The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Office of EMS

The Role of EMS

Emergency Medical Services, more commonly known as EMS, is a system that responds to emergencies in need of highly skilled clinicians in a prehospital, interfacility or hospital setting. EMS professionals are often the first to identify a healthcare or public health crisis in a community. They also act as a critical component of emergency management and, increasingly, a practitioner of community healthcare. EMS exists at the nexus of public safety, public health, emergency management and public safety.



The OEMS Mission

NHTSA's Office of EMS strengthens America's emergency medical services by providing national leadership and coordination of people-centered, comprehensive, data-driven, and evidence-based EMS and 911 systems.

How the OEMS Advances EMS

COLLECT & USE EMS DATA TO IMPROVE CARE -

Standardized EMS data to support improvements

ADVANCE EMS SYSTEMS – Supporting the development of EMS as a coordinated system of care

PROMOTE EDUCATION – A nationwide systems approach to EMS training and education

ENHANCE THE EMS WORKFORCE – Supporting efforts to strengthen and prepare the EMS workforce nationwide

ENABLE PREPAREDNESS – Fostering collaboration to enhance readiness for catastrophic incidents and EMS inclusion

SUPPORT 911 SYSTEMS – Leadership and coordination to support and promote optimal 911 services

EVALUATE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE - Building

better systems through providing guidelines used to benchmark effectiveness

IMPROVE POST-CRASH CARE – Sharing EMS data insight to collaborate with transportation officials on motor vehicle crash outcomes

EMS Snapshot

1,000,000+ licensed EMS clinicians

Over **12,000** EMS agencies submitting data

50 million incident records

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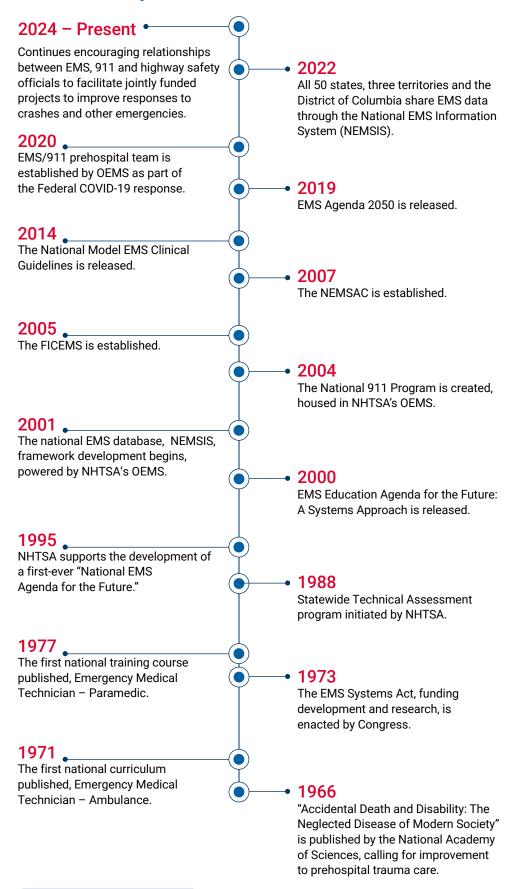
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A Brief History of the Office of EMS



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The Federal Interagency
Committee on EMS
(FICEMS) is a collaborative
body focused on defining
the direction of Federal
research and initiatives
to support the EMS
community, supported
administratively by the OEMS.



The National EMS
Advisory Council (NEMSAC)
is comprised of EMS
representatives and
consumers to provide advice
and recommendations
to the DOT and FICEMS,
supported administratively
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