



**New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.**

**EMS Council of New Jersey**

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## **President's Report**

### **Midyear – May 4, 2025**

Welcome to Midyear 2025. Thank you to the 17<sup>th</sup> District for hosting today's event. Thank you to everyone for attending today, it is important that you are here to conduct the business of the Council.

Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients who will be recognized this afternoon. There were many deserving candidates, but unfortunately, we have a limited number of scholarships to award. I wish all the applicant's great success in their future endeavors and look forward to seeing their impact on the world in the future.

I would like to thank all our officers and squads for being engaged, following what is going on with EMS and providing comments and input on the issues. Legislation is a hot topic at the moment, and I was very impressed with the number of people who responded to several recent emails that went out. Thank you for your comments and concerns.

Yes, the new Training Fund Law is going to provide some challenges for our squads. I have had several conversations with staff from DOH/OEMS regarding the changes and new procedures. They have been very responsive to our questions and have worked to keep us in the loop on what is happening. Some of our Executive Officers met with them a few weeks ago via Zoom and had a productive meeting.

I have been working closely with our advocates from ABS to craft a "clean up" bill to address some of the issues that are in the current law such as the one call a month requirement. They have been working with legislators to get the bill introduced once we have all the issues identified and know the direction we want to go. We will be asking for support from the members once the bill is introduced.

While legislation has been in the forefront, many of our committees have been working diligently to fulfill their missions. Bylaws have had several productive meetings and are getting close to a finished product. The budget committee has met and will present a preliminary budget today. The Reimbursement and Best Practices Committee has met and will be presenting their work in the near future. Cadet Resources and Membership Benefits have also been working to put together resources for our members.

The Convention Committee has been hard at work planning our October Symposium and Trade show for October 17-19, 2025. Class proposals are being reviewed, and more

information will be out in the coming months. Please remember, at this time we will not be getting any money from the EMT Training Fund so we will be doing some things differently for this year's convention. We will be making a presentation asking for funding at the next EMT Training Fund Advisory meeting but there are no guarantees of any funding.

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. Learning the ropes as President has been a bit of a challenge. I appreciate everyone who has answered my questions, called with pointers and advice or who have just reached out to say they are there for when I figure out what I need them to do. It truly takes a village to run this organization.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan DeWitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan DeWitt  
President EMSCNJ



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### Treasurer's Report

May 2025

Thank you to the 17th District and the individuals responsible for arranging this Mid-Year meeting.

We are working on the 2023 audit and, as soon as that is complete, will begin 2024. Our goal remains to catch up with this outstanding work this year. The 2022 audit report did not find anything that I find surprising, and their recommendations are ones we have already been working to implement.

#### 2022 dues still have not been received from

- 9th District - Allentown FAS, Pennington FAS

#### 2023 dues still have not been received from

- 9th District - Allentown FAS, Pennington FAS

#### 2024 dues still have not been received from

- 4th District - All 8 squads
  - Alloway Township Ambulance Corps
  - Fenwick Community Ambulance
  - Lower Alloways Creek Ambulance
  - Mannington Fire Co
  - Pedricktown First Aid & Rescue
  - Penns Grove Ambulance
  - Quinton Ambulance Corps
  - West Collingswood Heights Fire Co. #1
- 5th District - South Bound Brook FAS
- 9th District - Allentown FAS, Pennington FAS

#### 2025 dues still have not been received from 28 squads

- 1st District
  - Wall Township First Aid & Rescue Squad
- 4th District
  - Fenwick Community Ambulance
- 5th District
  - South Bound Brook First Aid Squad
- 9th District
  - 514 Aeromedical Evac Squad
  - East Windsor Twp Rescue Squad Dist #1
  - Hopewell F.D. EMU
  - Pennington First Aid Squad
  - Allentown First Aid Squad
  - Hainesport Emergency Squad
  - Nottingham Ambulance Squad
  - The College of New Jersey.

*(Note: The 9th District accidentally paid \$320 per Squad for Hopewell, Nottingham, and TCNJ so they are not marked as paid for 2025 until the remaining \$10 per Squad is received.)*

- 12th District
  - Frankford Twp Fire & First Responders
  - Hopatcong Ambulance Squad
  - Sussex Fire Dept. First Aid Squad
  - Fredon EMS
  - Newtown Vol. First Aid & Rescue Squad
  - Wantage Township First Aid Squad.
- 13th District
  - Allamuchy - Green First Aid Squad
  - DSM EMS
  - Greenwich Township Emergency Squad
  - Belvidere Ambulance Corps
  - Franklin Township Fire Dept. EMS Division
- 14th District
  - Hopelawn Engine Co. First Aid Squad
  - North Stelton Vol. Fire Co. EMS Division
  - Woodbridge Emergency Squad
  - Iselin First Aid Squad
  - Sayreville Emergency Squad
- 15th District
  - Beach Haven First Aid Squad

Per the Bylaws, dues received by the District Treasurer between April 1 and June 30 are subject to a 20% late fee and those received after July 1 are subject to a 40% late fee. District Treasurers are responsible for remitting dues to the Council within ten days of receipt, inclusive of any late fees. The Board of Trustees may vote to waive the late fees of any Squad once per five years.

All funds we were expecting from the EMT Training Fund related to the 2024 Symposium have been received. That said, if the law is not revised, this shortfall is likely the biggest driver of any changes that we make between the proposed 2026 budget attached and the final proposal that will be presented to the member Squads for approval in October.

While we will likely exceed this year's budget due to some one-time expenses, we believe the 2026 budget is likely to return to "normal" and we only foresee spending \$250 more next year than we anticipated for 2025, if the EMT Training Fund law is revised. Thanks to Sue DeWitt and Sue VanOrden for their help in reviewing the budget proposal ahead of today's meeting.

Finally, the Reimbursement and Financial Best Practices committee also met. We are awaiting some information from the Convention Committee and intend to have a proposal for the June executive board meeting.

The usual list of bills paid since the last Board meeting and to be paid at this Mid-Year meeting will be circulated by e-mail next weekend to allow for any submissions received on or before this Wednesday, April 30, along with our year-to-date budget vs. actuals.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I welcome hearing from you. E-mail is the fastest way to reach me – [apu@emscnj.org](mailto:apu@emscnj.org).

