LTS REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

July 2025 to June 2026

Authority

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Rules and Regulations 28 Pa. Code § 1021.103, The regional council governing body shall submit an annual report to the Department.

Reporting requirements of Appendix A – Work Statement. Comprehensive Annual Report as related to, Coordinate and Improve the delivery of EMS in the Council's region.

Report is due within 30 calendar days of the end of each state fiscal year (June 30th)

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REGIONAL SUMMARY:

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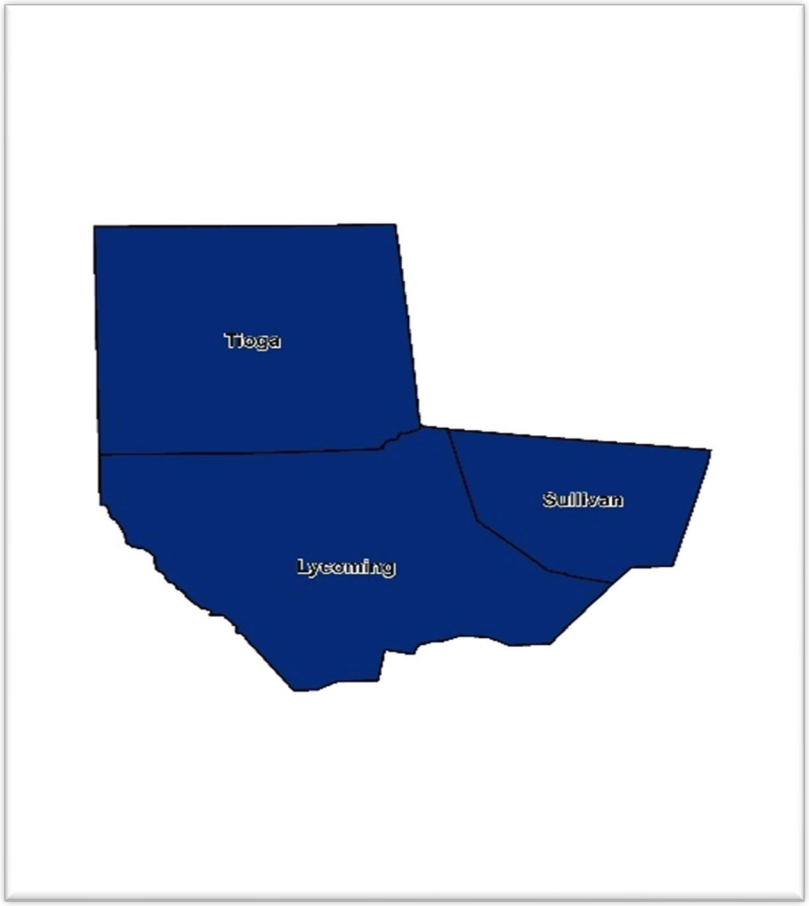
To coordinate, develop, improve and maintain a comprehensive and dynamic emergency medical services system to prevent and reduce premature death and disability. This system shall be integrated within the entire health care network. The emergency medical services system will ensure prompt, effective and unimpeded service to all residents and visitors of the Commonwealth.

SUMMARY:

The LTS EMS Council is one of 13 Regional EMS Council's designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health responsible for the management and operation of the EMS System in Lycoming, Tioga, and Sullivan Counties. The contract is held by the Lycoming County Commissioners and has been continuously renewed since 1973.

The Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from each of the three county EMS Councils that meet regularly. The Regional Advisory Council meets quarterly to vote on important EMS Operational and Funding issues. Membership to the county and Advisory Committee councils is open and falls under Federal Sunshine Laws.

Geographically, the LTS Region is in Northcentral Pennsylvania, whose northern tier borders the New York border. The region is primarily rural, with only one identifiable urban area, that of Williamsport, Lycoming County.



