

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WESTON NAMED NEW EMS DIRECTOR

Randy Weston took on the position of Emmet County's new EMS Director in mid-August 2018, after serving over 27 years in supervisory roles at Petoskey Department of Public Safety with experience in law enforcement, firefighting and EMS. He was in charge of the EMS aspect of the public safety operation for the City of Petoskey and has significant experience in training, managing, and leading first responders.



2608

911-dispatched emergency calls handled for service with the average response time was 8 minutes 49 seconds. The national average response time for a rural EMS is 13 minutes.

5066

calls responded to by EMS for service in 2018. This represents a 2.5% increase in run volume over 2017.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Emmet County EMS continues to be actively involved in the community, providing education and EMS coverage for events. These events include:

- Coverage for Sporting Events
- Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk
- 'Shop with a Hero' at both Walmart and Meijer
- Home Depot and Lowe's Safety Days
- Petoskey and Harbor Springs Open House twice annually
- Petoskey Public Safety Open House
- Career Expos for high school students
- EMS Week elementary school visits
- Manna Food Drive
- Children's Health Fair
- Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair events
- NCMC Proctor Paramedic Exams
- Harbor Springs Pool
- Petoskey Ice Arena

PLUS - Visits were made to Preschools, Women's Resource Center, Blackbird Elementary School, McLaren Northern Michigan Hospitals

1160

non-emergency inter-hospital transfers performed in 2018 by Emmet County EMS which is 10 less than last year

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ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

In September 2018, staff participated in several training programs with McLaren Northern Michigan Hospitals. The first was a 12-lead EKG interpretation program, sponsored by the McLaren Foundation, featuring Bob Page a nationally-recognized expert in the field. The second program held at Boyne Mountain was a Neurological Symposium, sponsored by McLaren Flint, which focused on the new advances in stroke care. The following day, Emmet County EMS hosted the Emergency Neurological Life support course at the Eppler Road station training facility. The McLaren Foundation provided funding for the program which involved over 50 physicians, nurses and paramedics.



EMS members also participated in multiple training programs with other agencies including Active Shooter Training with the Petoskey Department of Public Safety and the Northwest Emergency Response Team at the Petoskey High School.

EMS staff took part in the annual Emmet County Airport Disaster drill with the Pellston Fire Department, Emergency Management and Region 7 Medical Control Coalition.



Emmet County EMS employees completed 75 hours of continuing education in the areas of disaster training, bleeding control, medication administration, EM patient tracking, salt triage along with the medical control required certifications.



Emmet County EMS provided 35 continuing education programs, totaling 70 hours, to 268 members of the first responders for the following agencies: Resort Bear Creek Township Fire Department, Birchwood First Responders, Carp lake Fire Department, Pellston Fire Department, Melrose Township Fire Department and Redmond Friendship Township Fire Department.

Emmet County EMS employees are involved with the MI-PEERS Pediatric study out of the Western Michigan School of Medicine study and are required to complete four pediatric medication dosage classes annually.



Staff members trained with Region 7 in the areas of Special Pathogens Responses, Burn Surge and Patient tracking. Two staff members attended a week-long training program in Indiana for Transporting Special Pathogens Patients which was paid for by a grant from the Region 7 Medical Control.