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	2024 Actual *	2024 Budget	Adopted 2025 Budget	Jan. 1, 2025- Apr. 23, 2025	Proposed 2026 Budget	2025 to 2026 Difference	Notes
Convention	78,811.99	100,000.00	75,000.00	15,448.45	75,000.00	0.00	Depends on EMT Training Fund
Council Supplies	1,960.17	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,108.40	2,500.00	0.00	
Directory	2,951.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,840.00	3,000.00	0.00	
Fundraising	12,424.45	5,000.00	5,000.00	750.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Gold Cross Magazine	734.00	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	This line will be removed in 2026.
Investment Income	11,153.52	40,000.00	40,000.00	3.97	40,000.00	0.00	This includes drawdowns from investments
Membership Dues	69,494.00	72,500.00	65,000.00	57,918.00	65,000.00	0.00	Assumes no net change in # of Squads
Miscellaneous	270.00	500.00	500.00	600.00	500.00	0.00	
Scholarships	13,958.72	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,500.00	12,000.00	0.00	
Reconcile/Adjust	(677.34)	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>191,080.51</b>	<b>236,500.00</b>	<b>203,000.00</b>	<b>80,168.82</b>	<b>203,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Bank Fees and Charges		500.00	500.00		250.00	(250.00)	Little to no bank fees expected
Convention	115,691.66	98,000.00	74,500.00	2,229.04	74,500.00	0.00	
Council Supplies	2,537.32	500.00	2,000.00	7,313.32	2,000.00	0.00	Many supplies replenished in 2025
Directory	2,731.30	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,856.50	3,000.00	0.00	
Gold Cross Magazine	5,851.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	This line will be removed in 2026.
Insurance	9,465.08	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,355.66	10,000.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous	951.00	500.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00	
Newsletter		500.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	If we expand circulation of the newsletter
Program Expense		4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	League of Municipalities, etc.
September 11 Memorial	45,676.52	17,000.00	2,500.00		1,000.00	(1,500.00)	Flags & bronze plaque, mostly paid in 2025
<b>Committees</b>							
Cadet		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00	Includes support of Cadet Competition
Election Board	99.00	500.00	250.00		250.00	0.00	Election Buddy x 2 rounds of voting
Historian	2,832.33	2,500.00	3,000.00	1,528.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	Cost of second storage unit
Legislative		1,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	This line will be removed in 2026.
Pastoral		500.00	250.00		250.00	0.00	
Technology	6,762.92	4,000.00	7,500.00	459.59	7,500.00	0.00	Includes website redesign
Computer Replacement		2,500.00				0.00	This line will be removed in 2026.
Other Committees		4,500.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	
<b>Executive Officers</b>							
Board of Trustees	2,293.90	2,000.00	2,500.00	584.37	2,500.00	0.00	Meeting refreshments, copies for mid-year/conv
President	2,545.45	2,500.00	3,000.00	309.55	3,000.00	0.00	
Area Vice Presidents	3,375.61	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	
Treasurer	102.11	2,500.00	3,000.00	218.78	3,000.00	0.00	
Assistant Treasurer	471.90	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	
State Secretary	539.72	500.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	
Membership Secretary	936.99	1,000.00	1,500.00	127.42	1,500.00	0.00	
<b>Professional Services</b>							
Accounting	5,500.00	8,000.00	8,500.00	4,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	Should return to normal in 2026
Advocate	22,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	6,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	
Legal	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	
Medical Advisor	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	
Public Relations	11,916.63	13,000.00	13,000.00	15,166.62	13,000.00	0.00	
<b>Scholarships</b>							
Cadet	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00	0.00	12 x \$1000
Gail Lawrence	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	4 x \$1000
Fred Steinkopf	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00	3 x \$500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>267,280.44</b>	<b>236,500.00</b>	<b>203,000.00</b>	<b>46,648.85</b>	<b>203,250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	



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5/4/2025

Good Morning:

Thank you to the 17<sup>th</sup> District for hosting today's Mid-Year.

The finance committee met to review the 2025 budget and prepare the 2026 budget. Once again, the draft presented to you today is the best representation of the Council's financial status based on information available. Please bring this budget to your squads and districts for discussion. The final budget will be approved at the annual meeting in October. Please feel free to send questions to the Treasurer at [treasurer@emscnj.org](mailto:treasurer@emscnj.org).

A meeting was held to discuss the EMSCNJ Reimbursement Policies & Financial Best Practices. The committee will present a updated policy to the Board of Trustees at the June meeting for consideration and adoption.

Respectfully submitted

*Sue Van Orden*



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### *Northern Area Executive Vice President Report*

#### *May 4, 2025*

#### **CONVRATULATIONS**

##### **17th District!**

On your hosting of the 96th Anniversary MidYear Assembly. We know how hard all of you have worked to present a fantastic MidYear for all Council members and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your hard work!

The EMT Training Fund law continues to be the focus of attention at all District and Council meetings. Not only the flaws, but the remedy as well. Squad Captains are looking to understand the process to be followed. Squad Treasurers are looking to understand the long-term financial impact. New members are questioning their ability to fulfill a 3 year commitment. OEMS is questioning the long-term sustainability of the EMT Training Fund.

Some of the issues and questions that need to be addressed:

When does the clock start for the beginning of that 3-year volunteer commitment of 1 call per month for initial EMT students?

Changing the 1 call per month to 12 per year.

Does the 1 call per month or 12 calls/year apply beyond the 3-year initial period if an EMT uses the training fund for recertification purposes?

Newly certified EMTs who attend some NJ colleges are exempt from the 1 call per month and reimbursing the fund. This should be expanded to all US colleges and military service.

Does your squad need to create a policy that defines the qualifications of a "member, in good standing"?

What exactly does this mean...

"Does NOT receive any monetary compensation in the form of an hourly wage, a salary, or ANY other form of financial remuneration provided for or in connection with the provision of basic life support services;" We know this doesn't apply to LOSAP. What about clothing allowance? Stipend? Or any other type of monetary incentive to get people to join, stay, or give more time?

To what extent does the head of an ambulance corps legally have to "seek reimbursement" from a student/EMT for a third party, the State of NJ. At what cost?

The EMT Training Fund law and its remedy, is just one of the issues that the EMSCNJ is actively addressing. NJ EMS is at a point in time where there are major issues that impact us and will greatly affect volunteer EMS in the next few months:

- New OEMS platform
- Background checks/ fingerprinting - Who pays? Will OEMS share results with the home squad without additional charges? Is there an additional charge for each recertification cycle?
- New EMT competencies
- New EMT regulations
- Upcoming OSHA requirements

The EMS Council of NJ continues to believe in a volunteer system and it's sustainability working with paid services for the future.

Get involved.

Help us help you.

Be Safe Out There,

Alison Wallin  
Northern Area VP  
18th District VP  
EMSCNJ





May 4, 2025

Bayshore Cadet/Youth Competition is coming up June 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to have a showing of cadets from all over the state. Please encourage your squads or districts to make a team.

I attended the 5<sup>th</sup> District on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They had a great presentation of the NJ EMS Memorial Bike Ride coming through New Jersey.

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride is a series of events that honors the memory of EMS providers that passed away while serving. During the ride, each rider carries a set of dog tags bearing the name of one of the honorees and each day, the list of honorees is read. Complete information about the NEMSMBR, including registration for the event, is available at <https://www.nemsmb.org>.

On Tuesday, 5/13, the NEMSMBR will travel through central New Jersey en route from Boston to Washington DC. The NJ route will start at Weequahic Park, Newark, with rest stops planned in Fanwood and Somerville, then end with dinner at Branchburg Rescue Squad. The route will generally follow the NJ Transit Raritan Valley Line. Exact route is TBD, and timing is always extremely uncertain.

If you would like to submit the name of an honoree for the 2026 ride, the application form is at <https://nemsmb.org/honoree-application/>.