POPULATION BY COUNTY:

COUNTY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2020-2025
LYCOMING	113,156	113,034	112,724	113,236	112,587	-1.4%
TIOGA	41,308	40,967	40,810	40,698	40,502	-1.3%
SULLIVAN	5,859	5,845	5,834	5,927	5,856	+0.4%

LYCOMING COUNTY:

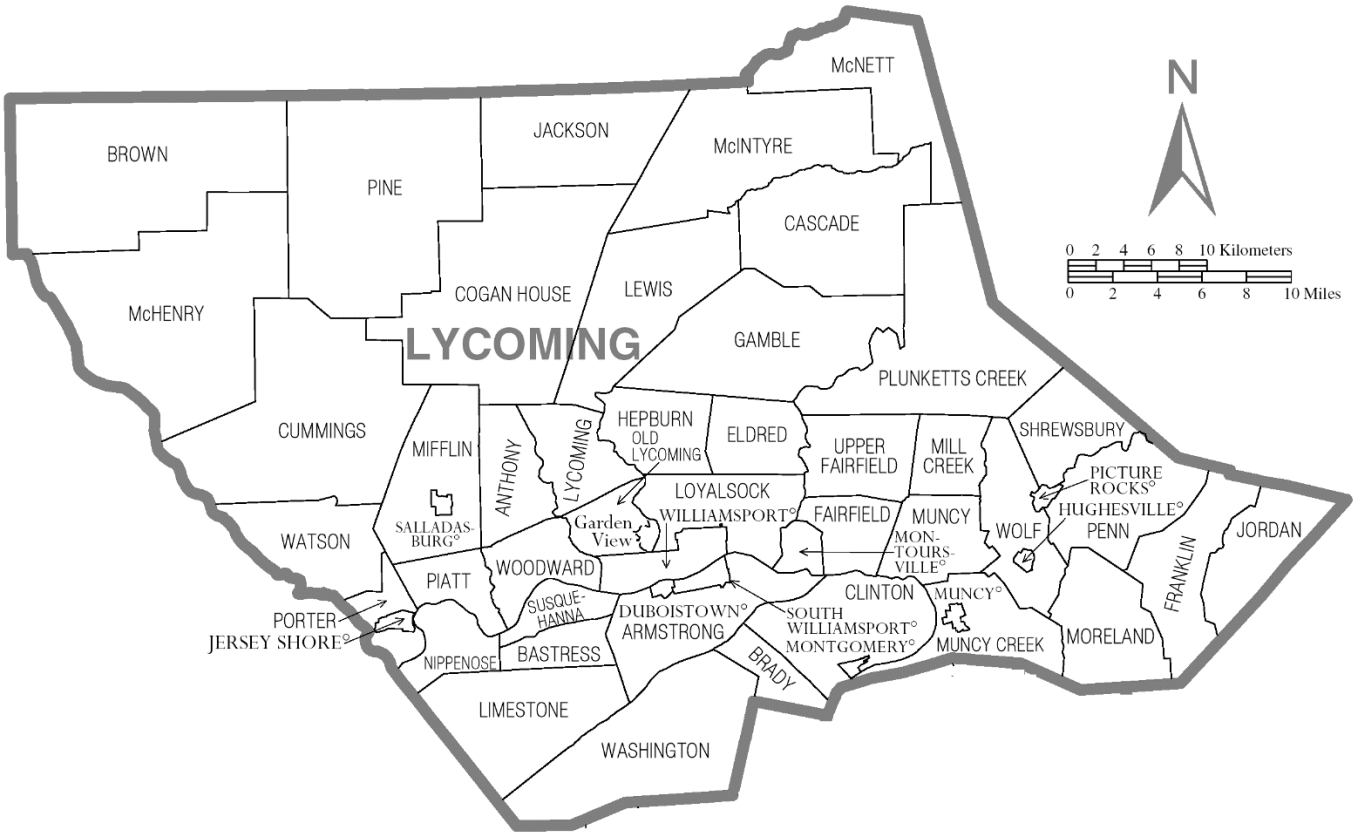
According to the U.S. Census Bureau Lycoming County has a total area of 1,244 square miles, of which 1,229 square miles is land and 15 square miles is water. Lycoming County is the largest county in Pennsylvania by land area and second largest by total area; it is larger than the state of Rhode Island.

