



# EMS Council of New Jersey

(New Jersey State First Aid Council, Est. 1929)  
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## *President's Report – Mid-Year Meeting*

May 21, 2023

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2023 Mid-Year Assembly hosted by the 15<sup>th</sup> District. I do want to congratulate the 15<sup>th</sup> District for all their hard work in getting here. They did a great job. I know they have been working feverishly to get to this point in time, and I thank all of you that are here attending this event. Today is the first day of EMS Week and hopefully many of you have planned something (training, BBQ, etc.) for your squad members, and to introduce your squad members to the community. And I don't want to forget to wish you a good Memorial Day Holiday next week.

I do hope you have a good day while you are here, there is a very good Lunch and Learn class being offered along with the Craft Fair, and of course we want you to attend the Business Meeting and see who won some of our scholarships. And then you can register for our Convention scheduled for October 13-15, 2023, at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton, 650 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, 07604. The RSVP site is being updated and will be opened soon for registration to start. Remember that we have told you that the name on the EMT TF eligibility form must match the name on the EMT TF roster form and both of these must match the name on the NJ EMT's State account, which is the name on your EMT card. Please remind your squad members that when they register on the RSVP program for Convention they should register with that name. They may have to change the name that has been saved in the RSVP program as that may not be the name on their EMT cards. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

COVID-19 is still slowly winding down and many of our hospitals have revoked the requirement for staff, EMTs and patients to wear masks in the ER or in other parts of the hospital. I have contacted OEMS to confirm what the guidelines are that we should be following (as pre-hospital EMS) and I was advised that the hospitals are following the CDC guidelines, and that we as pre-hospital EMS should be following those as well. We will not have to wear masks unless you suspect your patient may have COVID-like symptoms. If your patient is coughing/sneezing/has a fever, I would advise you to wear a mask. If you think you need more specific instructions, I suggest that you contact your Medical Director to see what they would recommend for your squad.


We are still waiting to see if the Legislators have been able to get funding for the request from the new Recruitment and Retention Committee's request for funding for recruitment and for funding for the First Response Mental Health proposal for the Mental Health App into the State Budget, which is still under discussion in Trenton. No updates have been available to date.

Other Legislative action has been slowed down due to the budget negotiations. But our changes to the EMT Training Fund law to allow volunteers in squads that bill to be eligible for these monies is still in play. We are urging Senator Vitale to present this bill (S2223/A3772 – written and sponsored by Senator Oroho) to the Senate Health Committee for discussion and votes so that this bill can be considered by the full Senate. Many of the benefit bills that I have discussed in my reports are still present but they are not getting much traction in the Legislature. I had reported that the bill amending the way ALS providers function and provide care had passed last year and was signed into law (P.L. 2022, c. 118) and now requires changes to the ALS regulations and some minimal changes to the BLS regulations. But one set of these regulations expires in June of this year and the other 3 sets expire in December of this year so all of the regulations are being rewritten at this time. In addition, this new law provides for a Statewide Medical Director as part of OEMS.

We will have to see what the provisions of this new legislation will be. And as part of this process, the EMS Protocols have been revised and updated and can be found on the NJ OEMS website – please don't print as this document is 182 pages long, but definitely review them. These can be found near the bottom of the first page of the NJ OEMS website near the bottom, in a blue box with the title "P.L. 2022, c. 118 Guidance". And the reciprocity bill that was introduced late last year (S461/A831) will allow NJ to approve EMTs from every State in the Union along with all territories, etc., to become NJ EMTs without retaking the Initial EMT Course. However a requirement was added so that BLS EMTs must repeat their background checks every other year (through the NJSP or the FBI), Candace Gardner advised this is a Federal law and I have asked her to provide that law, which she has not yet done; but she did state that she was advised by legal that it may be possible to change that to requiring repeat background checks when your EMT cards are being renewed, which will be every 3 year instead of every 2 years. I am still reminding her that I would like to know which law required these.

And earlier this week the Governor tweeted the following about the Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act:



**Governor Phil Murphy**   
@GovMurphy

Health care workers play an essential role in our society.

Growing threats and attacks against these courageous heroes is unacceptable. Today I signed the Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act, making it a criminal offense to intentionally threaten them.

This week Governor Murphy signed the 'Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act', making it a criminal offense to intentionally threaten health care professionals or volunteers in an effort to intimidate them or interfere with their work. The Act also establishes additional penalties against individuals who assault health care workers or volunteers.

