

Recent History of EMS in Oregon

National Transportation Safety Advisory Board Committee Report notes a "dramatic deterioration" of the system over the last 14 years (2006)

EMS & Trauma reform bill fails (2007)

ACEP National Report Card releases – Oregon receives a D and ranks 47th (2008)

Bill passes to create a Trauma Registry (2009)

Task Force is convened to create a policy framework for modernizing Oregon's EMS (2010)

Task Force recommendations bill is gut-andstuffed for licensure requirements (2011)

Emergency Medical System Governance Workgroup is convened to help model committee structures and services for EMS & Trauma (2011)

2006 2008 2011

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Bill passes to create a Stroke Advisory Committee (2013)

Bill passes to create a State Trauma Advisory Board (2013)

OHA & ORH deep dive on rural EMS – rural areas of Oregon are severely underserved and workforces are primarily volunteer-driven (2017)

COVID-19 strains healthcare system, but leads to a temporary version of EMS Modernization (2019)

EMS Modernization bill, HB 2076, fails to pass (2021)

EMS leaders testify before legislature regarding ongoing workforce shortages (2022)



EMS Modernization Workgroup

- Interviews began in June '23, first table convened in September.
- 40+ organizations and 70+ individual stakeholders
- Objective is to develop policy for EMS
 Modernization, which will pass in two parts over
 the '24 and '25 legislative sessions

Defining the Problem

Oregon EMS is currently operating as a patchwork of many different, isolated systems. The result is:

- Inefficiencies in patient care
- Inability to measure and compare
- Limited accountability for poor patient outcomes
- Lack of coherent top-down view of Oregon EMS
- Limited feedback loops on how to improve
- No cohesive ecosystem for supporting EMS
- No mechanism for disaster response

Policy Framework

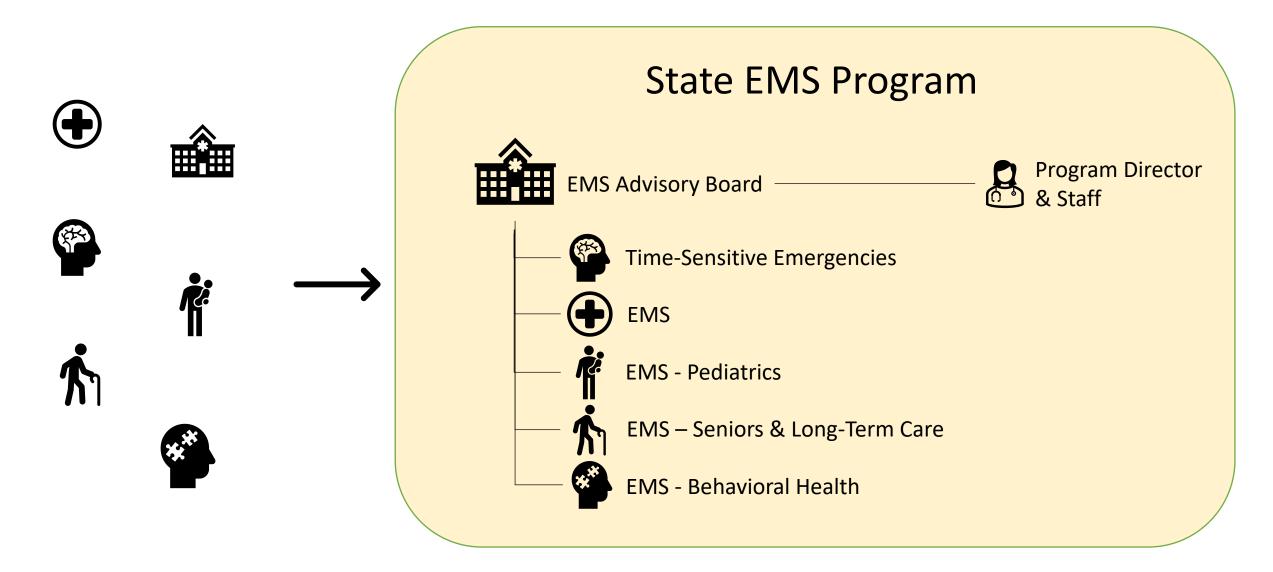
PART I (2024)