Lycoming County is divided between the Appalachian Mountains in the south, the dissected Allegheny Plateau (which is mountainous) in the north and east, and the valley of the West Branch Susquehanna River between these.

The West Branch Susquehanna River enters Lycoming County from Clinton County just west of the borough of Jersey Shore. The river then flows generally east and a little north with some large curves for 15 miles to the City of Williamsport, followed by the borough of Montoursville as well as the boroughs of Duboistown and South Williamsport.

The river flows just north of Bald Eagle Mountain through much of its course in Lycoming County, but it passes the end of the mountain and turns south just before the borough of Muncy. It continues south past the borough of Montgomery and leaves Lycoming County, where it forms the border between Union and Northumberland Counties.

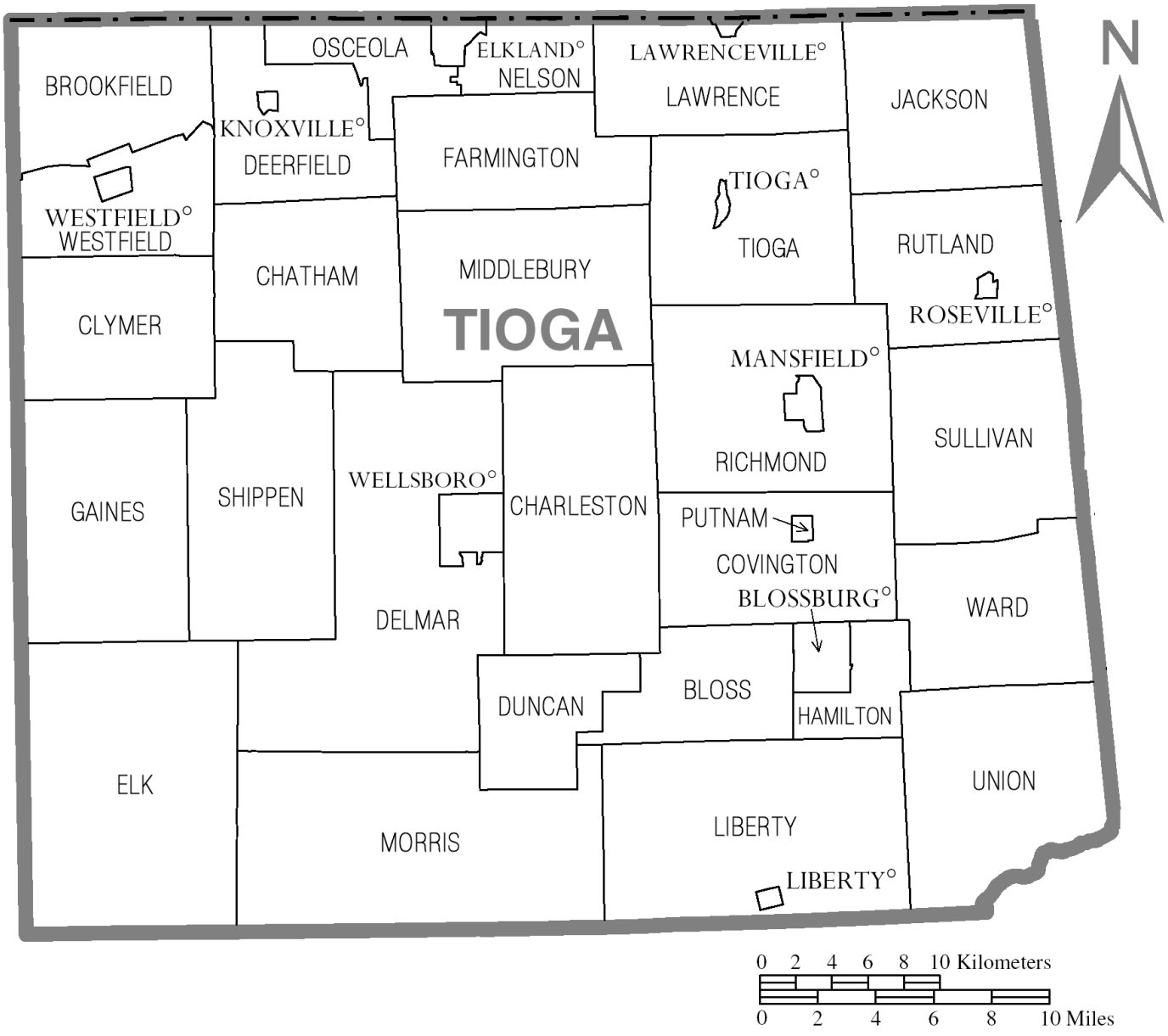
The major creeks of Lycoming County are all tributaries of the West Branch Susquehanna River. On the north bank of the river, they are Pine Creek which the river receives just west of Jersey Shore; Larry's Creek, which the river receives about 4 miles south of Salladasburg; Lycoming Creek which the river receives in western Williamsport; Loyalsock Creek which the river receives between Williamsport and Montoursville; and Muncy Creek which the river receives just north of Muncy.