"If there's one thing the COVID-19 pandemic made abundantly clear, it is the essential role health care workers play in our society," said Governor Murphy. "Growing threats and attacks against these courageous heroes are unacceptable. We owe health care workers, including volunteers and employees in health care settings, our gratitude and respect. This law will provide greater protections for health care workers in our state to help deter both physical and verbal acts of violence against these professionals."

This Act is an essential step in protecting our healthcare professionals and volunteers who have been threatened and intimidated during these challenging times. In the face of misinformation and fear, our health care heroes have tirelessly fought to keep our communities safe, often putting themselves at risk. By criminalizing intentional threats and intimidation, this act sends a clear message that such behavior will not be tolerated.

Impact, NJ has been sold to McCarter & English and the only employee who is still working with the new company is the former owner – Michael Murphy. We have Guy Gregg working for us on a temporary basis until we hire a new firm, or until the end of December of this year. I have appointed Ken Weinberg, Ed Burdzy, Sue DeWitt and myself to the Government Agent (Legislative Advocate) Search Committee. They are tasked with finding a new licensed Advocate for our Council. We are drawing up a list of concerns that we are going to use as guidance during this search. There are several firms we are contacting for meetings.

Dr. Steve Vetrano was unable to join us today as his daughter has another dance competition this weekend; she was in a competition on the date of our April meeting and did very well.

Please continue to submit your Annual Reports and remember to include your Squad Medical Director and his/her contact information on your main Squad page. We have multiple Scholarships to distribute at this afternoon's meeting. There are lots this year. Congratulations to all the winners.

Be safe and keep those around you safe. And thank you for all you do.

Paula Weiler  
EMSCNJ President

## TREASURERS REPORT

MAY 2023

Welcome to the 2023 Mid-Year Assembly at the Jersey Shore.

Thanks to the 15<sup>th</sup> District for hosting a great Mid-Year.

There are 24 squads that still have not paid their dues, District officers need to get to work and get the delinquent squads paid.

The budget as presented today reflects a \$10.00 increase in dues in 2024 to \$330.00. This would be the first increase in 8 years.

The budget committee is still working on holding the dues down. The final budget will be voted on at the annual meeting in October, until then any input is welcome.

Looking at the actual (unaudited) numbers we have written down the value of our investments as required by Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, this is a "paper entry" caused by the economy and changes in Interest rates. It does not affect interest income. I am sure the value of our investments will return in the future.

The 2022 audit is just about complete, it was held up because the auditors had problems getting some confirmation letters signed and returned

We will be giving out \$18000.00 in scholarships this year, \$12000.00 cadet, \$4000.00 Gail Lawrence Memorial, and \$2000.00 Past President Fred Steinkopf scholarships. A big "Thank You" to ATT for their support of the cadet scholarships.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Weinberg, Treasurer

UNPAID DUES AS OF May 13, 2023

DISTRICT

- 4 All Unpaid (8)
- 8 Liberty Corner
- 9 Allentown, Cranbury\*, Hainsport, Lumberton\*,  
Pennington
- 14 Johnson & Johnson, Monroe\*
- 15 Tuckerton Fire Dept.
- 17 Upper Greenwood Lake, West Milford
- 20 Ramsey R/S, Ridgewood
- 23 Colts Neck ,Englishtown Manalopan, Roosevelt\*

