

Suffolk County Coordinator of EMS

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The County Coordinator of EMS is responsible for a wide variety of activity associated with administering a regional EMS system. In Suffolk County, the Coordinator of EMS is also the Program Agency Director of the Department of Health Services' Division of EMS, the entity designated as the Regional EMS Program Agency. The EMS Program Agency serves as the administrative branch of the county's emergency medical services system, and is responsible for putting programs in place to ensure that ambulance and first response services meet their operational mandates, to facilitate quality improvement of emergency medical care within the region, to provide staff support for the REMSCO and the REMAC, and to provide prehospital education programs through its officially recognized Course Sponsor Agreement with the NY State DOH. The Coordinator of EMS is also the link between the EMS System and hospitals and other stakeholders, who plays an active role in facilitating disaster preparation and large-scale complex incident management, and other activities as needed to support and facilitate integration with the community's health care system.

NY State EMS Council Delegate

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The NY State EMS Council (SEMSCO) is a body that derives its responsibility from Public Health Law and carries out the mission of the NY State Department of Health (NYSDOH) at the regional level. The SEMSCO has representation from a multi-disciplinary group of individuals, including representation from each region in the state. The NY State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAMC) and the SEMSCO work closely to establish standards for medical control; out-of-hospital medical triage, treatment, and transportation protocols and policies; and the use of regulated medical devices and medications by emergency medical services personnel. Collectively, the SEMSCO and the SEMAMC are the statewide policy making bodies for out-of-hospital care. The REMSCO's appointed Delegate attends SEMAMC and SEMSCO meetings, serves on various sub-committees and work groups in furtherance of establishing EMS policy in NY State, and serves as a conduit of information between the Suffolk Region, other regions, and NY State.