

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

EMS PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE



2015 – 2016 Progress & Goals Report

The EMS Preparedness Committee continues to be an active component of CEMSAB. During 2015 the EPC met on nine occasions with active participation from a majority of the committee members.

The EPC added several members to broaden the representation of stake-holders.

Current Committee Members:

Bill Ackley (EPC Chair)	Southwest Regional Council
Greg Allard	CEMSAB Chair
Gary Allyn	West Hartford Fire Dept.
Brian Baldwin	North Central C-Med
Jonathan Best	DPH/Preparedness Director
Carmen Centrella	CREST
Michele Connelly	DPH/OEMS R1 Coordinator
Brian Cournoyer	CHA
Mark Franzese	Campion Ambulance
Shea Gregg	Bridgeport Hospital Trauma Services
Art Groux	Suffield EMS
Rich Kamin	CT DPH OEMS MD
Joe Laucella	Trumbull EMS
Jonathan Lillpopp	DPH/OEMS
Jeff Merwin	Southwest C-Med
Alex Morisano	New Britain EMS
Greg Priest	UCONN Fire
John Reed	Western CT Health Network/Danbury EMS
Judith Reynolds	DPH/OEMS R2 Coordinator
Damian Rickard	American Ambulance
Bill Rochete	CT State Police
Chris Stone	PMC Ed
Joe Soto	Greenwich EMS
Robert Zeigler	Emergency Resource Management

The EPC is working on or has completed the following initiatives:

➤ EMS All-Hazards Guidelines for EMS-

This will be a culmination of documents to provide guidance for situations, circumstances and incidents that impact or have the potential to impact EMS operations beyond day-to-day practices. This will be a work in progress prioritized based on the committee's experience and direction from the CEMSAB.

The document list includes:

Mass Casualty/Multi-Patient Incidents	Mass Gatherings, Special Event Planning & IAPs	Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents
EMS Mobilization Plan	Line of Duty Death	Forward movement of patients
Command Decisions for Unusual Occurrences	Incident Rehab	Statewide Resources & Unit Identifiers
EMS Involved Incidents		

➤ ~~EMS Operations During Hazardous Conditions~~ **COMPLETED**

This document was the result of exhaustive research and collaboration by the EPC members to present strong guidelines to communities, EMS agencies and their response partners when faced with extraordinary weather events impacting the ability, safety and security of responders.

Adopted and distributed by the Commissioner

➤ EMS Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents-

This is the primary focus of the committee at this time and has been given priority over all other discussions and projects until completed.

The EPC has developed a draft document that will assist communities in the development of a response plan for these incidents. The draft is being presented to various law enforcement groups and individuals for discussion and input before being forwarded as a proposal for CEMSAB support and advancement.

As chair, I have a goal of late spring to move this forward to the CEMSAB.

➤ Regional Mass Casualty Trailers-

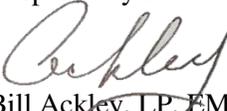
The EPC has formed a sub-committee to work with DPH Preparedness to:

- Update & Standardize Inventory
- Review deployment and response strategy
- Research expanding scope of deployment

On a personal note, since becoming the chair of this committee, it has been an absolute honor to work with this group of experienced, dedicated and talented people. Their commitment to EMS is extraordinary and I'm immensely proud to count them as my peers.

I look forward to any insight the CEMSAB has for the direction and mission of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,


Bill Ackley, LP, EMS-I
Chair – EMS Preparedness Committee