The video that I shared at the meeting is on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ouPAox1OeaE>

I have three "asks":

1. If you are able to, having folks come out along the route to welcome the riders and cheer them on would be great.
2. Any donations to help support the ride are appreciated - my donation page is at <https://grouprev.com/NEMSMBR2025-paul-malarcher>
3. We are looking for a sponsor for dinner for about 80 people. If your organization is able to help, please contact me at [paulmalarcher@gmail.com](mailto:paulmalarcher@gmail.com).

Here is a list of the jurisdictions that are on the NJ portion of the route, as it stands today:

- Essex County:
  - Newark
- Union County:
  - Elizabeth
  - Hillside
  - Union

- Kenilworth
- Springfield (trail only)
- Cranford
- Union College of NJ, Cranford campus
- Westfield
- Scotch Plains
- Fanwood
- Plainfield
- Somerset County:
  - North Plainfield
  - Green Brook
- Middlesex County:
  - Middlesex Borough
- Somerset County:
  - Bound Brook
  - Bridgewater
  - Somerville
  - Raritan
  - Branchburg

Other information from the 5<sup>th</sup> District:

Heroes Tour – A New Jersey Golf Tour for Military, Veterans and First Responders. It stops in Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex and Union Counties. All Skills are welcome. Go to [www.njheroestour.com](http://www.njheroestour.com) to sign up.

Penn Medicine Princeton Health Communities Wellness – EMS Appreciation Night at the Ballpark. Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at Arm and Hammer Park, One Thunder Road, Trenton. Register by August 16<sup>th</sup> at [www.tinyurl.com/EMSAppreciation2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/EMSAppreciation2025)

I attended the 14<sup>th</sup> District Meeting on Zoom on May 6<sup>th</sup> as I had to work that day. I have offered to help them with any inspections if they need.

I attended the 11<sup>th</sup> District at the Highlands First Aid Squad – They are like the 1<sup>st</sup> District trying to do some fund raisers for their Squads. We had great discussions about the Training Fund changes.

I am interested in working with Sylvie and a few others, 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.

Thanks and Stay Safe,  
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## *Membership Secretary* May 4, 2025 – Mid-Year Assembly

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2025 Mid-Year Assembly, hosted by the 17<sup>th</sup> District. Thank you to the members and squads of the 17<sup>th</sup> District for all of your work in preparing for and hosting our Mid-Year Assembly – everything looks great.

We currently have 201 squads in the Council. As of the 4/15/2025 deadline for squad eligibility to vote at this Mid-Year, 126 squads have submitted their Annual Reports with 122 of those being accepted (60.70% of the total 201 squads), and of these 113 squads are currently in Good Standing (56.22%); these are the squads with Annual Reports that are accepted, Standards Inspections completed and Annual Dues submitted. The District Squad Status reports for Mid-Year 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. For the squads that are not yet in compliance please continue to submit your Annual Reports, complete your Inspections and submit any unpaid Dues. We would like to have 100% compliance throughout the Council.

Remember that Squads can make changes to any part of the Squad entries in the Database at any time during the year, except for Section 4 (Reports/Data) which is your data from the prior year (2024) and should only be updated once as close to the beginning of the year as possible. 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](mailto: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 of the first week of April OEMS is requesting emails from squads listing their squad members who are taking EMT classes and attesting that these members are eligible to use the EMT Training Fund for their initial or CORE EMT classes, to be completed retroactively for any courses that started on or after April 1, 2025. This is a temporary step until the on-line electronic forms are ready for use. There will be some changes to the procedure that training agencies use to submit their students' EMT Training Fund eligibilities, voucher and report forms. If your squad has not complied with OEMS' request to send them the names and information for 3 officers who are approved to submit training fund information to OEMS please do so as soon as possible as this information will be used for the electronic completion, signing and submission of EMT Training Fund forms.

Today we are also commemorating the passing of Mary Ann Ferrara, who served our Council for many years. In addition to holding the office of Council President for 4 years, she held the offices of Northern Area Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Vice President, and Captain of the Ridgfield First Aid & Ambulance Corps. Mary Ann also was a Life Member of the Ridgfield First Aid & Ambulance Corps as well as volunteering as a member of the Little Silver First Aid Squad. Mary Ann also taught at the Immaculate Heart Academy and then at Hoboken High School, where she pioneered the Hoboken HS Volunteer Ambulance Corps (and taught their EMT class). She was an EMT Instructor, NJ State EMT Evaluator and served on the State Faculty. We honor Mary Ann for her many years of dedication to EMS and Education and all she accomplished. She is sorely missed. We are glad to have Mary Ann's sisters here for this Memorial along with several of her former squad members. May her memory be a blessing.

Be safe, and keep those around you safe. You can't 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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### **Social Media Midyear Report – May 4, 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 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. 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.

Just for comparison, as of 5/7/2024 we have 263 followers on Twitter and have exceeded 3,914 tweets, 1,214 followers on Instagram and have made 461 posts. On Facebook 3,013 people like us and page reach of 5,355.

### **Newsletter Report Midyear – May 4, 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](mailto:social.media@emscnj.org) and we can add you.

### **Historian Report Midyear – May 4, 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 inventoried which will make it much easier to find things.

## 8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT REPORT

The 8<sup>th</sup> District is in the midst of Standards Inspections. All of our Annual reports have been excepted except for one. All of our squads have paid their dues.

At a recent meeting we discussed the aging of our delegates. There seems to be little interest in new people attending District meetings or getting involved with the Council. One suggestion was for each squad to bring a “friend” to our next meeting.

All of our squads are confused about the new training fund law and what it means to recertify current members. Many have discussed “retirement” due to the recertification process that will be in force. This bill will probably cause the loss of many volunteer EMTs. Also, the restriction of EMTs working in a hospital will be forced to choose only their employee training with no option except for self-pay. The 1 call per month is an issue. Also, those squads that have duty shifts feel that should be taken into consideration too. Their shift may not have a call.

Another topic for discussion was over the Reciprocity Law. There still is no word on background checks. Despite the fact that the State is mandating this, they are covering themselves by saying the State is not liable for costs incurred.

We congratulate the 17<sup>th</sup> District on their plans for Midyear. Several of our Delegates will be attending and we look forward to seeing everyone.

## AWARDS

The form for submission of awards has been revised and will be up on the Council website soon. The biggest change is we are NOT accepting mail submissions. All the applications need to be sent by email to the committee. Then they will be evaluated by independent process. Deadline for submission of Award applications will be **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Traffic contest runs from August 1 through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Deadline for submission of traffic awards applications will be **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. These will be firm dates! All Application forms for both awards can be found on the Council website under Library (Awards). Any questions, please contact the committee.

