Walsh - Will be creating a survey to see what help squads are looking for. Once results are received, the committee will be able to move forward and set goals for 2026.

CONVENTION: Paula Oswald/Kari Phair Thank you to all the committee members, adjuncts and proctors and all those who volunteered to help the committee. They have worked tirelessly to bring you this event. We have a multitude of classes thanks to our Symposium Education Committee. Visit our vendors and thank them for their support. Also thank our sponsors, because without their financial support we could not hold this event.

Convention EDUCATION: Gerry McEntee/Edna Deacon/Laurie Sheldon - We have a multitude of classes thanks to our Symposium Education Committee.

DIRECTORY: Apu - please use the PDF version of the directory within the membership database for the most up-to-date information. Please continue to update your squad information throughout the year.

EDUCATION & TRAINING: Laurie Sheldon / Edna Deacon / Gerry McEntee- Report in packet. Meetings were switched to Zoom to be more inclusive and convenient for people to attend. These are the areas we covered: NJ Dept of Health – OEMS has TF forms that were changed twice, and the procedures squads need to follow to access the fund. Committee spoke about CEU programs that are offered FREE of charge.

ELECTION BOARD: Luciane Raibin- remember to register and vote. Election results presented at dinner.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, SECURITY & MOBILIZATION: Frank Goodstein - report in packet. With 2025 ending, please remember to update contact info reflecting new 2026 officer names with both your municipal and county OEM and EMS coordinator.

FINANCE Committee: BUDGET: Apu, contained in the packet. To be voted upon under new business.

REIMBURSEMENT & FINANCIAL BEST PRACTICES: Apu/ AEVP's- no changes

GRIEVANCE AND HARDSHIP: AEVPs nothing reported/requested.

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HISTORIAN: Sue DeWitt, report in packet- Still collecting any Council-related items that you might no longer want. Please reach out if you have anything to donate.

LEGISLATIVE: Stacey McCormack- report in packet -There is no legislative activity expected until after the election. This is when the lame-duck session will occur and hopefully then we can get some movement on the "clean-up bill." If there is no movement before the end of legislative year, it will need to be resubmitted under new session.

MEDICAL ADVISOR: Dr. Stevan Vetrano COVID numbers down, flu season starting. 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the USA in July and the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in September. Please follow Dr Vetrano on social media.

MIDYEAR (MEMBERSHIP SPRING MEETING): 18th District, Alison Wallin- 2026 – 18th District – Save the date of May 3, 2026, at the Park Ridge Marrio/ in Park Ridge

NEWSLETTER: Sue DeWitt: We continue to publish the newsletter monthly, and it continues to grow and content. We are happy to see that people are sending us information to post in the newsletter.

Remember to send squad news (fundraising, good news, training that is open to other squads, etc.) for publica on. This is a terrific way to get free PR!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Vikki Castellano - no added nominations were received, be sure to vote. Meet the candidates at 4pm, in this room.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Memorial Service will be tomorrow. Please send the names of any of your members that have passed away to pastoral@emscnj.org for inclusion in the Memorial Service at Convention. Please also include the person's squad, something about the person (i.e., life member, 50-year member, past captain, past president, etc.) Also please include at least one photo of the person.

PUBLICIST: Sylvie Mulvaney Numerous social media posts, monitoring (Facebook, Twi/er, Instagram) since last BOT meeting. Assisted with September newsletter. Monitoring social media for postings about the council.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS: Rosemary Tempesta. All applications, Gail Lawrence Memorial Fund Scholarship, Cadet Scholarship, Fred Steinkopf Scholarship, are available on the website. -- At Midyear we awarded 20 scholarships totaling \$18,000. We are happy to announce that there will be two more scholarships available next year. Ken Weinberg Memorial Scholarship and the Lincoln Park EMS Past Life Member Richard Van Orden Scholarship.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Paul Kennedy in attendance.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Sylvie Mulvaney/ Sue DeWitt- We have been busy on the Council social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Dan Sullivan As of Oct. 6, 2025, 108 squads have completed inspections. This represents 255 of 489 ambulances. Of the 200 squads in the Council this represents an inspection compliance rate of 54 percent. Remember that inspection stickers are replaced every year with the new date of Dec. 31 of the following year punched out. New rigs must be inspected within 60 days. The inspection sticker is to be removed from any rig that is sold or traded in.

SUPPLIES: Rosemary Tempesta Supplies are available. Order forms are on the table with the display. Please reach out. if you need supplies at supplies@emscnj.org.

TECHNOLOGY: Apu | Dan Sullivan, if there are any issues with equipment, please contact.

9-11 MEMORIAL: Paul Kennedy Paul Kennedy Working on the wording for the plaque that we need to order and have installed at the site. Also need to figure out size for plaque

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES:

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: President & AEVP's, next meeting will be in December.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL BLS SUBCOMMITTEE: Barbara Platt – nothing new to report

EMS FOR CHILDREN: Dan Sullivan – nothing new to report

EMT TRAINING FUND: Sue DeWitt- next meeting in December. Dan Kazar and Judy Faulkner were in attendance.

EMT TF Retention & Recruitment subcommittee- Laurie Sheldon covered under education.

GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY: Barbara Platt- group met to discuss possible updates to program.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES – Emerg Mgmt. Subcommittee: Sue DeWitt- no updates currently.

NJ DOT Traffic Incident Mgmt. Ops Group: Paula Weiler- Please see group at their table in the vendor area.

OUT OF STATE COUNCILS: through the President

OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & PREPAREDNESS: Frank Goodstein covered his report in packet.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS: Frank Goodstein covered in his report a new chair appointed.

STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL: Paula Weiler, next meeting coming up, Zoom in option.

DEFERRED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Apu, seconded by Alison Walin (Haworth) to approve the 2026 budget as presented.

31- in favor 0- opposed 1- abstention MOTION - Passed.

Good and Welfare:

Past President Sue Van Orden announced the application for the Alumni category is completed and available.

Harry Heller announced Amwell Valley Ambulance Corps has been named a finalist in the Search, Rescue & Emergency Support Services category of the fifth annual Defender Service Awards, presented by Chase, please vote for them.

Dr Vetrano asked all to send in opinions/comments New Jersey Department of Health Proposes Amendments, Repeals, and New Rules RE: N.J.A.C. 8:57

CLOSING PRAYER:

Motion to adjourn made by Jane Simon, Ramsey, seconded by Harry Heller, Lambertville

Meeting Adjourned at 1518 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted, Cyndy Reardon State Secretary.



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President's Report Convention – October 2025

Welcome to Convention 2025. Thank you to the Convention Committee for all their work to make this weekend a reality. Thank you to our sponsors and vendors for your support of our event. Thank you to everyone who is attending this weekend, it is important that you are here to conduct the business of the Council. Please take a moment to visit and thank our vendors and sponsors, attend the educational offerings, and cast your vote for your 2026 officers and the proposed by law change.

Please attend the memorial service as we honor those members that we have lost in the past year. It is important that we recognize and remember their contributions to the council and EMS in New Jersey.