TIOGA COUNTY:

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Tioga County has a total area of 1,137 square miles, of which 1,134 square miles is land and 3.2 square miles is water. It is the fourth largest county in Pennsylvania by land area and fifth largest by total area.

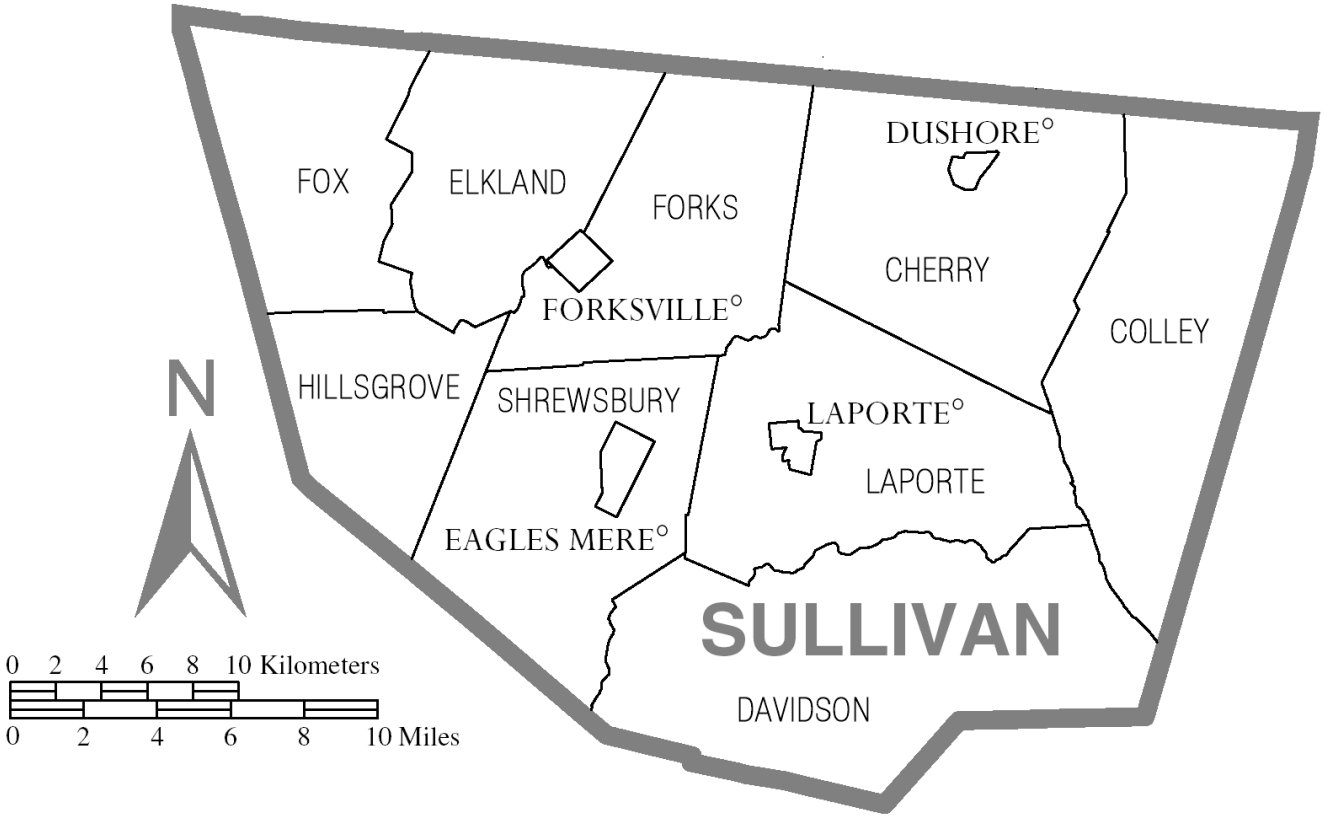
There are three Pennsylvania State parks in Tioga County. Hills Creek State Park is several miles north of U.S. Route 6 between Wellsboro and Mansfield in Charleston Township. Colton Point State Park and Leonard Harrison State Park are both part of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon that is carved by Pine Creek.