## **CADET RESOURCES**

**4/27/2025**

**The committee met to discuss what it can do for the cadet squads. As presented in the last meeting report, we felt our mission statement would be:**

***The mission of the Cadet Resources Committee is to be the support and information source for all cadet squads***

**The committee will attend the Bayshore Cadet Competition in Keyport to speak with cadets and advisors. A letter was also going to be sent to all cadet squads asking for input. Discussion on what the money could be used for was questioned. Maybe an award presented for “outstanding cadet leadership” or maybe give items such as Pulse-Ox meters, personal protective equipment or glove pouches. Any ideas are welcome.**

**The committee is going to reach out to see if we can get sponsors from vendors that squads use. If you have any ideas on vendors who would donate items for cadets, it would be appreciated.**

**This committee is a work in progress and we hope to be moving forward before Convention.**

**Joe Walsh, Chairman**



## **Convention Committee – May 4, 2025**

The convention committee would like to thank and congratulate the 17<sup>th</sup> District for this Mid-Year function.

The symposium committee has been gathering the proposals and reviewing prospective workshops. The committee continues with tasks from the March meeting. A Zoom meeting is in the near future to continue planning. The hotel contract has been sent to the lawyer for review. Just clarification from the last report, the registration deadline will be a firm October 12<sup>th</sup>. Other components will have other deadline dates to be determined. For example, the Ad Journal will be an earlier deadline in September.

The theme this year will be around “OHANA”, which means family – No One Left Behind or Forgotten. This is universal for belonging and importance of family, whether biological or chosen. EMS is a great example of a chosen family – squads, districts and the Council from cadet members to the most senior of members. Plan now for a Hawaiian or Polynesian type shirt or dress for Friday night.

One new vendor of interest is the Squad 51 History and Education Project. Representatives will be bringing a Squad 51 replica from the 70’s television show, Emergency to convention. They will also have T-shirts, hats, decals and coins to purchase.

Sincerely,

Paula O. / Kari P.

**Emergency Preparedness, Security and Mobilization Committee**  
*May 2025*

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

- Meetings attended since our annual meeting in 2024 include:
  - NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
  - NJ EMS Statewide Communications
  - Aeromedical
  - Highway Traffic Safety
- June 1<sup>st</sup> will be upon us soon, and so begins the 2025 hurricane season. Be sure to maintain situational awareness regarding weather alerts for both your own and neighboring jurisdictions responses.
- We ask you to ensure all your members are familiar with the current JEMSTAR protocols. November 2024 saw a modification in dispatch guidelines. Your local air medical service can provide clarification and/or training.
- State wide trauma guidelines have been updated, and will be released within the next couple of months. You should contact either your local ALS provider or the trauma center for your area for additional information.
- Please review and disseminate the updated ICS and MCI training guidelines and management requirements. Additionally, these guidelines identify which personnel are expected to complete the education. The EMSCNJ website offers additional detail. As with any skill, these get better with practice.
- Planning is well underway for the 2025 World Cup Soccer activities. Preplan can never start soon enough for scheduled special events, in addition to weather emergencies. It's always better to be prepared.
- As your agency leadership changes, be sure to update both your municipal OEM coordinator as well as both the county OEM and EMS coordinators.
- Remember to secure your vehicles when unattended.
- New ambulance delivery dates continue to be quite extended, so plan accordingly.
- Radio communication capabilities are always evolving. Your local dispatch center and communication equipment provider can provide insight for modifications.
- EMS Week kicks off on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "We Care. For Everyone." Please take advantage of this national awareness week to promote all the services your agency provides and perhaps recruit interested individuals.
- The Emergency Preparedness, Security and Mobilization Committee is pleased to announce a new central area coordinator, Tharun Potluri, a member of Montgomery EMS, 5<sup>th</sup> District. Please welcome him to the team!

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

Frank Goodstein – State Coordinator (Cell – 908.447.3288)

David Schimmel – Northern Coordinator

Tharun Potluri – Central Coordinator

Bryan Platt – Southern Coordinator

## EMS Council of New Jersey Legislative Report

To: EMS Council of New Jersey

From: Libby Vinson  
Association Business Solutions, Inc.

Date: May 4, 2025

Subject: May 2025 Legislative Update

### **Current Landscape:**

The Legislature has been mainly on budget break for the last month, providing time for the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees to hold public and Department hearings on FY26. While that work continues into May, the Legislature is also resuming regular committee meetings tomorrow with activity running through the end of June. The budget must be signed into law by June 30.

The Governor and Assembly are up for election in November, with the primary set for June 10.

### **FY26 Budget Proposal Overview**

Budget in Brief: <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/26bib/BIB.pdf>

One-Pager detailing FY26 proposed financial commitments:

[https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20250225/75/b9/5c/23/a5f592f8382d49c625fe24e4/FY2026\\_budget\\_one\\_pager\\_FINAL.pdf](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20250225/75/b9/5c/23/a5f592f8382d49c625fe24e4/FY2026_budget_one_pager_FINAL.pdf)

Detailed FY26 Budget Proposal: [FY2026-Budget-Detail-Full.pdf](#)

### **Priority Issue Update:**

**EMT Training Fund Law:** We have been working with Assemblyman Sterley Stanley office on clean-up legislation to address the problematic provisions in the recently enacted EMT Training Fund Law. Stanley was the sponsor of the law. The draft legislation expands the courses that are eligible for reimbursement, changes the requirement of one call per month to 12 per year and includes clarifying language providing exemption to students in ALL colleges and universities. Before finalizing the language, the Council is seeking answers from NJDOE regarding implementation of the law to ensure the that the clean-up bill indeed addresses all the outstanding concerns.

Once a bill is introduced, we will be calling on the full membership to urge their legislators to sign on in support. Strategic coordination is essential—if the bill is introduced under the wrong sponsor, it will not advance.

### **Board of Paramedicine Legislation – A4523 (Murphy/Wimberly) / S3563 (Vitale/McKnight)**

No significant updates on the Board of Paramedicine Bill since our meeting last month. 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.

**S788 (Gordon)** - Exempts certain volunteer first responders from coverage under "unemployment compensation law"; excludes from gross income amounts received for certain volunteer emergency services. **Status:** On 3/3/24 S788 passed Senate Labor Committee—the first meeting that Senator Gordon was presiding as chair. ABS testified in support of the bill on behalf of the Council. The bill awaits consideration in Senate Budget. Assembly companion bill, A-1429 (Haider), cleared Assembly Labor in October with the Council's support; it's now awaiting consideration in Assembly Appropriations. Earlier this month, the EMS Council/ABS participated in a meeting with Senator Johnson's Office, Assemblywoman Haider and the NJDOL to address concerns from the Department about withholdings. There appears to be some confusion over what is considered to be remuneration of services.

**S2887 (Greenstein)** - Provides certain volunteer and other workers with maximum compensation benefit for workers' compensation claim regardless of outside employment. **Summary:** This bill ensures that certain volunteer workers, including firefighters and first aid or rescue squad members, receive the maximum workers' compensation benefits for injury or death, regardless of whether they have other employment. It is a response to the **New Jersey Supreme Court case, *Kocanowski v. Township of Bridgewater (2019)***, where the Court ruled that all volunteer firefighters should receive the highest possible compensation, regardless of their income history. The bill clarifies existing law to eliminate any confusion about these workers' eligibility for full workers' compensation benefits. **Status:** On 3/3/25, S2887 passed Senate Labor Committee, referred to Senate Budget. A2771 awaits consideration in Assembly Labor Committee.