Since our last general membership meeting (May 2025) we have had a change in our Advocates. I have continued to work with them to secure sponsors for our EMT Training Fund "Clean Up" bill. Once the legislature gets back to work after the election, we will be reaching out to everyone to contact their representatives asking for them to support this bill.

Thank you to our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for their time and efforts in working to resolve the IRS issues. During this process we have identified some issues that will need to be addressed through new policies and procedures for the future.

Thank you to our many committees who have been working hard to fulfill their missions. Your time and effort is appreciated, and we look forward to seeing your finished products in the near future. If anyone would like to serve on a committee or help with a special project or has a suggestion for a committee, please reach out to me.

I would like to give a big thank you to every one of our members. Your unselfish dedication to providing EMS care to the residents and visitors of the great state of New Jersey is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. It takes a lot of hard work, time, and sacrifice to keep a squad up and running and these efforts are often overlooked.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to everyone for your support. Keeping an organization like ours moving forward is not a one-person job, it takes all of us working together. Thank you to our officers and squads for being engaged and following what is going on with EMS.

The past 10 months have been a learning experience for me as I learn the ropes of being President. While I had some goals for what I wanted to see done this year, I have had to adjust to tackle immediate concerns such as the EMT training Fund and the IRS. I am hopeful that these issues will soon be behind us, and we can refocus on to some of those goals.

Please feel free to reach out with any comments, concerns, or questions.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan DeWitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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10/17/2025

Thank you to the Convention Committee for your dedication and perseverance. Despite numerous challenges, you continued to work tirelessly on behalf of the Council. Your commitment is deeply appreciated.

Due to the lack of reimbursement from the training fund, the Council must carefully reevaluate the structure and funding for the 2026 Convention. This will require thoughtful discussion and planning at upcoming meetings.

Recently, the Council faced a significant setback when we were notified that our financial matters were in default because required paperwork had not been submitted on time. In response, the President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, with the support of our accounting firm, worked together to complete and mail the 2022, 2023, and 2024 tax returns to the IRS. During this process, several errors and omissions were discovered. These issues will need to be addressed before submitting the 2025 tax return.

To ensure future compliance and strengthen our financial oversight, two new policies will be developed: a Whistle Blower Policy and a Tax Return Review Policy. A committee will be formed, composed of council members and officers, to draft these policies. The committee's recommendations will be presented at the next Council meeting for review and approval. The policy drafting committee will be responsible for gathering input from relevant parties, including current and past officers as needed.

For the recent tax filings, we included the following language in our return policy: "Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, President, and other officers who may have information about specific sections." This approach was used to prepare the 2022, 2023, and 2024 returns, with input from Past President Weiler for matters related to her tenure.

The 1023 Tax Exempt forms for 2022, 2023, and 2024 have been completed and submitted. Additionally, the Charitable Registration documents for these years have been finalized and are ready for submission once the 2023 and 2024 audits are complete.

If you are not receiving the Council Newsletter, please contact one of the officers or a member of the Newsletter Committee to be added to the distribution list. Staying informed is vital to our shared success.

As we move forward, let us remember that every obstacle is an opportunity for growth. When I first joined the Council, I faced uncertainty about my ability to contribute meaningfully. By focusing on daily progress and seeking support from fellow members, I found the strength to overcome challenges and help the Council succeed. Together, we can accomplish great things.

Let us be inspired by these words: “Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.” — Christian D. Larson

Respectfully submitted

Assistant Treasurer

Sue Van Orden



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Northern Area Executive Vice President Convention Report October 18, 2025

Aloha!

Welcome to our 96th Annual EMSCNJ Education Symposium and Trade Show. Please extend a quick thank you to the entire Convention Committee who have worked so tirelessly this year, to prepare for you - top rated educational offerings, a variety of interesting and dedicated vendors, creative activities for those "down-time" minutes, a "Tricky Tray" raffle which benefits the Cadet Scholarship Fund, as well as the General Business meeting.

Special thanks to Gerry McEntee, his Education Office Staff, and your Seminar Proctors who all volunteer their time, year after year, to make your educational experience a "seamless" and relevant one.

This is my first year as Northern Area Vice President, and i have learned you can't do everything you want to do. Over the past year, I have visited 6 of my 9 Northern Area Districts and attended several squad meetings. I have attended all Advisory Council on EMS meetings, as well as the meetings for the EMT Training Fund Advisory Council. I have been an active participant in the Standards Committee, (as well as performing inspections in my own District), and the Education Committee. All my fellow Officers and Committee Chairs wear several hats and have several responsibilities. Thank you to all of them also for their hard work. And in keeping with our Hawaiian theme... If you want to get involved and affect change in NJ EMS ... "come on in, the water's fine".

I will not reiterate what the other Committees will report. OEMS is still working on the glitches in their new NJEMS platform. The New Jersey legislature is still not in session until the beginning of November. So begins the "lame duck" legislative session, where we may get a chance to motivate them to support and pass the EMT Training Fund "cleanup" bill into law. Start your engines now for an incentive campaign.

Keep riding.

Remember the reasons you became an EMT and joined a squad.

Don't forget the fun and camaraderie...

(Def: Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together)

It binds us.

Stay Safe,
Alison Wallin
NAVP
EMSCNJ





October 4, 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Convention, I hope you take advantage of all the classes offered this weekend as well as visiting all the vendors that have attended.

I did make it to many district meetings and it has been great getting to know everyone and hear the concerns that Squads are facing, which many of those are common across squads, funding, membership, training and support from their municipalities. I think it is very important that each Squad have a great relationship with their municipalities. We all need to be telling people all the things we do as a volunteer organization and how we can't do without financial support and members.

EMS has evolved over the years to become an integral part of every town. With many volunteer EMS agencies answering more calls than Fire. It comes down to when someone calls 9-1-1 they want a well trained crew arriving in a timely manner. It is up to us to continue to find ways to keep that ambulance arriving timely.

I wholeheartedly feel that this state can't just rely upon paid services. As many people in EMS work several different jobs and it is very hard for a paid agency to staff additional ambulances quickly, like the volunteers can do. So, it is up to us to show our worth as volunteers and how we can partner with other volunteers and paid agencies.

Not many meetings since the Mid-Year meeting.

Sylvie and I are setting up a Zoom Meeting hopefully in October, to start the process to update the PSA that the DOH and EMSCNJ put together about 17 years ago. I have someone that will do the video/sound free of charge. So we are putting together a list of what we want to ask people during this video as well as trying to keep the video to a 5-7 minute video that people can share on their social media's to try to attract volunteers again. We will film this in the Central Area one day and have people come for interviews one day. Then we will use real photos/videos from events over the years to put the whole video together.

<https://youtu.be/ikc6lraWUVA>

We all need to be having a presence on social media – Facebook, Instagram and such promoting all the great things we are doing. If you need help with that, please reach out. Share what your neighboring squads are doing. We can only succeed if other volunteers are succeeding too.

