

Interim EMS Medical Director - Suffolk County Department of Health Services  
Division of Emergency Services (EMS Program Agency) and EMS System  
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The Suffolk County EMS Medical Director directs and coordinates the Emergency Medical Services programs within Suffolk County and is responsible for the medical management and oversight of programs created to respond to the emergency health needs of the County. The EMS Medical Director's work includes assessment of the quality, productivity, and availability of services. In addition, the EMS Medical Director directs and supervises medical practices and procedures related to emergency response and treatment, implements medical policy, and maintains standards of performance.

Within the EMS Division, the Medical Director ensures that Division staff has the necessary medical oversight and input to carry out their respective duties within the program. The EMS Medical Director shares responsibilities with other EMS Division staff as a representative of the EMS Program Agency which is responsible for facilitating quality improvement of emergency medical care within its region, staffing the regional emergency medical advisory committees, providing prehospital education programs approved by the department, and other activities to support and facilitate regional emergency medical services systems. Finally, the Medical Director works with other agencies in promoting the aims of the program.