#### **Legislation—Monitoring—No Progress since last report**

**S1416 (Singleton/Beach)/A4022 (Sumter/Moen)—Requires DOH to Develop Statewide Emergency Services Plan**—On 2/3/25 the Senate Health & Human Services Committee unanimously released S1416 and referred it to Senate Budget. ABS flagged the bill, and Sue Dewitt shared the Council's concerns, which ABS will discuss with the sponsors. We are requesting a meeting with Senator Singleton.

**S2386 – Provides Tax Cred for Volunteer First Responders' Vehicle Use**—On February 3, S2386 passed Senate Budget & Appropriations and now awaits consideration in the full Senate. A3532 awaits consideration in Assembly Appropriations. advanced in a 12-0 vote.

**S3536 (Gopal)/A5008 (Donlon)—Concerns Distribution of 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account.** S3536 was up for discussion in Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on February 13. No vote was taken. A5008 awaits consideration in Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill proposes changes to how money from the 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund is used. This fund, collected through a small surcharge on phone bills, is meant to support emergency

response services and 9-1-1 system improvements in New Jersey. The bill adds two new funding priorities:

1. **Recruitment and retention of first responders** – Money from the fund can now be used to help bring in and keep emergency personnel, including EMTs.
2. **Support for the New Jersey EMS Task Force** – Five percent of the total fund will go directly to NJ EMS Task Force.

S3937 (Amato)/A5107 (Myhre)--requires public utility to charge a volunteer emergency service organization a residential rate for service delivered to the property at which the volunteer emergency service organization primarily operates, if the residential rate is lower than the commercial rate for the service at that property. In consultation with the Board of Public Utilities, a public utility is to establish a reasonable procedure for an organization to certify itself as a volunteer emergency service organization with the public utility for this purpose. Under the bill, "volunteer emergency service organization" means an organization that relies on volunteer members to provide emergency services, including, but not limited to, fire department, first aid, emergency, ambulance, or rescue squad services. The bill has been referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee. S3937 was introduced December 9, 2024, referred to Senate Economic Growth. A5107 was introduced December 12 and referred to Assembly Telecommunications & Utilities Committee.

S2376 (Beach/Vitale)/A2255 (Lopez/Conaway)—Requires boards of education to ensure that all staff are trained in care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders every five years.

**Status:** S2376 passed Senate Education on 9/30/24, awaiting full vote in Senate. A2255 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Education Committee.

A-2100 (Kennedy/Lopez/S1470 (Lagana/Scutari) -- Provides workers' compensation benefits for certain public safety workers who developed illness or injury as result of responding to September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks..

**Status:** A2100 passed Assembly Labor on 9/19/24, referred to Assembly Public Safety. S1470 passed Senate Labor on 1/25/24, referred to Senate Budget & Appropriations.

[S3278](#) (Singleton) / [A4280](#) (Calabrese/Speight) – the original versions of these bills extended permission to administer blood glucose tests and glucagon to EMTs. Both were heard in committee in May, A4280 in Assembly Regulated Professions and S3278 in Senate Health, where they were amended and released. The amendment to A4280 eliminated glucagon, bill still permits glucose tests, and amendment to S3278 provides that the Commissioner of Health may by regulation or order modify, suspend, or terminate the certification of an emergency medical technician to administer glucagon and blood glucose tests, if necessary for public health, safety, or welfare. After discussions on the bill, it's our understanding that the Assembly amendments will be applied to the Senate bill and the purpose of the legislation was to put pressure on NJDOH to move on the waiver ASAP to allow EMTs to use Glucometers—which happened in June. As FYI, eight states allow EMTs to administer glucagon—Alaska, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Virginia and Wisconsin.

[A4284](#) (Danielson/Coughlin) / [S3366](#) (Bucco/Corrado)--this bill allows firefighters and members of any first aid or rescue squad in New Jersey to apply for and receive the special license plate for no additional cost, except for any fees prescribed by law for the registration of the firefighter's or member's vehicle. A-4284 cleared Assembly Transportation Committee on 5/2/24 and posted for consideration in Assembly Appropriations tomorrow, 6/24. S3366 was introduced June 3 and referred to Senate Transportation.

[A1754](#) (Rumpf/Spearman)/S2083 (Gopal/Corrado)— Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$2,000 gross income tax exemption. **Status:** A1754 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Public Safety & Preparedness Committee. S2083 passed Senate Law & Public Safety Committee on May 16, referred to Assembly Appropriations.

[S2386](#) (Gopal/Moriarity) / [A3532](#) (Donlon/Miller)— Provides gross income tax credit to active members of volunteer emergency service organizations for use of personal motor vehicle in performance of active duty. **Status:** A3532 passed Assembly Public Safety Committee 6/3/24, referred to Assembly Appropriations. S2386 passed Senate Public Safety Committee 5/16/24, referred to Senate Budget & Appropriations.

[SCR82](#) (Gopal/Moriarity) / [ACR110](#) (Peterpaul/Miller)— Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption of up to 15 percent of assessed value for primary residence of certain volunteer first responders. **Status:** SCR82 passed Senate Law & Public Safety, referred to Senate Budget. ACR110 awaits consideration in Assembly Public Safety.

#### **Increased Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Emergency Ambulance Services:**

The Medical Transport Association of NJ asked for the Council's support on a white paper sounding the alarm on the need for the state to increase Medicaid transportation reimbursement rate for ground ambulance providers that offer EMS transport to patients. The NJDHS, internally increased the reimbursement rate to \$200, ONLY for the traditional Medicaid patients, which is 3% of the population. The other 97% are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care Organizations -MCOs, so the increase doesn't really help the industry especially since the rate is the lowest in the nation and 30 years without an increase. MTANJ is urging the state to increase rates and codify by approving the following pending legislation. **Status:** On Thursday, March 14, [S1423](#) (Singleton/Vitale) cleared the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee with the EMS Council of NJ on record in support. The bill would increase the minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate to \$300 for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services. This would represent an increase of \$242 from the state's existing reimbursement rate of \$58. In addition, the bill would provide for an additional \$8.94 in reimbursement for each loaded mile traveled. Currently, New Jersey has the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rate for these services in the region, with other state's ranging from \$65.27 in Delaware to \$293.90 in Connecticut. S1423 was second referenced to Senate Budget. The Assembly version,

[A3650](#) (Murphy), was introduced on February 12, 2024 and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.

[A4255](#) (Rodriguez)--Appropriates \$1.5 million to establish an EMT Workforce Development Partnership within the Department of Health. The purpose of the bill is to create a pathway for high school students, ages 16 years and older, students of institutions of higher education, and community residents to become certified EMTs.

**Status:** The legislation was introduced May 2 and awaits consideration in the Assembly Public Safety & Preparedness Committee.

[A3832](#) (Barlas/DePhillips)/S927 (Corrado/Bucco)-- Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.

**Status:** A3892 introduced 2-22-24, referred to Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee; S297 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Law & Public Safety Committee.