It is important for all Squads to have someone review charts before they are submitted and also setting up call reviews. It is important that people know how to chart. Basic rule of charting if you didn't write it down you didn't do it. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Just a reminder if you took your ICS 200, 300, 400 prior to 2019, they need to be redone. All those classes need to be done in person. And before you take those in person you need to update to the new ICS 100, IS 700, IS 800 which can all be done on-line.

We had a reminder from our County OEM EMS office that if you are responding to a MCI somewhere not in your town, you need to make sure you leave your town covered as well. If you can only get one ambulance together then you need to stay in town to cover your calls.

I've been working on the by-laws committee as well and we have made some great strides and we hope to have a copy of those to you in the very near future.

I am here to help with anything I can, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks and Stay Safe,
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“If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For passion will lead you right into your purpose.”—T.D. Jakes



SAVP Report

General Membership Meeting, October 2025

The southern districts have been meeting regularly. Some of the discussions that have taken place were on the training fund, the new state protocols, the ambulance inspection process, training opportunities and recruitment & retention of members.

District 15 has received a membership application from Parkertown Fire and EMS which we hope will be accepted during the Board of Trustees meeting. Parkertown previously withdrew from the membership, but we are very pleased to have them rejoining us.

Most of the quarterly state meetings have been occurring on their normal cycle. The Highway Traffic Safety Policy Advisory Council (HTSPAC) cancelled meetings in the first half of the year, but are now meeting regularly again. At the last meeting we discussed our recommendations for the 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

The Council will have a voice on the 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The project is divided up into emphasis area teams that will focus on various topics. I have been appointed the Deputy Team Lead serving under Team Leader Tim Seplaki on the Post-Crash Care team. Our first meeting was scheduled for October 16, but has been postponed.

The Bylaws committee has been working on the rewrite and modernization of the Council's Bylaws. Our goal is to bring them up to date with current practices, current technology and to make them more clear and concise. We have noted that there are items that belong in policy or operating guidelines and will be recommending moving them. We are very close to done with the draft and hope to have a document that the membership can review soon. Our goal is to provide ample time for squads to discuss the draft and ask questions before voting on the proposal next year.

Concurrently, the Bylaws committee also continues to review recommendations from districts. This weekend there are 2 ballot questions involving a recommendation received regarding the dues penalty structure. The committee reviewed the proposal and found it to be sound.

I hope everyone enjoys the convention, participates in meetings and CEU opportunities, and brings information back to your squads.

In service,

Barbara Platt, EMSCNJ SAVP



Welcome to another conference.

Thank you to the committee for putting together another outstanding program. Please take advantage of all the classes and visit the vendors. Please attend the business meetings and the Memorial Service, the service is to honor your departed EMS brothers and sisters, may they all rest in peace.

Thank you for submitting all meeting reports to me on time. Reminder: Please name the file starting with committee/officer title first, followed by date and preferably in PDF format, ex: state_secretary_October_2025.

Send all reports to reports@emscnj.com

Any direct correspondence to me should go to my emscnj email as listed in the directory only.

Thank you all,

Have a great conference.

Cyndy Reardon

State Secretary



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Membership Secretary
October 17, 2025 – Annual Convention

Good day everyone.

Welcome to the 2025 Annual EMSCNJ Convention. Our Convention Committee has worked hard to prepare for this weekend and we have 3 days packed full of things to do. There are lots of classes to take, our Keynote is tonight with a very important topic – Recruitment and Retention for EMS Agencies! Come dress up for our theme party at Friday night Dinner - 'Ohana' means family. And then have some fun at BINGO after the Keynote. Saturday please attend our Memorial Service and honor our members who have passed away since last Convention and our Banquet on Saturday night. And of course cast your vote during the day Saturday. And please visit our Vendors during Friday and Saturday. Have a great Convention weekend!!

We currently have 201 squads in the Council. As of 11:59 PM on 10/1/2025 143 squads have submitted their Annual Reports with 140 of those being accepted (69.15% of the total 201 squads). We currently have 136 squads that are eligible to vote at Convention, which is 67.66%. These are the squads that are in Good Standing, which means their Annual Reports are submitted and accepted, Standards Inspections completed and submitted, and Annual Dues submitted. The District Squad Status reports for the October BOT Meeting were emailed to the District VPs and Chairs and to the respective Area VPs. Thanks to all of the squads who have submitted their reports. And for those squads that are eligible, please make sure you cast your ballot for your squad on Saturday between 8 AM to 3 PM.

If your squad officers are unable to log into the Database, the officers can request a password reset but this request must come from the Squad Captain/Chief or President. Please send an email to membershipsecretary@emscnj.org to request this. If you need service award certificates for your squad, please request them at least two weeks in advance as the US Mail is not as reliable as it has been. When requesting certificates please include the members' names, the squad name, the years of service and the date you want on certificate along with the address where you want the certificates mailed. The certificates will be mailed via regular first-class mail as the cost of Priority Mail has increased in the past year. And don't forget that we can also provide certificates for squads that are celebrating a milestone year.

As multiple officers have reported, OEMS is still working on correcting glitches to the new NJEMS platform and we are all hoping this gets completed sooner rather than later. Students can now complete the EMS-62 form (EMT Training Fund eligibility form) but all electronic signatures must comply with the requirements that President DeWitt forwarded to all officers. Any questions please contact Sue DeWitt. Please support our EMT TF 'clean-up' bill (A-5826) in the Legislature as this will fix some of the existing issues; we will need a separate bill to increase the current 50 cents that goes to the Fund from each moving violation. The [2025 NJ EMS Clinical Practice Protocols & Guidelines](#) are now approved for BLS and ALS use and the document can be found by clicking on the link above (it is on the main NJ OEMS page). We will have representation from OEMS at our Convention to answer your questions.

Happy Halloween to all – we're all little kids when it comes to this Holiday. What is your costume going to be? Stay safe, and keep those around you safe. You cannot provide quality care to others if you don't take care of yourself, both physically and mentally. And thank you all for your service.

Respectfully,

Paula Weiler

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Convention & Symposium Report October 2025

Welcome to the Education Symposium and Trade Show! Thank you to all the committee members, adjuncts and proctors and those who volunteered to assist the committee. They have worked tirelessly to bring you this event. Our theme, “Ohana” means family and connections and the fact that nobody gets left behind or forgotten. While it is a very popular Disney movie/character reference right now, it is relatable to EMS. EMS has many parts at the squad, the district and the EMS Council of New Jersey level. We are family – cadet, regular member, life member, charter member, etc. We want to remember this.

We have a multitude of classes thanks to our Symposium Education Committee. Please attend classes, there is valuable information in each one.

Visit our vendors and thank them for their support, also thank our sponsors – without their financial support we could hold this event. We hope for great weather so you can check out the Antique ambulances and the Squad 51 Education Project. Get a picture in front of the Squad 51 replica!

The Memorial service is again scheduled in its own time slot this year as was requested by many members. There are some slight adjustments due to membership suggestions. Please attend and remember those members that we have lost this year. We are saddened by the loss of Betty McConnell, a longtime symposium and convention adjunct who supported assistance with the ad journal, Toys for Tots, proctoring and the spellchecker of all the documentation. She will be missed!