\*Upaid 2022 & 2023

24 Unpaid squads

	2022ACTUAL*	2024Budget	2023 Budget	2022 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Convention	\$ 71,697.48	\$105,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Council Supplies	\$ 2,176.80	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Directory Receipts	\$ 3,459.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Gold Cross Magazine	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Interest on investments	\$ 35,528.04	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$46,500.00
Unrealized Gain on Investmer	\$ 9,837.30	\$0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$10,500.00
Membership Dues	\$ 68,480.00	\$72,500.00	\$ 72,500.00	\$72,500.00
Fund Raising	\$ 18,122.32	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Miscellanus	\$ 517.63	\$500.00		\$ 500
Sgholarship	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 218,818.57</b>	<b>\$ 241,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 230,000.00</b>	<b>\$248,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>911 Memorial</b>	\$ 22,512.81	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 28,000
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	\$ 1,030.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500
<b>Admin Assistant</b>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500
<b>Computer Replacement</b>	\$ 1,083.09	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000
<b>Convention</b>	\$ 86,898.87	\$ 98,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$ 90,000
<b>Directory</b>	\$ 3,010.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000
<b>Election Board</b>	\$ 99.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	\$ 1,675.77	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500
<b>Cadet Resourse</b>		\$ 1,500.00		
<b>Insurance</b>	\$ 8,798.70	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000
Membership Secretary	\$ 893.40	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 52.93	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000
Training & Other Committees	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000
President	\$ 2,229.42	\$ 2,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 5,000
Pastoral	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500
Accounting	\$ 6,541.32	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,000
Advocate	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000
Legal	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,000
Program Expenses	\$ 3,083.53	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000
Public Relations	\$ 12,999.96	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000
Medical Advisor	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
<b>Cadet Scholarship Exp.</b>	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000
<b>Gail Lawrence Scholarship</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000
<b>Steinkopf Scholarship</b>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500
<b>Secretary Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
<b>Supplies Exp</b>		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
<b>Newsletter</b>	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500
<b>Technology</b>	\$ 3,392.91	\$ 4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$ 4,000
<b>Treasurer</b>	\$ 2,333.43	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500
<b>Historian</b>	\$ 2,196.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000
<b>Unrealized Loss on Investm</b>	\$ 184,966.53	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	
<b>Vice Presidents Exp</b>	\$ 3,178.09	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000
<b>Gold Cross Magazine</b>	\$ -			\$ 1,000
<b>Legislative</b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Bank Fees and Charges</b>	\$ 365.60	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 397,592.08</b>	<b>\$241,500.00</b>	<b>\$230,000.00</b>	<b>\$248,000.00</b>
<b>Profit (Loss) unaudited</b>	<b>\$ (178,773.51)</b>			
<b>* Unaudited</b>				

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## BUDGET NOTES

### Clarification / explanation of entry information:

#### 1- Membership Dues

2000 Budget estimate based on 400 Corps/Service/ Squads @ \$113.13, rounded.  
2001 Budget estimate based on 400 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$127.  
2002 Budget estimate based on 360 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$150.  
2003 Budget estimate based on 370 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$150.  
2004 Budget estimate based on 380 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$200.  
2005 Budget estimate based on 365 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$220.  
2006 Budget estimate based on 375 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$240.  
2007 Budget estimate based on 375 Corps/Services/Squads @ \$260.  
2008 Budget estimate based on 375 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$280.  
2009 Budget estimate based on 360 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$290.+  
2010 Budget estimate based on 350 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$300. = 105,000.  
2011 Budget estimate based on 350 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$310. = \$108,500.  
2012 Budget estimate based on 320 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$310. = \$99,200.00  
2013 Budget estimate based on 310 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$310. = \$96,100.00  
2014 Budget estimate based on 300 Corps/service/Squads @ \$310. = \$93,000.00  
2015 Budget estimate based on 297 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$310. = \$92,000.00  
2016 Budget estimate based on 275 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$310. = \$85,250.00  
2017 Budget estimate based on 275 Corps/Service/Squads @ \$320. = \$88,160.00  
2018 Budget estimate based on 265 Corps/Services/Squads @ \$320. = \$84,800.00  
2019 Budget estimate based on 263 Corps/Squads @ \$320.00 = \$84,160.00  
2020 Budget estimate based on 262 Corps/Squads @ \$320.00 = \$83,840.00  
2021 Budget estimate based on 250 Corps/Squads @ \$320.00 = \$80,000.00  
2022 Budget estimate based on 226 Corps/Squads @ \$320.00 = 72,500.00  
2023 Budget estimate based on 226 Corps/Squads @ \$320.00 = 72,500.00  
2024 Budget estimate based on 220 Corps/Squads @ \$330.00 = 72,500.00



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## "Midyear 2023" Northern Area Executive Vice President Report

**May 2023**

Over the past four years, I have been working to improve communication among all of us, and I am pleased to see progress being made. However, I also realize that there is still more work to be done. As I attend district meetings and read the minutes from those meetings, I can see the importance of effective communication. Some districts have really improved. Some Ideas that we have been generated that can work for your squad and district are as follows:

1. Regular meetings: Organizing regular meetings at the squad, district, and council level can help members stay informed about important updates and upcoming events. If you are not having meetings you are losing out on good time to connect.
2. Email minutes of your meetings: Sending out regular email minutes that highlight important news and updates can help keep members informed, even if they can't attend meetings in person.
3. Social media: Setting up social media pages for the council or individual squads can be a great way to share news, events, and other information with members. If you would like help please let me know.
4. Training sessions: Organizing training sessions focused on communication skills can help members learn how to communicate more effectively with each other.
5. Surveys: Conducting surveys among members can help identify communication challenges and areas for improvement.
6. Council app: Developing a council app that allows for easy communication between members, provides access to important documents, and allows for event sign-ups can improve communication and





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coordination.