- Statewide quality standards with regional plans of implementation
- Integrated EMS Data Systems
- Coordinated communication network and protocols
- Regulatory mechanism for accountability

PART II (2025)

- Analysis of workforce needs with programs to support
- Long-term funding mechanisms
- Add-On: EMS Mobilization plan

Reorganize State EMS Governance Structure



Board & Committee Composition

Advisory Board

- 19 EMS stakeholders and working professionals
 - EMS Medical Director
 - Health Equity Professional or Academic
 - Private EMS Agency
 - Public EMS Agency
 - Non-Transport EMS Agency
 - Rural EMS Agency
 - EMS Labor Union
 - County ASA Administrator
 - Special District Ambulances
 - Rural Hospital
 - Hospital Administrator for ED
 - Nurse Manager in ED
 - Public Safety Answering Point
 - Emergency Medicine Physician
 - EMS Physician
 - Long-Term/Senior Care Representative
 - Third-Party Healthcare Insurance Payer
 - Citizen Healthcare Advocacy Group
 - Public Citizen

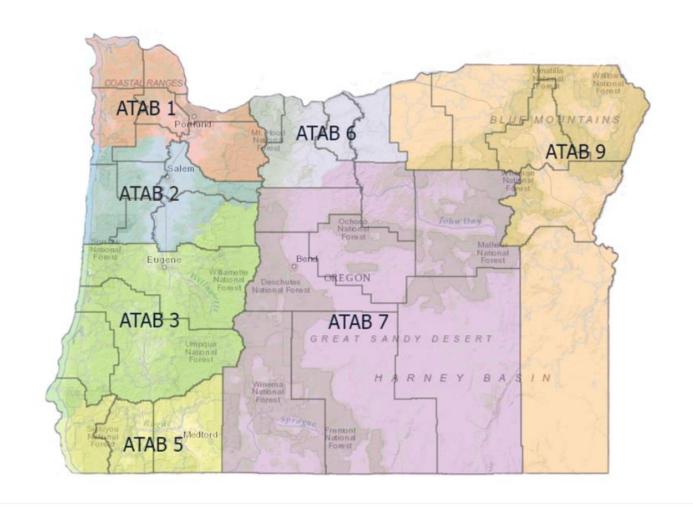
Committees

- EMS Clinician
- Physician specializing in Emergency Medicine or EMS
- TSE Committee: Specialty physician presence
- Subject Matter Experts as desired

No intended impact to existing committee or board schedules and resources.

 i.e. Current quarterly committee meetings focused exclusively on Trauma will continue

Trauma Regions -> EMS Regions









Adopt Data-Driven National Standards



Incentivize, Don't Punish (Regulations)



All NEW state EMS programs/grants in Oregon are administered by the State EMS Program.



Access is granted based on adoption (or coming into adoption) with approved regional plans.

Timeline

JAN 1, 2025	The rule-making process begins, and the program's boards are populated
JAN 1, 2026	Advisory Board, subcommittees, and EMS Regions can meet for the first time to begin their public deliberation process. EMS Regions have one year from adoption of new standards to present those standards in their regional plan.
JAN 1, 2027	Earliest date that EMS Regions can be requested to present new regional plans. Implementation timeline for local authorities and organizations is based on this date, even if a regional plan is adopted earlier: •18 months for large healthcare facilities, hospitals and EMS agencies •3 years for rural healthcare facilities and hospitals
JUN 1, 2028	Earliest date that large healthcare facilities, hospitals, and EMS agencies are requested to be in compliance with requirements of regional plans. An additional 6 month window is given for reaching compliance with the usage of any newly adopted data systems.
JAN 1, 2029	Earliest date that large healthcare facilities, hospitals, and EMS agencies should be in compliance with the usage of any newly adopted data system.
JAN 1, 2030	Earliest date that rural healthcare facilities and hospitals are requested to be in compliance with requirements of regional plans. An additional 6 month window is given for reaching compliance with the usage of any newly adopted data systems.
JUN 1, 2030	Earliest date that rural healthcare facilities and hospitals should be in compliance with the usage of any newly adopted data systems.

Thank you for listening!

Questions? Contact us!

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