Support the Tricky Tray and the 50/50 raffles – the proceeds of these events go to support the Scholarship Fund and the 9/11 Memorial. There is also the Holiday Card signing table for our Military in state and abroad. Please take a moment to sign one or two cards of your choice. They will be distributed to Picatinny Arsenal.

Enjoy the Friday night Bingo entertainment. It has become a fun yet competitive event!

Delegates are reminded to attend the General Membership meetings and to vote for 2026 officers and a proposed Bylaw change.

The Banquet Saturday night will reveal the Traffic Award winners and the Council Award winners. We have revised some of the program to ensure their stories are honored respectfully.

We hope everyone takes time to reconnect with old friends and to make some new ones.

There is a short paper version of a survey to get your immediate feedback but there will also be an email in the week following convention that will give a link for a Survey, take a few minutes to answer the questions and help us to make future events better and to bring you what the membership wants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Oswald (Paula.oswald@emscnj.org) / Kari Phair (Kari.phair@emscnj.org)

Convention Committee Co-Chairs

Emergency Preparedness, Security and Mobilization Committee

October - 2025

Hello, and we're here for the 2025 EMSCNJ convention. With 2025 nearing its end, please remember after you elect new officers for 2026 that the updated contact info is shared with both municipal and county OEM EMS Coordinators.

Communication with both your municipal OEM and county EMS Coordinators is essential for day-to-day activities.

- Meetings attended this year include:
 - NJ Highway Traffic Safety,
 - Aeronautical Committee,
 - NJ EMS Statewide Communications, and
 - Homeland Security
- Please check the EMSCNJ website for updates and details regarding training programs and operational guidelines.
- Please keep your vehicles safe and locked when not attended.
- The 2025 hurricane season is not yet over. Be sure you maintain situational awareness for both your own area and the potential need to support other EMS agencies negatively impacted by a weather event. While recent storms have missed our area you must monitor future weather conditions.
- Your medical advisor continues to be an important component of all emergency plans.
- It's hard to imagine that plans are being developed for the 25th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks. Your involvement is important to preserve the memories of those we have lost, and build on the lessons learned.
- Your observations of out of the ordinary items/actions combined with those for the general public if they see something, is to say something, help to ensure our safety.
- Communication and preparedness activities on a daily basis helps to reinforce the working relationships crucial during a large scale incident.

All of the Emergency Preparedness, Security and Mobilization Committee Coordinators are available to assist you with any concerns or questions.

Frank Goodstein – State Coordinator (Cell – 908.447.3288)
David Schimmel – Northern Coordinator
Tharun Potluri – Central Coordinator
Bryan Platt – Southern Coordinator

EMS Council (2024-2025)

Bill: A175
Sponsors: Fantasia (R24); Inganamort (R24); Matsikoudis (R21)
Summary: Requires medical testing for certain persons in circumstances when first responders may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Human Services; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:A3648; 2020:A3421; 2020:S438; 2018:A4964; 2018:S3460
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: A308
Sponsors: Matsikoudis (R21) +1
Summary: Expands definition of basic life support to include blood glucose monitoring.
Subjects: Health
Related: 2022:A4875
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: A321
Sponsors: Matsikoudis (R21) +1
Summary: Streamlines emergency medical technician certification process for certain veterans.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:S969; 2022:A5185; 2022:S3500
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: A355
Sponsors: Stanley (D18)
Summary: Revises requirements and training standards for first responders under New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Act of 1987.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Motor Vehicles-Traffic Safety
Related: 2022:A1264; 2020:A3360; 2020:S1606; 2018:A2506; 2018:S796; 2016:A543; 2016:S371; 2014:A3564; 2014:S2299
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: A432
Sponsors: Auth (R39) +2
Summary: Streamlines certification standards for emergency medical technicians.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Health-Professionals
Related: 2022:A4777
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: A532
Sponsors: Barranco (R25)
Summary: Excludes contributions to volunteer first aid or rescue squads from appropriations cap and property tax levy cap for certain local units.
Subjects: Local Budget And Finance; Local Government
Related: 2022:A4734

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Bill: **A751**
Sponsors: McGuckin (R10); Kanitra (R10)
Summary: Authorizes court to impose rescue operation costs of public entity under certain circumstances.
Subjects: Crimes And Penalties; Criminal Procedures; Judiciary-Court Administration
Related: 2024:S483; 2022:A1606; 2022:S1270; 2020:A3314; 2020:S134; 2018:A3018; 2018:S1167; 2016:A2420; 2016:S231; 2014:A4317; 2014:S2829
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Judiciary Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Bill: **A852**
Sponsors: Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Venezia (D34)
Summary: Establishes "Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems" pilot program in DOH; appropriates \$2,000,000.
Subjects: Public Safety
Related: 2022:A1008; 2020:A6127
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A1018**
Sponsors: Munoz (R21)
Summary: Revises requirements for operation of mobile intensive care programs and paramedic licensure.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:A2196; 2020:A1885; 2020:S617; 2018:A5891; 2018:S3885
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A1090**
Sponsors: DiMaio (R23); Matsikoudis (R21)
Summary: Authorizes reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund for certain volunteer firefighters.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:S2779; 2022:A954; 2022:S2225; 2020:A590; 2020:S2116; 2018:A507; 2018:S1673; 2016:A702; 2016:S1893; 2014:A549; 2014:S645; 2012:A528; 2012:S1637; 2010:A762; 2010:S74; 2008:A2369; 2008:A3342; 2008:S1049; 2006:A4095; 2006:S2726
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A1243**
Sponsors: Sauickie (R12)
Summary: Establishes Emergency Medical Services Provider Safety Grant Program in DOH; appropriates \$10 million.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:A5665
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A1411**
Sponsors: Haider (D37)
Summary: Requires certain ambulances to carry epinephrine.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S753; 2022:A4014; 2022:S401; 2020:A746; 2018:A5616