[A3086](#) (Guardian)/S1388 (Singleton)— Permits inclusion of volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders within municipal eligible employee group for purposes of the small employer health benefits plan statutes.

**Status:** A3086 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly State & Local Government Committee. S1388 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Community & Urban Affairs.

[A4005](#) (Conaway/Karabinchak)/S1607 (Scanlon)— Requires emergency medical technicians and firefighters to receive training concerning electric vehicle fires.

**Status:** A4005 was introduced 3-7-24, referred to Assembly Public Safety. S1607 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Law Public Safety

[A2380](#) (Spearman/Moen)— Provides \$1,000 income tax deduction for certain volunteer firefighters and members of first aid and rescue squads. First aid and rescue squad members would be eligible if they serve as a volunteer for the entire tax year, respond to at least 10 percent of regular alarms and 60 percent of the drills, and have passed an approved training program or qualified as an emergency 11 medical technician.

**Status:** A2380 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Public Safety & Preparedness Committee.

[S620](#) (Tiver)— Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$500 income tax deduction.

**Status:** Introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Public Safety.

[ACR55](#) (DiMaio/Kean)/SCR53 (Testa)— 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.

**Status:** ACR55 introduced 1-9-24 Assembly Public Safety & Preparedness Committee. SCR53 introduced 1-9-24 and referred to Senate Community & Urban Affairs.

[ACR72](#) (Tully/Swain)— Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing \$200 property tax credit for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or first aid squad member.



**Status:** ACR72 introduced 1-9-24, referred the Assembly Public Safety & Preparedness Committee.

**[A1353 \(DePhillips/Webber\)/S2100 \(Shepisi\)](#)**—Establishes Volunteer Emergency Loan Redemption Program in Higher Education Assistance Authority. Provides \$16,000 loan redemption (over 3 years) for volunteer emergency first responder.

**Status:** A1353 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Higher Education. A2100 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Higher Education Committee.

**[A321 \(Matsikoudis\)/S969 \(Corrado/Cryan\)](#)**-- Streamlines emergency medical technician certification process for certain veterans. The bill amends current law to provide that an applicant for emergency medical technician (EMT-Basic) certification, who is a servicemember, is to be certified by the Commissioner of Health as an EMT-Basic, if the applicant: (1) possesses a current emergency medical technician certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; (2) served or currently serves as a Combat Army Medic, a Navy Hospital Corpsman, or as the equivalent of a Combat Army Medic or a Navy Hospital Corpsman in a separate branch of the Armed Forces or the National Guard of any state; and (3) completes and passes a criminal history record background check under standards established by the commissioner.

**Status:** A321 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Health. S969 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Health & Human Services.

**[A355 \(Stanley\)](#)**— Revises requirements and training standards for first responders under New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Act of 1987

**Status:** Introduced 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Public Safety & Preparedness Committee.

**[S1470 \(Lagana/Scutari\)/A2100 \(Kennedy/Lopez\)](#)**— Provides workers' compensation benefits for certain public safety workers who developed illness, injury, or who died as a result of responding to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, regardless of when the claim is filed (eliminates statute of limitations), provided that the worker was treated or monitored through the World Trade Center Health Program established by the Centers for Disease Control.

**Status:** S1470 passed Senate Labor Committee on 1-25-24, referred to Senate Budget Committee. A2100 was introduced on 1-9-24, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

**[A432 \(Auth\)](#)**— Streamlines certification standards for emergency medical technicians.

**Status:** A432 introduced 1-9-24, referred to Senate Health.

**[A704 \(Torrissi\)](#)**—Establishes Emergency Services Assistance Grant Program in DOH, appropriates \$10million.

**Status:** Introduced 1/9/24, referred to Assembly Health.

**[A1243 \(Sauickie\)](#)**— Establishes Emergency Medical Services Provider Safety Grant Program in DOH; appropriates \$10 million.

**Status:** Introduced 1/9/24, referred to Assembly Health.

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Cyndy Reardon &lt;cyndy.reardon@emscnj.org&gt;

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**Fw: Nominating Committee**

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**'Vikki Castellano' via EMSCNJ Executive Board Reports** <Reports@emscnj.org>

Sun, Apr 27, 2025 at 10:57 PM

Reply-To: Vikki Castellano &lt;vikkiemt@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "reports@emscnj.org" &lt;reports@emscnj.org&gt;

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**From:** Vikki Castellano <vikkiemt@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 06:14:15 PM EDT**Subject:** Nominating Committee***Nominating Committee******As of yesterday, I have not received any nominations for the 2026 State Officers. The slate for the 2026 State Officers presently will be:***

<b><i>President</i></b>	<b><i>Sue DeWitt</i></b>
<b><i>Northern Area Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Alison Wallin</i></b>
<b><i>Central Area Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Kari Phair</i></b>
<b><i>Southern Area Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Barbara Platt</i></b>
<b><i>Secretary</i></b>	<b><i>Cyndy Reardon</i></b>
<b><i>Membership Secretary</i></b>	<b><i>Paula Weiler</i></b>
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>Apu</i></b>
<b><i>Assistant Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>Sue Van Orden</i></b>

***Vikki Castellano***  
***Nominating Committee Chair***  
***20th District VP***  
***Oakland FAS***



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*NJ DOH Committees Report*  
May 5, 2025 – Mid-Year

Good day.

The Governor's EMS Advisory Council met on March 19, 2025. The relevant portions of this meeting are as follows: EMT Training Fund Council report – the report was emailed to the Chairperson. The NJAPP representative asked to confirm the section of the new law where hospital based full time EMTs on the hospital BLS rigs are not able to use the EMT TF even in their volunteer agencies – Dan Kazar confirmed this. The question was then asked if someone takes an initial EMT program and rides with a volunteer agency and then after two years gets hired for a hospital based BLS service, will the EMT have to refund the money from the EMT Training Fund? Dan replied this was an interpretation that had not been discussed and did not know if this would become the procedure, but he would ask DOH Legal section for an interpretation. The administration of the new EMT TF law is still being reviewed by Legal after the suggestions from the EMT TF Council were made.

MAC Sub-Committee report – the MAC discussed a 'trauma gel' which is being sold commercially that can be squirted into wounds for bleeding control. It was developed for military use but is now moving into pre-hospital care. Both Dr. Schreiber and Dr. Porter said this is not approved for NJ BLS use.