SULLIVAN COUNTY:

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 452 square miles, of which 450 square miles is land and 2.6 square miles is water.

Elevation ranges from 2593 feet at North Mountain in Davidson Township to 779 feet on Loyalsock Creek at the Lycoming County line. The county is served by Pennsylvania Route 42, Pennsylvania Route 87, Pennsylvania Route 154, Pennsylvania Route 487, and U.S. Route 220. The major waterways in Sullivan County are Loyalsock Creek, Little Loyalsock Creek, Muncy Creek, and Fishing Creek. The majority of the land in Sullivan County is forest but there is some farmland, especially in the northern part of the county. There are numerous river valleys in the southern and western parts of the county.



1. Board of Directors \ Health Council Officers

President: Paul McKinley

Vice President: Todd Winder

Treasurer: N/A

Secretary: Amber Snyder

(Please list all other members below)

	NAME		NAME
1	***Lycoming County EMS Representatives***	1	William Miller – **Ex-Officio**
2	Charles Kiessling	2	Paula Raemsch – **Ex-Officio**
3	Mike Minnier	3	Donald Gordner – **Ex-Officio**
4	Mark Trueman	4	Forest Rothchild – **Ex-Officio**
5	Josh Dorman	5	Lisa Rice – **Ex-Officio**
6	Todd Winder	6	Jason Dickinson – **Ex-Officio**
7	Tim Weaver - **Alternate**	7	Dr. Jason Schauers– **Ex-Officio**
8	***Tioga County EMS Representatives***	8	
9	Marc Rice	9	
10	Greg Button	10	
11	Julia Meachem	11	
12	Denise Ayers	12	
13	Tim Dibble	13	
14	Tyler Andrus - **Alternate**	14	
15	***Sullivan County EMS Representatives***	15	
16	Brian Hoffman	16	
17	Vicki Peterman	17	
18	Marcia Pedro	18	
19	Debbie Peterman	19	
20	Marian Klopp – **Alternate**	20	
21		21	
22		22	

2. Regional EMS Council Staff:

Executive Director: **William Miller**

STAFF POSITION	NAME
LTS EMS Council Director	William Miller
Regional EMS Training and Education Coordinator	Paula Raemsch
Regional EMS Field Licensure and QA Coordinator	Donald Gordner
Administrative Clerk V	Jena Rishel
Administrative Accountant I	Noah Hunt