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A1417**
Sponsors: Haider (D37)
Summary: Requires county health departments to maintain reserve stock of opioid antidotes to dispense to certain entities on interim basis to ensure uninterrupted supply.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Health-Pharmaceuticals; State Government-Departments And Agencies
Related: 2024:S2262; 2022:A4235; 2022:S474; 2020:A2283; 2020:S1845; 2018:A539; 2018:S1092; 2016:A2183; 2016:S964; 2014:A4919
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A1754**
Sponsors: Rumpf (R9); Spearman (D5); Kean, S (R30) +21
Summary: Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$2,000 gross income tax exemption.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A3832; 2024:S620; 2024:S927; 2024:S2083; 2022:A757; 2022:S1697; 2022:S2224; 2020:A927; 2020:A3071; 2020:S1402; 2018:A709; 2018:A3529; 2018:S1458; 2018:S2651; 2016:A998; 2016:S563; 2014:A2140; 2014:S634; 2012:A664; 2012:S263; 2010:A2326; 2010:S62; 2008:A653; 2008:A2192; 2008:S2618; 2006:A1404; 2006:A2198; 2006:A2508; 2006:S1168; 2006:S1597; 2004:A465; 2004:A856; 2004:A923; 2004:S665; 2004:S1846; 2002:A244; 2002:A996; 2002:A2954; 2002:S718; 2002:S1834; 2000:A351; 2000:A711; 2000:S781; 1998:A384; 1998:A428; 1998:A2431; 1998:S608; 1996:A992; 1996:A1020; 1996:S585; 1994:A831; 1994:A2818; 1994:S2047; 1992:A620; 1992:S203; 1990:A3142; 1990:S2545
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A1861**
Sponsors: Verrelli (D15)
Summary: Establishes Statewide Opioid Antidote Coordinator position; appropriates funds.
Subjects: Human Services; Human Services-Drug And Alcohol Abuse
Related: 2024:S2017; 2022:A4237; 2022:S2808
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A1875**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Tully (D38); Speight (D29)
Summary: Consolidates and makes technical updates to certain definitions used in Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.
Subjects: Health
Related: 2022:A4719
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 12/05/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
06/03/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
10/28/2024—Passed in Assembly 75-0-0.
12/05/2024—Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **A2006**
Sponsors: Speight (D29)
Summary: Requires Director of Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to develop training program for first responders regarding protocols for responding to emergency in war zone.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Homeland Security
Related: 2022:A4553
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A2403**
Sponsors: Simonsen (R1) +1
Summary: Requires emergency medical services provider to provide certain information regarding person who experienced drug overdose to DLPS.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Human Services-Drug And Alcohol Abuse; Public Safety
Related: 2022:A4851
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A2579**
Sponsors: Peterson (R23)
Summary: Concerns event venues and availability of emergency medical services providers at certain events.
Subjects: Consumer Affairs; Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:A4041
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Consumer Affairs
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.

Bill: **A2634**
Sponsors: Webber (R26); DeAngelo (D14)
Summary: Requires MVC to accept emergency medical technician and paramedic certification cards as two points of documentation for purposes of MVC identification verification program.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Motor Vehicles-Regulation
Related: 2024:S388; 2022:A1033; 2022:S985; 2020:A498; 2020:S1425; 2018:A311; 2018:S1335; 2016:A4478; 2016:S2934
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee.

Bill: **A3489**
Sponsors: Kanitra (R10) +1
Summary: Broadens riot and disorderly conduct; enhances penalties for public monument destruction; addresses riot victim assaults; creates crime of promotion of violent, disorderly assembly.
Subjects: Crimes And Penalties; Criminal Procedures
Related: 2024:S834; 2022:A4577; 2022:S1783; 2020:S3261
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 - Assembly Judiciary Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Bill: **A3500**
Sponsors: Speight (D29)
Summary: Creates stockpile of protective masks for use by first responders under certain circumstances.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:A5607
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A3537 AcaAca (2R)**
Sponsors: Stanley (D18); McCoy (D14); Murphy (D7) +6
Summary: Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical

Technician Training Fund."
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S2435; 2022:A3772; 2022:S2223
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 06/28/2024 - Substituted by another bill
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
02/22/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
06/26/2024—Transferred to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/28/2024—Substituted by S-2435 (2R).

Bill: **A3647**
Sponsors: Murphy (D7)
Summary: Enters New Jersey into Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Interstate Relations; Regulated Professions
Related: 2024:S2668; 2022:A469; 2020:A1100; 2018:A4599; 2018:S3598
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/12/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 02/12/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A3832**
Sponsors: Barlas (R40); DePhillips (R40) +1
Summary: Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A1754; 2024:S620; 2024:S927; 2024:S2083; 2022:A757; 2022:S1697; 2022:S2224; 2020:A927; 2020:A3071; 2020:S1402; 2018:A709; 2018:A3529; 2018:S1458; 2018:S2651; 2016:A998; 2016:S563; 2014:A2140; 2014:S634; 2012:A664; 2012:S263; 2010:A2326; 2010:S62; 2008:A653; 2008:A2192; 2008:S2618; 2006:A1404; 2006:A2198; 2006:A2508; 2006:S1168; 2006:S1597; 2004:A465; 2004:A856; 2004:A923; 2004:S665; 2004:S1846; 2002:A244; 2002:A996; 2002:A2954; 2002:S718; 2002:S1834; 2000:A351; 2000:A711; 2000:S781; 1998:A384; 1998:A428; 1998:A2431; 1998:S608; 1996:A992; 1996:A1020; 1996:S585; 1994:A831; 1994:A2818; 1994:S2047; 1992:A620; 1992:S203; 1990:A3142; 1990:S2545
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/22/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 02/22/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A4005 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Karabinchak (D18); Venezia (D34); Park (D37) +3
Summary: Requires emergency medical technicians and firefighters to receive training concerning electric vehicle fires.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:S1687; 2022:A4476; 2022:S2881
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/15/2025 - Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee
History: 03/07/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
05/15/2025—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.

Bill: **A4022**
Sponsors: Sumter (D35); Moen (D5)
Summary: Requires DOH to develop Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S1416; 2022:A4195; 2022:S2711
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/07/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 03/07/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A4109**
Sponsors: Matsikoudis (R21)
Summary: Permits paramedics to administer vaccines during outbreaks of communicable diseases.
Subjects: Health-Disease; Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:A3355; 2020:A5229; 2020:S3356
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 04/04/2024 - Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
History: 04/04/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

Bill: **A4280 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Calabrese (D36) +1
Summary: Extends permission to administer blood glucose tests to EMTs.
Subjects: Health; Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S3278
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 06/03/2024 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 05/02/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
06/03/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Bill: **A4364**
Sponsors: Atkins (D20); Carter (D22); McCoy (D14) +13
Summary: Establishes EMS part of PERS; provides enhanced benefits for emergency medical services employees.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:S3411
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/13/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 05/13/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A4523 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Speight (D29)
Summary: Creates New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Health-Professionals
Related: 2024:S3563
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/24/2024 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 06/06/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
10/24/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A5008**
Sponsors: Donlon (D11); Peterpaul (D11)
Summary: Concerns distribution of 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account.
Subjects: Public Safety-Emergency Management
Related: 2024:S3536
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/28/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 10/28/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A5261**
Sponsors: Ramirez (D32)
Summary: Establishes training programs for reentry persons in fire services and emergency medical services.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/10/2025 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 02/10/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A5388**
Sponsors: Drulis (D16); Freiman (D16)