OEMS report – Candace Gardner was not present so Dan Kazar presented the report. He introduced Brian Clancy, a new hire at OEMS. The white inspection sticker on DOH licensed ambulances will be changed to colors to indicate rig inspection renewal years and should make it easier to see if the inspections are overdue. The new NJEMS (NJLINC) platform will be going live within the next couple of weeks – this is supposed to happen by April 1 as per the new EMT TF law but may happen a few days afterwards; it is still undergoing testing. The platform was in need of updates, and the time line was pushed forward due to the implementation of BLS-ALS background checks and the implementation of the requirements of the new EMT TF law. The BLS-ALS protocols were reviewed and updated again. Dan stated that ALS would be using these, and it is up to the BLS agency's Medical Director to decide whether or not to follow those guidelines. The new EMS Regulations are still under review with DOH Legal – they are meeting weekly. Regarding the required background checks – fingerprints will only be accepted from Identigo, and a code will be distributed so the results will be sent to OEMS. Dan believes it will be possible to submit more than one code so that results will go to OEMS and to your squad, or a hospital, for example. But fingerprints will need to be taken at this time even if you've had them taken previously as the code number cannot be retroactively added to prior prints. The prints will be run by OEMS every 3 years when NJ EMT cards are renewed so no additional fees will be required to take your fingerprints again. OEMS cannot forward the background check report to your squad but if something is found that would result in your losing your EMT certification they will make notification, and it would be posted in the enforcement section of their website. ALS background checks will be starting soon for a small test group, then all ALS practitioners. After any bugs are worked out they will start the background checks for BLS. To make it easier for everyone they are working with Identigo to have mobile locations set up around the state to take the fingerprints. Confirmation of background checks will be on the new NJEMS platform. The EMT Training Fund eligibility will be all electronic, and the focus is now on the volunteer EMT's eligibility, not the eligibility of the agency. Forms will be electronic and can be signed online; OEMS does have to translate this form into 7 languages. OEMS will be setting up regional meetings with agencies to explain the process. EMTs' eligibility will be confirmed by their squad's principal officers as submitted to OEMS per their emailed request. The updated, revised EMT CORE Recertification programs will be going out to Instructors soon –

it will include the new interventions from the waivers in August and will update the educational requirements utilizing Bloom's Taxonomy to improve student assessments. Students also must demonstrate clinical competency – being an EMT for a number of years does **not** guarantee automatically passing the class. (This was stressed by Dan). They are planning an emergency MAC meeting in the next couple of weeks. UMDNJ, Atlantic Health and Hackensack Meridian have applied to be able to perform blood transfusions by ground ALS. EMT numbers for 2025 – 200 EMTs approved to date (new, reciprocity, etc.), 2,220 in 2024 (1,933 new EMTs), 1,955 in 2023. Reciprocity applicants are not following the instructions causing delays in getting their NJ EMT. ALS numbers for 2025 – 1,700 active & 45 inactive, 169 approved in 2024, 137 in 2023. Dan stated there are no time extensions for EMT renewals.

Tim Seplaki spoke about a NHTSA update for gender/sex classifications, and the dashboards will be updated and improved to provide better results when searching for types of calls. He reported over 2 million ePCR files were uploaded in 2024. He reminded everyone that charts must be locked within 24 hours – there has been some improvement, but not enough. The OEMS Conference will be in November – requests to present classes will be closing soon, and awards nominations will open next month. They are expanding their precon classes and will be continuing to offer EMT CORE recertification classes during the precon.

A survey had been conducted by OEMS for stroke care; 85% of the responses were received from EMTs – approximately half of the responses were from licensed agencies and approximately 44% were from non-licensed agencies. One of the questions asked was which stroke scale is your agency using? The answers showed that pre-hospital agencies are not consistent with this; less than half use RACE scoring (RACE was added by Executive Order in 2021). Many EMTs don't know the difference between Primary and Comprehensive Stroke Centers. They are encouraging the use of Stroke Coordinators at hospitals.

During the Advisory Council meeting there were many references to the upcoming World Cup Soccer matches this year (in June and July) and to the FIFA Championship matches in 2026 (also in June and July). MetLife Stadium will be the hub for the East Coast. The EMS Task Force is working on response plans along with multiple other agencies. More information will be provided soon.

The Culture of Safety Committee met on March 25, 2025 and is still updating the Infection Control guidelines. QR codes will be generated as each set of guidelines is completed and published for easy retrieval. The Lights & Sirens guidelines and the Lifting & Moving guidelines were accepted at the December 2024 Advisory Council meeting and are awaiting being published on the OEMS website.

The State Trauma Advisory Council met on April 14, 2025 and discussed the Final Draft of the State Trauma Plan that Dr. Porter presented to the STAC members. A vote was taken to approve this draft, which was passed. The updated State Trauma Plan will be presented to the next meeting in June of the Governor's EMS Advisory Council, where a vote to accept this will be taken.

Respectfully,

*Paula Weiler*

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# New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.

## EMS Council of New Jersey

### Scholarship Committee



May 4, 2025

Good Morning

Thank you to all who assisted the applicants with information filling out the Scholarships. All the applicants were worthy and it has been a tough choice.

I have e-mailed all the applicants and the VP of the District to make them aware if they were selected, as well as the Area VP's. I have also invited the winners to attend today to receive their check. As always, the checks will be made out to the recipients and the college they will be or are attending.

The breakdown of applications is as follows

	# Applied	# Eligible	# not Eligible	# Squad not in good standing
Cadet	42	26	16	8
12 given @ \$1000				
Fred Steinkopf	16	14	3	1
4 given @ \$500				
Gail Lawrence	11	7	4 (not in grad school)	
4 given @ \$1000				

The winners of the Scholarships are noted below

### **Cadet Winners**

Heimerle, Isabelle	Verona RS
Kaur, Sachleen	Kendell Park
Paradiso, Nicholas	Oakland /John Walker FAS
Paradiso, Matthew	Oakland /John Walker FAS
Phelps, Willow	Ringwood
Rao, Ishir	Chatham
Rubin, Anna	Mahwah
Schrader, Sarah	Point Boro
Sharkey, Sydney	Tewksbury FA & RS
Skrivanek, Gabriella	Sommerville RS
Trivedi, Prachet	Keyport FAS
Yau, Riley	Fanwood

### **Gail Lawrence**

Clark, Lorraine	Boonton
Cook, Sophia	Sparta AS
Nitzsche, Genevieve	Watchung
Tempesta, Frederick	Verona

### **Fred Steinkopf**

Kipp, Laramie	Sparta AS
Memon, Huda	Westfield FAS
Murphy, Jacqueline	Point Boro FAS
Tamburro, Carley	Hawthorne VAC

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

**Emergency Medical Services Council of New Jersey  
2025 Standards Committee**



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**May /Midyear 2025 Standards Report**

April 26, 2025  
Cynthia Reardon  
Secretary  
Emergency Medical Services Council of New Jersey

Dear Cyndy,

The 2025 EMSCNJ standards committee received inspection reports from 62 squads as of April 26, 2025. This represents 157 out of 492 ambulances, which were fully completed. Of the 204 registered squads in the state represent an inspection compliance rate of 35.29% for 2025. And 31.91 % of the EMSCNJ ambulances were inspected so far in 2025.