3. Regional Medical Director(s)

	NAME
1	Dr. Jason Schauers

4. **Financial Statement of income and expenses:**

	Final Budget	Expended
Personnel Services	**$187,682.08**	**$140,103.75**
Consultant/ Subcontracted Services	**$219,103.92**	**$159,915.60**
Patient Services	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Supplies/ Equipment	**$31,300.00**	**$27,963.63**
Travel	**$11,998.80**	**$0.00**
Other Costs	**$95,021.76**	**$86,782.28**
TOTALS	**$545,106.56**	**$414,765.26**

5. Special Project Funding:

Projects as determined by the Department to be appropriate and necessary for the implementation of a comprehensive statewide EMS system. The amounts listed below are included in the categorical totals shown above.

CO Meter	Amount: $9,999.00
Project Narrative: CO Monitor detection provided to EMS agencies for staff safety.	
CPAP	Amount: $17,695.60
Project Narrative: With new upcoming protocol changes, provided equipment for our BLS agencies. Two adult medium and two adult large sizes.	
Patient Transfer Sheet	Amount: $30,996.00
Project Narrative: Provided equipment for our transport agencies. Two slide sheets per transport unit.	
Traction Splint	Amount: $13,760.00
Project Narrative: Provided equipment for our transport agencies. New regional equipment standard, one to each transport unit.	
AED's	Amount: $80,865.00
Project Narrative: Provided equipment for our standalone QRS agencies. One AED to each standalone QRS unit.	

6. Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

Date of the current Comprehensive Regional EMS System Plan	Date N/A
Number of Board of Director Meetings \ Health Council meetings	4
Public Outreach Events	12
Public Education Stop-the- Bleed Events	8
Public Education CPR Events	11
Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts	10+
Technical Assistance Request (local entities and elected officials)	3

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management Project Narrative:

Central Region Healthcare Coalition Meetings
PennDOT Driver Safety Task Force
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Meetings
Lycoming County Field Response & Transportation Meetings
Sullivan County Field Response & Transportation Meetings
Lycoming County Fire Chief's Advisory Board
Lycoming County EMS Council
Lycoming County Loss Prevention and Safety Committee
Lycoming County Tabletop Exercise with Seneca Resources
Penn College Paramedic Advisory Board
Lycoming County Safe Kids
Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition
SSES MS-1 Exercise
Sullivan County EMS Council
PEHSC Annual Meeting
PEHSC Board of Director Meetings
PEHSC EMS for Children Committee
PEHSC Medical Advisory Committee Meetings
Tioga County EMS Council
NCTF (North Central Task Force) EMS Committee Meetings
NCTF (North Central Task Force) Rescue Task Force Committee Meetings
NCTF (North Central Task Force) Fire/Rescue Hazmat Meetings
Lycoming County Rescue Task Force 80 Meetings

Staff regularly attends county EMS Council meeting for Lycoming, Tioga, and Sullivan Counties.

7. Continuous Quality Improvement

	Quantity
Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	5
Number of Charts Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	4,158
Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region	3
Number of Times the Regional QI Committee Met	4

Continuous Quality Improvement Narrative:

To facilitate greater participation in the Regional CQI process, its quarterly meetings have been incorporated into the Regional Council meeting and reported out in the minutes.

All licensed EMS Agencies are required to complete quarterly reports based on recommended criteria from the Committee (Non-Treatment / Non-Transports, Cardiac Arrest/AED/Mechanical Compression Devices, Patient Assisted Medications, and Spinal Immobilization).

In addition, agencies are required to submit data regarding emergency non-response. This data is compiled in a quarterly report by the EMS Field Coordinator for review by the Regional Medical Director and the Regional CQI Committee. Individual clinical cases are not reviewed by the Committee and are only reviewed by the Regional Medical Director in conjunction with the EMS Agency Medical Director.