Summary: Requires EMTs to undergo training in recognition and response techniques when encountering individuals with mental health conditions.
Subjects: Human Services-Mental Health
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/06/2025 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 03/06/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **A5673**
Sponsors: Azzariti (R39); Donlon (D11) +1
Summary: "Gary Letizia Pre-Hospital Blood Transfusion Act"; authorizes paramedics, under medical oversight, to administer blood products to patients in pre-hospital settings, and establishes certain reimbursement for emergency medical services providers.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S4544
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/15/2025 - Assembly Health Committee
History: 05/15/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: **A5826**
Sponsors: Stanley (D18)
Summary: Revises law related to EMT eligibility for receiving funds from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/16/2025 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 06/16/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **ACR55**
Sponsors: DiMaio (R23); Kean, S (R30)
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide property tax credit of up to 100 percent for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or volunteer first aid squad member.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:SCR53; 2022:ACR171; 2022:SCR148
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **ACR72**
Sponsors: Tully (D38); Swain (D38) +1
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing \$200 property tax credit for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or first aid squad member.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2022:ACR74; 2022:SCR86; 2020:ACR89; 2020:SCR85; 2018:ACR252; 2018:SCR37; 2016:ACR239; 2016:SCR76; 2014:ACR99; 2014:SCR87; 2012:SCR93; 2010:ACR185; 2010:SCR55; 2008:SCR72; 2006:ACR87; 2006:SCR91; 2004:ACR114; 2002:ACR95; 2000:ACR147
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Bill: **AR50**
Sponsors: DePhillips (R40)
Summary: Urges US President and Congress to establish student loan forgiveness program for certain doctors, nurses, and emergency medical services employees.
Subjects: Education-Finance; Federal Relations-Memorializations; Health-Professionals
Related: 2022:AR121; 2020:AR155; 2020:SR67
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Assembly Higher Education Committee

History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Bill: **S388**

Sponsors: Pennacchio (R26)

Summary: Requires MVC to accept emergency medical technician and paramedic certification cards as two points of documentation for purposes of MVC identification verification program.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Motor Vehicles-Regulation

Related: 2024:A2634; 2022:A1033; 2022:S985; 2020:A498; 2020:S1425; 2018:A311; 2018:S1335; 2016:A4478; 2016:S2934

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Transportation Committee

History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Transportation Committee.

Bill: **S483**

Sponsors: Holzapfel (R10)

Summary: Authorizes court to impose rescue operation costs of public entity under certain circumstances.

Subjects: Crimes And Penalties; Criminal Procedures; Judiciary-Court Administration

Related: 2024:A751; 2022:A1606; 2022:S1270; 2020:A3314; 2020:S134; 2018:A3018; 2018:S1167; 2016:A2420; 2016:S231; 2014:A4317; 2014:S2829

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Judiciary Committee

History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Bill: **S739**

Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23); Tiver (R8)

Summary: Establishes "Salute to Service and Sacrifice Memorial Commission."

Subjects: Commemorations; Public Safety-Emergency Management; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2022:S4196

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Bill: **S753**

Sponsors: Johnson (D37); O'Scanlon (R13)

Summary: Requires certain ambulances to carry epinephrine.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services

Related: 2024:A1411; 2022:A4014; 2022:S401; 2020:A746; 2018:A5616

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S834**

Sponsors: Bucco (R25) +2

Summary: Broadens riot and disorderly conduct; enhances penalties for public monument destruction; addresses riot victim assaults; creates crime of promotion of violent, disorderly assembly.

Subjects: Crimes And Penalties; Criminal Procedures

Related: 2024:A3489; 2022:A4577; 2022:S1783; 2020:S3261

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Judiciary Committee

History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Bill: **S927**

Sponsors: Corrado (R40); Bucco (R25) +4

Summary: Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Personal Income Tax

Related: 2024:A1754; 2024:A3832; 2024:S620; 2024:S2083; 2022:A757; 2022:S1697; 2022:S2224;

2020:A927; 2020:A3071; 2020:S1402; 2018:A709; 2018:A3529; 2018:S1458; 2018:S2651; 2016:A998; 2016:S563; 2014:A2140; 2014:S634; 2012:A664; 2012:S263; 2010:A2326; 2010:S62; 2008:A653; 2008:A2192; 2008:S2618; 2006:A1404; 2006:A2198; 2006:A2508; 2006:S1168; 2006:S1597; 2004:A465; 2004:A856; 2004:A923; 2004:S665; 2004:S1846; 2002:A244; 2002:A996; 2002:A2954; 2002:S718; 2002:S1834; 2000:A351; 2000:A711; 2000:S781; 1998:A384; 1998:A428; 1998:A2431; 1998:S608; 1996:A992; 1996:A1020; 1996:S585; 1994:A831; 1994:A2818; 1994:S2047; 1992:A620; 1992:S203; 1990:A3142; 1990:S2545

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Bill: **S969**
Sponsors: Corrado (R40); Cryan (D20)
Summary: Streamlines emergency medical technician certification process for certain veterans.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:A321; 2022:A5185; 2022:S3500
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S1416**
Sponsors: Singleton (D7); Beach (D6) +1
Summary: Requires DOH to develop Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:A4022; 2022:A4195; 2022:S2711
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 02/03/2025 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
02/03/2025—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill: **S1687**
Sponsors: O'Scanlon (R13) +2
Summary: Requires emergency medical technicians and firefighters to receive training concerning electric vehicle fires.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:A4005; 2022:A4476; 2022:S2881
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Bill: **S2017**
Sponsors: Gopal (D11) +1
Summary: Establishes Statewide Opioid Antidote Coordinator position; appropriates funds.
Subjects: Human Services; Human Services-Drug And Alcohol Abuse
Related: 2024:A1861; 2022:A4237; 2022:S2808
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2083**
Sponsors: Gopal (D11); Corrado (R40) +7
Summary: Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$2,000 gross income tax exemption.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A1754; 2024:A3832; 2024:S620; 2024:S927; 2022:A757; 2022:S1697; 2022:S2224;

2020:A927; 2020:A3071; 2020:S1402; 2018:A709; 2018:A3529; 2018:S1458; 2018:S2651; 2016:A998; 2016:S563; 2014:A2140; 2014:S634; 2012:A664; 2012:S263; 2010:A2326; 2010:S62; 2008:A653; 2008:A2192; 2008:S2618; 2006:A1404; 2006:A2198; 2006:A2508; 2006:S1168; 2006:S1597; 2004:A465; 2004:A856; 2004:A923; 2004:S665; 2004:S1846; 2002:A244; 2002:A996; 2002:A2954; 2002:S718; 2002:S1834; 2000:A351; 2000:A711; 2000:S781; 1998:A384; 1998:A428; 1998:A2431; 1998:S608; 1996:A992; 1996:A1020; 1996:S585; 1994:A831; 1994:A2818; 1994:S2047; 1992:A620; 1992:S203; 1990:A3142; 1990:S2545

Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
05/16/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill: **S2262**
Sponsors: Scutari (D22)
Summary: Requires county health departments to maintain reserve stock of opioid antidotes to dispense to certain entities on interim basis to ensure uninterrupted supply.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Health-Pharmaceuticals; State Government-Departments And Agencies
Related: 2024:A1417; 2022:A4235; 2022:S474; 2020:A2283; 2020:S1845; 2018:A539; 2018:S1092; 2016:A2183; 2016:S964; 2014:A4919
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2435 ScaAca (2R)**
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14); Mukherji (D32); Stanley (D18); McCoy (D14); Murphy (D7) +8
Summary: Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:A3537; 2022:A3772; 2022:S2223
Progress: Pamphlet Law
Status: 09/12/2024 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
02/22/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
03/11/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
03/18/2024—Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
06/26/2024—Transferred to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/28/2024—Substituted for A-3537 (2R). Passed in Assembly 76-0-0. Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 39-0.
09/12/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.68.