**Register for Brainstorming Session**

Especially for the last one I will be holding a brainstorming session for improvements for communication.

This is for my area northern area squads on the following date Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> 730pm. Go to



<https://bit.ly/3nX5GQv> or scan this QR Code to Register

I welcome all areas to attend. I will have a zoom set up you can listen and give feedback after if you're not comfortable or just have a discussion at your district level and send a representative or send me an email by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to [navp@emscnj.org](mailto:navp@emscnj.org). Please list the subject as brainstorming ideas so I know its purpose.

Second, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud all the officers who pull double, triple duty to keep the squads together. I would also like to recognize the people who respond to calls, even if it is a call that may not necessarily require an ambulance. We need to let the citizens know how valuable we are.

Lastly, Our council relies heavily on input from all of our volunteers in the EMS community to improve our lives and the lives of our patients. I encourage everyone to get involved, regardless of your current role in our community. Volunteering with your squad and the council is an excellent opportunity for personal and professional development. Now is not the time to slow down; it is the time to rev our engines and continue



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moving forward. Finally, I love the feedback and ideas that have come across my email, [navp@emscnj.org](mailto:navp@emscnj.org).

Please keep them coming!

## My Committee Report:

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### Provider Wellness

I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress with our Provider Wellness committee since the convention. We recently had a meeting with the Governor's office at their request, and I am happy to say that it was a success. The representatives from the Governor's office were interested in our program, and we are now working through the necessary channels required by them.

We will provide you with further updates in the coming months, likely in June or July.

In the meantime, I want to remind everyone that if you or any member of your squad needs immediate support, there are resources available. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached at 1-800-273-8255 (or through their website's chat function at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>), the National Helpline is available at 1-800-662-HELP (4357), and the Crisis Text Line can be reached by texting HOME to 741741. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you or someone you know needs help.

**Thank you for your attention and continued support of our Provider Wellness Committee.**

## Conclusion

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I appreciate all of you who have been helping me with my efforts and that of the council to make changes. Not everyone may see the changes that we are making yet, but let's keep trying! Let's not forget the unsung heroes of our council. Thank you for caring!



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I also want to remind everyone how valuable you are and that you never give up. Reach out to each other sometimes; a simple phone call can change everything. Don't be afraid to reach out for help if you need it; we are heroes, but we are still humans and can use help from time to time.

**Thank you for allowing me to serve you, and let's finish the year off with new members, new friendships, and a better council, districts, squads, and membership. See you at convention for those that don't attend the board of trustee meetings! Good Job to the 15<sup>th</sup> district for putting on a successful Midyear!**

**I leave you with a quote as always:** *"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."* – Steve Jobs

Be safe out there! Respectfully submitted,

Tarcisio Nunes, NAEVP  
[navp@emscnj.org](mailto:navp@emscnj.org)



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## *Membership Secretary*

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Thank you to the 15th District for hosting today's event.

As of 5/6/2023 at 1159 PM we have 221 squads in the Council of which 117 are eligible to vote. (52.9%) Note, this is over 2% better than the October convention!! Keep up the good work.

132 Squads have submitted annual reports and 117 of those have been accepted as complete. The reports for 9 squads were not accepted as they did not meet the 90% requirement for CPR certification for riding members. The remaining 6 squads reports were accepted but their squad is not in good standing due to unpaid dues or not being inspected.

Congratulations to the 16<sup>th</sup> District for being the first district with 100% completion of reports being submitted and accepted and to the 11<sup>th</sup> district for being the second to have all reports completed and accepted.

Although the deadlines for scholarships and midyear have passed, it is not too late to work on getting your squad into "Good Standing". The information in the reports is valuable to the Council when speaking with legislators, seeking grant funding and seeking benefits for our members. The more squads that complete reports, the more accurate information we will have when using the data.