*Inspection stickers are to be replaced every year and the new date of Dec 31 of the following year is punched out. New rigs must be inspected within 60 days. And the Inspection sticker taken off any rig that is sold or traded in or transferred to another service.*

The Following List Is the Percentages of Squads Inspected in 2025 by Each Area Vice – President

EMSCNJ – Sue DeWitt, President – 35.29% (72 of 204 Squads) 64.71 *Still Not Done*  
Total Number of Ambulances -492, Total Numbers of Ambulances Inspected –157, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –335

Northern Area VP. Alison Wallin –25.96% (27 of 104 Squads) 74.04% *Still Not Done*  
Total Number of Ambulances – 251, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –58, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –193

Central Area VP – Kari Phair – 53.73% (36 of 67 Squads) 46.27% *Still Not Done*  
Total Number of Ambulances – 166, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected – 85, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 81

Southern Area VP. –Barbara Platt – 25.00% (8 of 32 Squads) 75.00% *Still Not Done*  
Total Number of Ambulances – 74, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –13, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –61

**CENTRAL AREA**

**THE FOLLOWING LIST IS THE PERCENTAGES OF SQUADS INSPECTED IN 2024 BY EACH DISTRICT VICE - PRESIDENT**

1ST District – Anthony Murtha– 37.50% (3 of 8 Squads) 62.50% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 21, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –10, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –11
2ND District – Kari Phair – 100% (18 of 18 Squads) 100% <i>Complete</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 36, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –36, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –0
5TH District – Marylyn Kampo-16.67% (2 of 12 Squads) 83.33% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 32, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –6 Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –26
11TH District – Paul Kennedy –0% (0 of 9 Squads) 100 % <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 25, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –0, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –25
14TH District – Alfred Low - Beer – 45.45% (5 of 11 Squads) 54.55% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 32, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –15, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –17
16TH District – Kimberly Iadanza– 100 % (9 of 9 Squads) 100% <i>Complete</i> Total Number of Ambulances –19, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –19, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected - 0

**NORTHERN AREA**

6TH District – Rosemary Tempesta– 33.33% (4 of 12 Squads) 66.67 % <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 33, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –11, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 22
8TH District – Barbara Nelson– 0% (8 of 8 Squads) 72.73% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 20, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –20, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected -0

<b>NORTHERN AREA ( continued)</b>
10TH District – Mary Luster–28.57% (2 of 7 Squads) 71.43 % <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 13, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –4, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected –*9
12TH District - Edna Deacon – 29.41% (14 of 18 Squads) 70.59 % <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 46, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –14, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 32
13TH District – Eric Rudd –0% (0 of 6 Squads) 100% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances –15, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –2, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected
17TH District – Mary Claire Shibler– 20.00% (2 of 10 Squads) 80.00% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 27, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –3, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected 24
18TH District - Alison Wallin – 12.50 % (2 of 16 Squads) 87.50 % <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances –34, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –4, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected -30
20TH District – Vikki Castellano – 50.00% (9 of 18 Squads) 50.00% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 37, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –16 Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 21
24TH District – Doug Chadwick– 30.00% (3 of 10 Squads) 70.00% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 26, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –6, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 20

#### **SOUTHERN AREA**

4TH District - Jim Wisnieski, Jr.– 0.00 % (0 of 8 Squads) 100% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances –13, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –0, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 13
9TH District – Steve Kurs – 22.22% (2 of 9 Squads) 77.78% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances –20, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –1, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 19
15th District – James Ambro– 37.50% ( 6 of 16 Squads) 62.50% <i>Still Not Done</i> Total Number of Ambulances – 43, Total Number of Ambulances Inspected –12, Total Number of Ambulances Not Inspected – 31

Any Questions to the Committee May Be Addressed to:  
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It is required of all patients carrying emergency vehicles to be inspected by state run inspection or private garage and a valid inspection sticker are applied to the windshield. A letter was issued to all Districts VP's and is also available on the web site. This clarifies any confusion on DMV inspections. All the standard inspection forms are also present at that site too. Any Vice President who needs EMSCNJ inspection stickers should see me at the monthly meetings. They will not be mailed please plan accordingly.

The inspection packets include a requirement for certain equipment, which have been listed as critical items; these items must be present to pass. Also, should a re-inspection need to be done it must occur within 60 days of the Initial inspection? We now require that 90% of listed items be present to pass.

Inspection stickers are to be replaced every year and the new date of December 31 of the following year punched out the number of the decal recorded and submitted with the return paperwork. Please ensure that the people who are doing the inspections receive all of the paperwork.

The Committee Wishes to Thank All Districts for Their Reports and Support so far this year.

*Daniel Sullivan*

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Alison Wallin – Member / Northern Area VP

Kari Phair – Member / Central Area VP



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

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May 4, 2025

Good afternoon,

The new grave markers were delivered and I have some with me to show and sell if needed. Thanks to technology there is no change in the price. They are \$25.00 each and the flags remain at \$7.00

I have order forms by my Supplies Display, I have most supplies with me if needed, including grave markers and flags.

Please feel free to contact me via my Council email. If I do not respond to your email within a week, please gently nudge me and shoot me an email to make sure I received it

Rosemary C. Tempesta  
EMSCNJ 6th District VP  
Supplies Chair



5th DISTRICT REPORT  
EMSCNJ MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY 2025  
May 4, 2025

The 5<sup>th</sup> District continues to hold our regular monthly meeting at rotating squads.

Squads have been kept up to date through our District Broadcast List on all EMSCNJ information received from EMSCNJ Meetings and Officers. The EMSCNJ Newsletter is sent to all members on our District e-mail listing. The Council's effort on keeping squads informed on EMS news is thoroughly appreciated. We encourage Squad Delegates to share all EMSCNJ information with their membership. Our District Officers regularly attend BOT meetings and Conventions. BOT information is, also, discussed with squads at our monthly District meeting.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Squads continue to have concerns with the Training Fund Law which passed last fall. Squads are aware that EMSCNJ officers and our advocate are working with the original legislators of the Training Fund Law to clean up some issues which will affect our volunteer squads in a negative manner. The 5<sup>th</sup> District squads are very much appreciative of the Council's time and effort on a new bill, on our behalf, to solve present training fund issues.

Online and in-person CEU classes are searched out and a listing of local EMT classes available are sent to 5<sup>th</sup> District squads monthly in an effort to assist members find CEUs to satisfy the requirements of their EMT certification and to update their present training.

All active District Squads have dues paid and our Standards Team is continuing to schedule Standards Inspections for 2025. The District encourages all squads to complete their online reports and offer District and Council help, as needed. 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 working to keep their squads in compliance, namely: Branchburg RS, 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. Thank you, 5<sup>th</sup> District Squads, for all you do for your municipality.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District would like to wish the EMSCNJ a successful 2025 Mid-Year Assembly and thank all the Council Officers, Committees and Districts for their continued time and support.

Marylyn Kampo  
5<sup>th</sup> District V.P.





**New Jersey State First Aid Council,  
Inc.**

**EMS Council of New Jersey  
6<sup>th</sup> District of the EMSCNJ**



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## **6<sup>th</sup> District Midyear 2025 Report**

The 6<sup>th</sup> District will be handing out 6 scholarships in May to our High School Seniors.

We will be having a District Wide free online class on May 13, 2025 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The topic of the class is Vulnerable Patient Populations and is worth 2 CEU's. This class is being held due to our winning the poster contest at Convention.

Currently completing inspections and assisting w/ annual reports. Our Dues are paid at 100%