Bill: **S2443**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Requires issuance of temporary emergency medical services certifications.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Health-Professionals
Related: 2022:S1743; 2020:A5094; 2020:S3029
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2450**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Establishes temporary Pandemic PTSD Task Force.

Subjects: Health-Disease; Human Services-Mental Health
Related: 2022:S1766; 2020:A4248; 2020:S2550
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2451**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Creates registry of individuals who required medical assistance as result of misusing controlled dangerous substance.
Subjects: Human Services-Drug And Alcohol Abuse
Related: 2022:S1744; 2020:A3419; 2020:S737; 2018:A4514; 2018:S3028
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2453**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Requires installation of Type IV flotation devices at certain lakes, ponds, and rivers.
Subjects: Boats And Boat Safety; Environment-Flooding, Dams And Lakes; Environment-Parks, Forests And Open Space
Related: 2022:S686; 2020:A5617; 2020:S3678
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Bill: **S2668**
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Enters New Jersey into Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Interstate Relations; Regulated Professions
Related: 2024:A3647; 2022:A469; 2020:A1100; 2018:A4599; 2018:S3598
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/12/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 02/12/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2779**
Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23); Corrado (R40) +2
Summary: Authorizes reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund for certain volunteer firefighters.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:A1090; 2022:A954; 2022:S2225; 2020:A590; 2020:S2116; 2018:A507; 2018:S1673; 2016:A702; 2016:S1893; 2014:A549; 2014:S645; 2012:A528; 2012:S1637; 2010:A762; 2010:S74; 2008:A2369; 2008:A3342; 2008:S1049; 2006:A4095; 2006:S2726
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/15/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 02/15/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Bill: **S3138**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25) +1
Summary: Permits EMTs to administer epinephrine using needle and syringe that is not prefilled.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/06/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 05/06/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: S3259
Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23)
Summary: Establishes presumption for accidental disability retirement in PERS and PFRS that emergency medical technician, firefighter, and police officer has Parkinson's disease as result of employment.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2024:A5507
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Bill: S3278 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Singleton (D7) +1
Summary: Extends permission to administer glucagon and blood glucose tests to EMTs.
Subjects: Health; Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:A4280
Progress: 2nd House: 2nd Reading
Status: 10/28/2024 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
06/06/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
10/28/2024—Passed in Senate 40-0. Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Bill: S3411
Sponsors: Cryan (D20); Wimberly (D35) +1
Summary: Establishes EMS part of PERS; provides enhanced benefits for emergency medical services employees.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:A4364
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/10/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 06/10/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Bill: S3536
Sponsors: Gopal (D11); McKnight (D31)
Summary: Concerns distribution of 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account.
Subjects: Public Safety-Emergency Management
Related: 2024:A5008
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 09/12/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 09/12/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Bill: S3563
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); McKnight (D31)
Summary: Creates New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Health-Professionals
Related: 2024:A4523
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 09/12/2024 - Senate Commerce Committee
History: 09/12/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

Bill: S4014
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Provides for licensure of emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians and certification of mobility assistance vehicle operators; revises requirements for delivery of emergency medical and patient transportation services.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/14/2025 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/14/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S4544**
Sponsors: Corrado (R40)
Summary: "Gary Letizia Pre-Hospital Blood Transfusion Act"; authorizes paramedics, under medical oversight, to administer blood products to patients in pre-hospital settings, and establishes certain reimbursement for emergency medical services providers.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:A5673
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/02/2025 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 06/02/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **SCR53**
Sponsors: Testa (R1) +1
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide property tax credit of up to 100 percent for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or volunteer first aid squad member.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:ACR55; 2022:ACR171; 2022:SCR148
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

Bill: **SCR120**
Sponsors: Bramnick (R21); Bucco (R25) +1
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption for primary residence of police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician who suffers line of duty injury.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Taxation-Property Tax
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/30/2025 - Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 01/30/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

Bill: **SJR28**
Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23); Amato (R9) +1
Summary: Designates second weekend of September each year as "Salute to Service and Sacrifice Weekend."
Subjects: Commemorations; Public Safety-Emergency Management; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:SJR134
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

EMS Council of New Jersey Legislative Report

To: EMS Council of New Jersey
From: Stacy McCormack, TWENTYTWENTY public affairs
Date: October 6th, 2025
Subject: September 2025 Update

Governor's Office + First Lady	<p>Governor Murphy is set to leave office in January 2026, both major parties are actively maneuvering for position in what promises to be a high-profile and competitive gubernatorial election.</p> <p>On June 10, former State Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli (R) and Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (D) secured the gubernatorial nominations from their respective parties.</p> <p>Ciattarelli announced Morris County Sheriff Jim Gannon as his lieutenant governor pick. Sherrill announced Dale Caldwell, the president of Centenary University as her lieutenant governor pick.</p>
NJ State Legislature	<p>The Assembly is up for election in November, so it's expected that there will be very little, if any, legislative activity in the Assembly until after the election in November.</p> <p>That is when the lame duck session will occur – the time when the current Assembly and Senate return before the new Governor and Assembly takes seat in mid-January 2026.</p>
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2025	Priority Legislation
EMT Training Fund Law Clean Up Bill: A5826 (Stanley)	<p>Introduced on June 16, 2025, and referred to the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee. The bill addresses most of the major concerns with the new EMT Training Fund law that went into effect on April 1, including the following:</p> <p>The bill also expands what the fund can cover, now including certain continuing education classes. It redefines what it means to be a “volunteer in good standing,” requiring EMTs to complete at least 12 service calls or 150 duty hours per year (rather than one call per month) during their initial three-year certification period to avoid repayment of training costs. However, EMTs who stop volunteering to attend college or university are exempt from repayment, and the bill now allows those attending out-of-state institutions to qualify for this exemption. Additionally, the definition of a “volunteer EMT” is clarified to exclude anyone who receives regular compensation, taking out the term financial remuneration. Those who work full-time at a hospital as an EMT are still not eligible for the fund, as this is an issue that Leadership felt strongly about and would likely prevent the bill from advancing.</p> <p>Senate sponsors secured: Cryan and Greenstein</p>
Board of Paramedicine Bill: A4523 (Murphy/Wimberly) / S3563 (Vitale/McKnight)	<p>No significant updates on the Board of Paramedicine Bill. Should the bill be posted for consideration, we have requested an amendment removing BLS entirely from the bill. It’s important to note that no amendments can be made to the bill unless it advances through committee. Given the Council’s firm opposition, the hope is it simply remains stalled.</p>
Bill for Consideration: A2579 (Peterson):	<p>The council has received a request from a nonprofit called a Breath for Alessandra (https://www.abfcharity.org) asking us to support A2579. The law would require an EMT to be present at large events (over 1000) people and optional at any events between 500 and 1000.</p>
S1687/A4476 Requires emergency medical technicians and firefighters to receive training concerning electric vehicle fires	<p>1/9/2024 S1697 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee</p> <p>5/15/25 A4005 Reported out of Asm. Public Saffety Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee</p>
A4364 Establishes EMS part of PERS;	<p>5/13/2024 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee</p>

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New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.
EMS Council of New Jersey
Scholarship Committee



Convention 2025 Scholarship Committee Report

At Midyear we gave out a total of 20 Scholarships totaling \$18,000.