Thank you to all the district officers who are working with your squads to get the reports completed. I have had many calls from squads seeking assistance with getting their reports completed. I am happy to work with any squad that needs assistance. Since the reports in the database look a little confusing and scary to someone who is doing them for the first time, I am going to work on updating a document that was created several years ago and have it posted on the website to help guide those doing reports for the first time or those who need a refresher.

I continue to receive and process requests for Service Certificates. When requesting certificates please include members' name, squad name, date you want on certificate and years of service along with the address where you want the certificates mailed. Please give at least two weeks' notice if possible although I do try

to accommodate all requests the best I can. Also remember we have certificates for squads that are celebrating a milestone year. If you have any questions or concerns, need a password reset or need some help navigating the database please feel free to reach out and I will do what I can to help. Thank you to all those who reach out with questions and concerns, I am happy to work with you to resolve issues and have enjoyed getting to know new people within the Council. Working together we can get every squad and district to be 100%

Respectfully,

Susan DeWitt

EMSCNJ Membership Secretary

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## **Cadet Scholarship Report**

**May 21, 2023**

41 Applications were received for the Cadet Scholarship. 39 applicants met all the eligibility requirements. Two applications were considered ineligible, one squad was not in good standing and one application was received after the deadline.

Breakdown of applications is as follows: 17 North, 19 Central and 3 South. 27 different squads were represented in the applications. Applicants indicated they learned about the scholarship in the following ways: 7 from the website, 22 First Aid Squad meetings, 2 other. (Some applicants gave multiple answers).

The 2022 recipients of the Cadet scholarships are:

Aedin Ardolic – New Providence EMS

Shannon Carey – Chatham Emergency Squad

Jesse Glauberg – Randolph Rescue Squad

Alivia Muhlenbruck – Point Boro First Aid Squad

Sarah Paoella – Scotch Plains Rescue Squad

Marco Silva – Amwell Valley Ambulance Corps

Emma Shumard – Point Pleasant First Aid & Rescue Squad

Isabella Sportelli – Sparta Ambulance Squad

Anna Thach – East Hanover First Aid Squad

Parker Turton – Milton First Aid Squad

Ashvik Vankayala – Montgomery Emergency Medical Services

Ahdaf Zaman – Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad

Congratulations to all recipients and thank you to AT&T for the generous donation which allows us to present these scholarships.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue DeWitt

Cadet Scholarship Chairperson

### **Grants Report Midyear – May 21, 2023**

I have forwarded information about available grants through the District Vice Presidents at the Board of Trustee Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue DeWitt  
Chairperson

### **Gold Cross Board of Managers Midyear Report – May 21, 2023**

The committee continues to meet with Gold Cross Publisher, LifePro Solutions in an effort to iron out some issues with the publication of the magazine. The publisher is taking steps to remedy these issues. They are also working to create an online platform for the CEU tests as is being required by the state. Please subscribe to the magazine if you have not done so already. Each issue has a CEU article as well as important information about the Council. The Summer issue will be about all things Convention.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue DeWitt Chairperson

### **Historian Report Midyear May 21, 2023**

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. Have been working on re-organizing after the donation of three large file cabinets.

I have helped several people research some information that they needed for squads or districts.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue DeWitt Historian

### **Social Media Midyear Report – May 21, 2023**

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 5/11/2023 we have 197 followers on Twitter(@EMSCouncilNJ) and have exceeded 3521 tweets! 1,105 followers on Instagram(@emscouncilnj). and have made 364 posts. On Facebook (New Jersey State First Aid Council) 2649 people like us and page reach of 5,615. All 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.

Respectfully Submitted

Sue DeWitt & Sylvie Mulvaney

Social Media Committee

### **Newsletter Report Midyear – May 21, 2023**

We continue to publish the newsletter monthly, and it continues to grow in size and content. 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](mailto:social.media@emscnj.org) and we can add you.

Respectfully Submitted

Sue DeWitt Chairperson





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## Directory Report

I have been notified that some Directory orders have not been fulfilled and also that some checks have not been cashed. Marge Sellen's demise has created some confusion as she was hospitalized during this ordering process. We have tried to address all of your concerns as best as possible. Marge's cousin is still going through her house and has been notifying me as she finds any checks. If you are still having an issue please let me know.

I have not been advised of any corrections that need to be made in the Directory since the April BOT meeting.

Please send me an email of any changes, additions or corrections.

## Gold Cross Supplies Report

Please forward all requests to [supplies@emscnj.org](mailto:supplies@emscnj.org) or to my [president@emscnj.org](mailto:president@emscnj.org) email address.