8. Medical Direction

	Quantity
Regional Medical Advisory Committee meetings	0
Accredited Level I Trauma Centers	0
Accredited Level II Trauma Centers	1
Accredited Level III Trauma Centers	0
Accredited Level IV Trauma Centers	2
Accredited Primary Stroke Centers	4
Comprehensive Stroke Centers	0
Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers	0
Acute Stroke-Ready Hospitals	1

Medical Direction Narrative:

During this reporting period no issues were raised significant to call a formal meeting of the LTS Regional MAC Committee. Information of interest is shared with all ALS and BLS Medical Direction on a regular basis and hold voting membership on their respective County EMS Councils.

All ALS EMS Agencies in the region are actively participating in the Antibiotic Pilot Project for Open Fractures, reporting data quarterly, and all ALS EMS Agencies are actively utilizing Etomidate for Sedation and reporting quarterly.

9. Systems Operations

	Quantity
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies	12
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles	6
Spot inspections conducted – Continuing Education Sponsors	4
Spot inspections conducted – Education Institutes	2
Spot inspections conducted – Medical Command Facilities	0
Number of Safety Inspections Conducted	6
Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection	10
Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards	140
BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	7
Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.	72
ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	n/a
Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested	n/a
Certification Class Visits Conducted	42
Number of EMS Agency Re-Inspections Conducted	16
Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau	0

Systems Operations Narrative:

Field Coordinator facilitated the Re-licensure process and on-site Inspection for:

- Waterville Volunteer Fire Company – ***Lycoming County***
- Eldredsville Volunteer Fire Company – ***Sullivan County***
- Lawrenceville Firemen's Amb Assoc – Tioga County
- Montgomery Volunteer Fire Company – ***Lycoming County***
- Unityville Community Volunteer Fire Company – ***Lycoming County***
- Hillsgrove Volunteer Fire Company – ***Sullivan County***
- Sabinsville Fireman's Ambulance Assoc. – ***Tioga County***
- Willing Hand Hose Co -– ***Lycoming County***
- Muncy Area Volunteer Fire Company – ***Lycoming County***
- Williamsport Bureau of Fire – ***Lycoming County***
- Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company – ***Lycoming County***
- Dushore Fire Company – ***Sullivan County***
- South Williamsport Fire Department – ***Lycoming County***
- Plunketts Creek Twp. Fire Dept – ***Lycoming County***
- Mildred Ambulance Assoc – ***Sullivan County***
- Trout Run Volunteer Fire Company – ***Lycoming County***

New vehicle inspections conducted at:

- UPMC Susquehanna Regional EMS – ***Lycoming County***
- Jersey Shore Area EMS – ***Lycoming County***
- Erway Ambulance Service – ***Out of State, Chemung County, New York***

10. Emergency Preparedness Activities

	Quantity
Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended (only EMSOF funded staff attendance)	9
Table Top Exercises Attended / Conducted	3
Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted	1
Special Event Plans Submitted	3
Responses / Deployments	0

11. Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
10/23/2025	1900hrs	Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
01/22/2026	1900hrs	Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
03/26/2026	1900hrs	Sullivan County Station 52
06/25/2026	1900hrs	Tioga County Tokishi Building

12. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION

13. Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
10/23/2025	1900hrs	Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
01/22/2026	1900hrs	Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
03/26/2026	1900hrs	Sullivan County Station 52
06/25/2026	1900hrs	Tioga County Tokishi Building

14. Regional Accomplishments

Narrative:

Education & Training:

During this report period, we offered 2 Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) classes and 3 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes.

EMT Class 2663196 - 4 students registered; 2 students became certified

EMT Class 2663051- 31 students registered; 11 students became certified; 1 student are waiting to test at the time of this report

EMT Class 2663225-13 students registered; 7 students became certified

EMR Class 2657267-6 students registered; 6 students became certified

EMR Class 2657309-18 students registered; 5 students became certified