We are happy to announce that there will be two more scholarships available next year. The Ken Weinberg Memorial Scholarship and the Lincoln Park EMS Past Life Member Richard Van Orden Scholarship.

We thank Ken & Rich's family for the financial donations to support these scholarships. Both families have given us criteria for the scholarships. We will be working on creating the new applications in the coming months and all applications will be available in January.

We are also happy to report that AT&T has increased their donation to \$10,000 for the 2026 Cadet Scholarships.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemary C. Tempesta
6th D VP, Scholarship and Supplies Chair EMSCNJ

Social Media Convention Report – October 2025

We have been very busy on the Council social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We have shared many, many posts from squad and district pages, as well as posted information that is sent directly to us. We also post newsworthy items we see on the internet and social media. Thank you to Sylvie for her daily posting.

As of 10/5/2025 we have 236 followers on Twitter(@EMSCouncilNJ) and have exceeded 4,386 tweets! 1,387 followers on Instagram(emscouncilnj) and have made 660 posts. On Facebook (New Jersey State First Aid Council) 3,171 people follow us and page reach of 6,289. Most of these numbers continue to increase each month, so we continue to grow our audience. Remember, social media is a terrific way to get your story out to your communities and show all the good you are doing. We all know that when something bad happens, it makes front-page news. We never hear about the good things, though. You all must toot your own horn, and we are here to help you do it. And best of all, it is Free! Please like us and follow us and encourage your family and friends to follow us as well. Send info to social.media@emscnj.org.

Just as a comparison as of 4/25/2025 we have 230 followers on Twitter(@EMSCouncilNJ) and have exceeded 4,263 tweets! 1,283 followers on Instagram(emscouncilnj) and have made 606 posts. On Facebook (New Jersey State First Aid Council) 3,150 people follow us and page reach of 6,261.

Newsletter Report Convention October 2025

We continue to publish the newsletter monthly, and it continues to grow in size and content. We are happy to see that people are sending us information to post in the newsletter. Remember to submit squad news (fundraising, good news, training that is open to other squads, etc.) for publication. This is a great way to get free PR! If anyone has suggestions for the newsletter, please let us know. We are open to suggestions from everyone on what they would like to see in the newsletter and will do our best to accommodate. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Newsletter, please send your email to social.media@emscnj.org and we can add you.

Historian Report Convention October 2025

Still collecting any Council-related items that you may no longer want. Please reach out if you have anything to donate. Thank you to those who have donated items to us, it is greatly appreciated. Continuing to scan as many documents as possible with the hope that we can put some of them onto the website. The storage unit is almost reorganized and once the convention stuff is out of there, I am hopeful to finish putting everything in its place so it is easier to find.



New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.
EMS Council of New Jersey
Gold Cross Supplies Committee



Gold Cross Supplies Report Convention 2025

I have order forms by my Supplies Display, I have most supplies with me if needed, including grave markers and flags and can fill your order while at convention.

Please send all requests for supplies to supplies@emscnj.org. I will try to bring all orders to BOT meetings but if it is necessary to mail them, the cost of postage will be added to your order. I cannot mail grave markers and flags due to their size.

Rosemary C. Tempesta
EMSCNJ 6th District VP
Supplies Chair



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6th District Convention 2025 Report

The 6th District handed out 5 scholarships in May to our High School Seniors.

We held a District wide free online CEU class in May. The topic of the class was Vulnerable Patient Populations and was well received by those who attended. This class was our prize for winning the poster contest at Convention last year.

Almost completed with standards inspections and reports. Dues are 100%

We will be holding our District elections in November as our October meeting was canceled due to its close proximity to convention.

Thank you to the Convention committee for all their hard work on this event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Tempesta

Vice President 6th District

8th District Report
October 17, 2025

As we always strive to do, the 8th District has been 100% with all Standards Inspections, Reports, and Dues paid. Many of our members are also active on other Council Committee positions.

We were saddened with the loss of former Captain and President of Chester First Aid Squad, Russi Champi. Most recently, we lost Betty McConnell from Randolph Rescue Squad, our 8th District Secretary and Symposium Committee Member. Mendham Township lost Richard Mack, a Charter Member of the Squad. As a Council, we lost many influential members this last year. The Memorial Service is destined to be a tearjerker!

Chester First Aid Squad celebrated its 80th year of service to the community and Mendham Borough First Aid Squad celebrated its 20th year of independence. Long Hill's Elsie Turqman, former Treasurer of the District, celebrated her 50th year of service.

We are thankful for the leadership of Sue DeWitt and her Head table Officers who worked hard on several major issues facing the Council. Also special thanks to Paula Oswald and Kari Phair for their tireless efforts putting together the Convention and Symposium under incredible odds. The loss of the use of the Training Fund for our Conference has been difficult for all as we are facing rising costs and the loss of volunteer squads to our Council. Let's hope our Amendment has some positive outcome for future years.

Vote YES on the Bylaw change! Looking forward to seeing many of you soon.

Respectfully,

Barbara Nelson
8th District Vice President

Awards Committee
October 15, 2025

The EMS Awards applications were all sent to the Reader Committee to be evaluated. Each one of the four awards has received several very qualified candidates. Each winner is well deserved.

The Traffic and Safety Awards received several entries in each Class, which is based on miles traveled. The First Place award winner in each Class was dedicated in memory of a member of the Council who worked tirelessly for the Organization. This year we added Mary Ann Ferrara to the First Place Class C Award.

All winners will be announced at the Convention Banquet held on Saturday night, October 18th.

Respectfully,

Barbara Nelson
Awards Co-Chair

12th District EMSCNJ Report

We hold our meetings at a different squad every month except for July when we don't meet. We enjoy a delicious dinner provided by the host squad before our meetings. It is always a surprise what will be served and always delicious. Many thanks go to the squads for their hospitality.

District 12 continues to be a very active District even though we lost 2 squads this year. It is sad that we lost Mine Hill First Aid Squad. Edna Deacon is still a very active member of our District and continues to be at all our meetings. She is also a member of the Blue Ridge Rescue Squad. We are thrilled she is still so active.

We also had 2 squads that merged forming a new one. Vernon EMS and Glenwood Pochuck have now become Vernon Emergency Medical Services. They have now opened for our use, one of their buildings as a fully functioning training center. Thanks to them for that.

One of our First Responder Departments opted out of the Council this past year, as well. They continue to be active in their community but with no EMT's or ambulance, felt that financially it was the right thing for them to do. Frankford Fire, we will miss you.

Sparta Ambulance squad was privileged to have 2 scholarship recipients at Mid Year this year.

Our squads continually hold various fundraising activities such as raffles, blood drives, dinners, etc. Many thanks to all of our members that are so active and helping us to maintain volunteerism in our District. Many of our squads also hold classes open to the public helping to easily keep up our certifications. Vernon has set up a training center open to anyone wishing to hold classes there. It is fully stocked with equipment and a terrific place for classes.