If you have requested any supplies since January and have not had any response, please forward your email and I will fill the orders. Grave markers and flags are too heavy and/or bulky for mail delivery, so those will be delivered at BOT meetings unless other arrangements for direct delivery can be made.

We ran out of several years of service pins and a refill order was placed, but has not yet been received. I anticipate getting some service pins delivered around the Mid-Year date and I can fill what is needed at that time, if I get the pins in time. Otherwise back-orders will be filled as soon as I receive the new stock. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weiler, President

# Convention Report For Mid Year 2023 "Taking EMS to new Heights"

Good Afternoon Everyone as you should know by now the convection is moving to a new location. Remember you only get the special rate and free breakfast if you book through the council web page or call the hotel directly. The date are October 12th (pre con) 13-15

The Hilton in Hasbrouck Heights NJ

650 Terrace Avenue

Hasbrouck Heights NJ 07604

201 288 6100

Room rates are: single \$139.00, double \$149.00, Triple \$ 160.00 per night

We are doing something different with our pricing.

Early bird special 1

Full 3 day includes lunch \$124.00 Due Sept 1 2023

Early Bird special 2

Full 3 day includes lunch and dinner \$264.00 Due Sept 1 2023

Early bird special for the precon: two sessions include lunch \$45.00 due sept 1 2023

Precon 2 sessions includes lunch after sept 1 \$60.00 due oct 1st 2023

For those of you who do not like package deals or those coming for one day.

Breakfast for people who are not staying at the hotel \$20.00 per day due oct 1 2023

Lunch \$28.00 per day (friday saturday sunday) due Oct 1 2023

Friday Night Buffet dinner \$75.00 due oct 1 2023

Saturday night banquet \$85.00 non convention registered guests \$85.00 due Oct 1 2023

Registration fees: there are no meals include in the price

Early bird 3 day \$ 80.00 due sept 1 2023 after sept 1 \$90.00 due oct 1 2023. On site registration \$100.00

Early bird one day registration fee remember no food included

Friday only \$45.00 due sept 1 2030 after sept 1 \$55.00 due oct 1 2023 onsite friday \$65.00

Saturday only \$45.00 due sept 1 2023 after sept 1 \$55.00 due oct 2 2023 onsite \$65.00

Sunday only \$25.00 and onsite \$25.00

Your CEU eligibility form DOES NOT COVER any of the Convention or Hotel cost.

Remember your CEU form must be filled out with your name that is on your card. Your emt card has James Smith your CEU form must have James Smith Not jim smith

I STILL HAVE A FEW BAG FROM LAST CONVENTION FOR ONLY \$10.00 DOLLARS! Get them now before the price goes up! The committee is working hard on this year's convention. Please come out and support the Council. You can reach me at my email [richard.brown@emscnj.org](mailto:richard.brown@emscnj.org)

Respectively  
Rich Brown  
Chairman

**Emergency Preparedness, Security and Mobilization Committee**  
*May 2023*

Good morning, and welcome to our mid-year meeting.

- Meetings attended since last report include –
  - NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
  
- Upcoming meetings include:
  - NJ EMS Statewide Communications
  - Aeromedical
  - Highway Traffic Safety
  
- During the last several state meetings the 9-8-8 mental health hotline was discussed. If you haven't already, please check with your dispatch center to confirm they have incorporated this new resource into their daily operations. The 9-8-8 coordinator for your area may be able to provide training for your members.
  
- By now you should have your medical director on board. Please ensure you have made the necessary updates to reflect your medical director's information with the Council.
  
- Very soon June 1<sup>st</sup> will be upon us, and hurricane season officially begins.
  
- EMS Week kicks off on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is "EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins." Please take advantage of this national awareness week to promote all the services your agency provides and perhaps recruit interested individuals.

As always, the Emergency Preparedness, Security and Mobilization Committee Coordinators are available to assist you with any concerns or questions. During this mid-year meeting I will be available should you wish to discuss related topics.

Shortly there will be a roll-out of updated ICS courses and MCI training. Please keep an eye out for more detailed announcements on both the Council and NJ State Police websites.

Remember ***IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING***, can't be too cautious!

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



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## Midyear 2023 Report

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The second issue for 2023 has been delivered! We hope you enjoy it. Our subscriber list continues to grow steadily. We are continuing to working with the post office and the Mail house to figure out the root cause.

Please email [GCSubscriptions@emscnj.org](mailto:GCSubscriptions@emscnj.org). With your delivery problems, updated subscriber lists or new subscription notices. The cost to renew is only \$18 per person. The 3<sup>rd</sup> issue will be delivered to everyone Mid July.

### Upcoming Deadlines:

CEU Test 115 Results to be posted to Transcript 5/18/2023 (1<sup>st</sup> Issue)

CEU Test 116 Due 6/30/2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Issue)

- **\*\*\*AS LONG AS YOUR TEST IS POSTMARKED by 6/30/2023 we will Post your CEU Credits for 6/30/2023 assuming you pass\*\*\***

### **Deadline to get us items for the next edition 3rd Issue 6/12/2023 articles**

\*Note the sooner the better as once we run out of space it will be held for the next issue.

### **New Customer Service Email:**

We have created a new customer service email address dedicated for The Gold Cross. It seems that a couple of times we have been reported as spam and blacklisted because people did not recognize the domain name of LifeProSolutions. We also have been getting reports that people have not gotten emails from us a few times. This email is now hooked into our ticketing system and you will get a response within 10 mins that your email was received and it is being worked on. Your email will be assigned a ticket number starting with a "19" this is



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to ensure 1 that you get a response and 2 that we can track our agents interaction better with all of you. A ticket will also be generated if a phone call is taken in.

Email is [customerservice@goldcrossmagazine.com](mailto:customerservice@goldcrossmagazine.com)

### **New Test method Update:**

We have been instructed by the state to come up with a new electronic testing method. We are looking for approvals by the next training fund meeting; Depending on how everything goes we may or may not be electronic in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Issue of the year set to come out Mid July.

**Any problems at all be sure to reach out to us!**

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Rutherford, NJ 07070-2524

Come visit us at our booth 😊 you will get a free CEU Class on us and a chance to win fabulous prizes!

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexander L Nunes  
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5th DISTRICT REPORT  
2023 EMSCNJ MID-YEAR

15<sup>th</sup> District  
May 21, 2023

The 5<sup>th</sup> District is presently back to holding our regular monthly meetings in person at rotating squads. We are all certainly glad to be back at in person meetings after COVID-19 and area flooding from Ida in September, 2021.

Squads have been kept up to date through our District Broadcast List on all EMSCNJ information received including the EMSCNJ Newsletter. The Council's time and work on keeping us all informed is thoroughly appreciated. Squads are appreciative with the return of the Gold Cross magazine and CEU article included. We encourage the District Delegates to share all EMSCNJ information with their membership. Our Officers regularly attended the BOT meetings and Conventions. BOT information is, also, discussed with squads at our District meetings.

Online and in-person CEU classes are searched out and a listing of all local Core and Elective classes available is sent to 5<sup>th</sup> District Squads monthly in an effort to find members CEUs to satisfy the requirements of their upcoming EMT card expiration date. The District appreciates the EMSCNJ working with the Legislature and the DOH OEMS to expedite solutions to several current issues.

All District Squads have dues paid and our Standards Team is scheduling to complete updating our Standards Inspections for 2024 with 92% of squads complete through December, 2023. The 5<sup>th</sup> is 75% complete with Annual Reports for 2023. I would like to thank and express my sincere appreciation to all the 5<sup>th</sup> District Squads for their past and continued cooperation in keeping their squads in compliance, namely: Branchburg Rescue Squad, Bradley Gardens FA & RS, East Millstone FAS, Finderne FA & RS, Green Knoll RS, Martinsville RS, Middlesex Boro RS, Montgomery EMS, Rocky Hill RS, Somerville FA & RS, South Bound Brook FAS and Warren Township RS.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District would like to wish the EMSCNJ and the 15<sup>th</sup> District a successful 2023 Mid-Year and thank all the Council Officers, Committees and Districts for their continued hard work.

Marylyn Kampo  
5<sup>th</sup> District VP

## EIGHTH DISTRICT REPORT

May 5, 2023

The 8<sup>th</sup> District continues to meet in person each month. Our District had previously also offered the option for Zoom meetings. Communication is enhanced by an email distribution list maintained by the District Secretary. Our members have been kept up-to-date on EMSCNJ information received including the Newsletter. Our Officers regularly attend the Board meetings held in Sayreville or through zoom. The information is then shared at our District meetings.

We mourn the loss of several members of the District squads since the General Membership meeting.

All of our members are grateful for the return of the Gold Cross magazine, especially the CEU article. Although there have been some glitches, we welcome the new Publisher and the attempt to make the Gold Cross successful.

Since the membership meeting, we regret to acknowledge the loss of Liberty Corner First Aid Squad to our District and the Council. Bernards Township has decided to provide full-time paid coverage to the town and has forced the squad to cease operations by the summer. The squad will be providing a letter of resignation soon.

The 8<sup>th</sup> District collected dues from all 8 member squads, annual reports have all been submitted and accepted. Our standards inspections are almost complete. Many continuing education and recertification classes have been offered by our squads and continue to be scheduled throughout the remainder of the year by our District.

The easing of the COVID restrictions has allowed our District squads to resume recruitment activities, award recognition dinners, fundraisers and blood drives.

The 8<sup>th</sup> District delegates will be unable to attend the Mid-Year in person due to many of us with scheduling conflicts due to EMS week. We congratulate our Cadet scholarship winners Shannon Carey (Chatham) and Jesse Glauberg (Randolph). We wish the Council success with the Mid-year and thank all of the Officers and Delegates for their hard work throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Nelson  
8<sup>th</sup> District VP



TWELFTH DISTRICT REPORT  
May 21, 2023

The 12th District continues to meet in person each month. Representatives of Atlantic Health System and Prime Healthcare participate in our meetings on a regular basis. Communication is further enhanced through our district website [www.njsfac-12th-district.org](http://www.njsfac-12th-district.org) as well as through an email distribution list.

We mourn the passing of several members of 12th District squads since the last EMSCNJ General Membership meeting:

Thomas G. McCarthy, Jefferson Township Rescue Squad  
Victor L. Alsberge, Vernon Twp. Ambulance Squad  
Elizabeth J. Allogio, Glenwood Pochuck Volunteer Ambulance Corps  
Alice M. Notaro, Blue Ridge Rescue Squad

District Chair Mary Hookway was interviewed for a public television segment on a proposed amendment to the state's constitution to allow municipalities to give property tax breaks to fire and EMS volunteers. Council President Paula Weiler was also interviewed. It aired on January 5 on NJTV's NJ Spotlight News.

The 12th District made a donation of \$292 to the EMSCNJ 9/11 Memorial monument fund. This reflects the District's portion of our monthly "member of the night" drawing for the period January through October 2022.

District Vice President Edna Deacon and District Chair Mary Hookway were honored to attend several squads' annual installation dinners. Edna travelled to the 13th District to facilitate installation of their 2023 officers, and again to help honor the passing of long-time Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad member Rick Dziergoski.

We're proud of Stanhope-Netcong American Legion Ambulance Corps members Derek Kuncken and Richard Kuncken, who were chosen 2023 Meritorious Honorees by the 200 Club of Morris County for their January 2022 ice rescue on Lake Musconetcong.

The 12th District collected 2023 EMSCNJ dues from all 19 member squads, and standards inspections are underway.

The District's *ad hoc* committee continues to work with the Sussex County Board of Commissioners to increase the county's annual contribution to EMS squads.

The 12th District has had representation at Sussex County OEM EMS Leadership meetings as well as at meetings of the Morris County EMS Alliance.

As is the norm for the 12th District, numerous certification and recertification classes have been offered and continue to be scheduled throughout our area.

With the easing of pandemic restrictions, our squads have resumed busy schedules of membership recruitment activities, fundraisers, and blood drives.

We're proud that our 12th District squads have been able to sustain their service to their communities through difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hookway  
EMSCNJ 12th District Chair



New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.  
**EMS Council of New Jersey**  
*Twenty-Fourth District*



**MidYear 2023 Report**

**We have had a great start to the year we are looking forward to add another organization to our ranks in the upcoming months. We are looking to work with the convention committee to use our squads to cover this year's convention that is in our area.**

**We had a large number of applications that where submitted to our scholarship and we are still looking to send out notices to the winners they will be presented at our June Meeting which has a location change. If you would like to attend and are not invited please just send the VP and Chairman an email so we can add you to our count. We will be joined by our scholarship sponsors.**

**Food is available at 7:00 p.m. Presentation start between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m with a district meeting immediately following.**

**June 27, 2023: Lyndhurst Police Emergency Squad (Updated)**

Thank you to the 15<sup>th</sup> District for a great midyear!

**Sincerely District Officers,**

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