



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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# *Message from the Executive Director*

Every day Kentucky Emergency Medical Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Advanced–Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics serve the people of the Commonwealth with pride. They deliver exceptional pre-hospital emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. While EMS professionals and projects in Kentucky continue to receive national recognition, we continually strive to improve service delivery and elevate our standards of excellence.



The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services strives to establish a unified, comprehensive and effective EMS system within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, ensuring that the EMS systems across our state are recognized as leaders in the prehospital care arena. We will satisfy this goal by promoting excellence through regulation, encouraging healthy communities, enhancing community support for EMS, and collaborating with public health and emergency management coordination efforts. The Kentucky Board of EMS will advocate for continued EMS integration into the healthcare community, focusing our efforts on EMS research and strategic governance, and developing and managing an organized repository of information, standards and guidelines for EMS providers.

I can proudly say that our staff accepts the challenge to support progressive development of EMS in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and we believe that through collaborative efforts with each EMS agency and provider in Kentucky, that we will enhance the health and safety of the citizens of our state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Poynter".

Mike Poynter

# Mission Statement

KBEMS mission is to ensure availability of high quality emergency medical services for the Commonwealth Kentucky through collaboration with EMS providers and agencies by:

- Ensuring quality, competent EMS care through effective oversight, communication and education;
- Advancing professionalism of EMS providers and agencies;
- Promoting the health and safety of patients, EMS professionals, and agencies; and
- Providing leadership for EMS.

KBEMS accomplishes this mission through:

- Credentialing of all EMS Responders in the State
- Annual Inspections of all EMS Agencies and initial and annual inspections of ambulances licensed in Kentucky.
- Administration of ambulance grant funding.
- Processing of all EMS related courses conducted by Kentucky EMS Training & Educational Institutions (TEI's)
- Certification and licensure audits
- Approval for students to test at the National Registry Level.
- Investigation of complaints on any EMS Responder or Agency.
- Due process for EMS responders and agencies under pending legal action.
- Administration of discipline of EMS Responders and Agencies.
- Approval of EMS medical directors and protocols
- Participation in disaster preparedness and mass casualty planning.
- Oversight and management of the EMS for Children (EMSC) Program

KBEMS also hosts and participates in numerous EMS meetings and conferences statewide and is an active member of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) and National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA).

# Vision

Through transparent practices, KBEMS will ensure and promote high quality emergency medical care across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

# Values

- Integrity
- High quality care
- Quality of education
- Competent staff
- Accountability of board, agencies, and individuals.
- Being proactive, no reactive
- Highly motivated and progressive board
- Advancement of EMS profession
- Citizen and provider safety
- Ethical standards in dealing with issues.

# *Notable Board Actions 2015*

In 2015, The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services took the following action:

- Approved a modification to the Kentucky State Protocol for the implementation of the following:
  - Selective Spinal Immobilization
  - Adrenal Crisis
- In future regulatory development and modification, the board will improve compliance with EMS-C National Performance measures.
- Promulgated amendments to 202 KAR 7:701– Scope of Practice
- Appointed Subcommittee on Community Paramedicine/ Mobile Integrated Healthcare development.
- Dr. Walter Lubbers was sworn as a new member of the board, replacing Dr. Neil Richmond who relocated.
- Submitted Public Comment regarding the Kentucky State Health Plan and it’s impact on the Certificate of Need (CON) process for Ground Ambulances.
- Adopted a KBEMS recommendation regarding the EMS interfacility transfer of IV tPA.
- Adopted a KBEMS-approved HIV/AIDS course.
- Participated as a primary partner in statewide implementation of the Kentucky “Yellow Dot” program.
- Approved Board, Committee, and Subcommittee schedules for 2016.
- Approved KBEMS Advisory Opinion regarding “EMTALA Preemption”
- Approved the purchase of two (2) fleet vehicles. One (1) Dodge Charger for the KBEMS Investigator, and one (1) Chevrolet Traverse for Field Operations Staff.
- Approved the purchase of a KBEMS cargo trailer for Mass Casualty Incident support and supply transport.
- Ratified the KBEMS Budget for FY 2015-2016.
- Adopted a KBEMS recommendation regarding a Kentucky STEMI EMS destination plan.
- Received a Project Grant of \$80,000 from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to continue support of EMS data collection efforts in Kentucky through the KSTARS program.
- Elected James C. Duke as Board Chair
- Elected Joseph Prewitt as Board Vice-Chair





# Board Membership



**Jim Duke, Board Chairman**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2018**

Representing: Advanced Life Support, government-operated Ambulance Service Administrator who is a certified Emergency Medical Technician or a Licensed Paramedic.



**Joseph Prewitt, Vice-Chairman**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2017**

Representing: Volunteer-staffed, licensed Class I Ground Ambulance Service Administrator who is a certified Emergency Medical Technician or licensed Paramedic.



**Lloyd Leslie Stapleton**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2019**

Representing: Mayor of a city that operates, either directly or through contract services, a licensed Class I Ground Ambulance Service



**David E. Bentley, M.D.**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2016**

Representing: Physician licensed in Kentucky serving as medical director of an Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service.



**Nancye C. Davis**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2016**

Representing: Emergency Medical Services Educator from a Kentucky College that provides an EMS Educational Program



**Joe Bradshaw**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2018**

Representing: Licensed Air Ambulance Service Administrator or Paramedic for a licensed Air Ambulance Service headquartered in Kentucky

# Board Membership



**Todd Early**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2018**

Representing: Private licensed Class I Ground Ambulance Service Administrator who is a certified Emergency Medical Technician or a licensed Paramedic who is a resident of Kentucky.



**Carlos Coyle**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2018**

Representing: Paramedic who works for a government agency but is not serving in an educational, management, or supervisory capacity.



**Jimmy Vancleve**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2017**

Representing: First Responder who is not serving in an educational, management, or supervisory capacity



**Andrew C. Bernard, M.D.**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2017**

Representing: Trauma Surgeon licensed in Kentucky



**Phil Dietz**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2018**

Representing: Fire Service Based, licensed Class I Ground Ambulance Service Administrator who is a certified Emergency Medical Technician or licensed Paramedic



**Joseph Iocono, M.D.**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2018**

Representing: Physician licensed in Kentucky who routinely is involved in the emergency care of ill and injured children

# Board Membership



**Aaron Stamper**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2019**

Representing: Basic Life Support, Licensed Class I government-operated Ground Ambulance Service administrator who is a certified Emergency Medical Technician or a Licensed Paramedic.



**Timothy Dukes**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2016**

Representing: Hospital Administrators



**James Nickell**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2017**

Representing: County Judge/Executive from a county that operates, whether directly or through contract services, a licensed Class I Ground Ambulance Service



**Jamey Locke**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2019**

Representing: Citizen having no involvement in the delivery of medical or emergency services.



**Walter Lubbers, M.D.**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2019**

Representing: Physician Licensed in Kentucky having a primary practice in the delivery of emergency medical care



**Michael Sutt**

**Term Expires: September 19, 2016**

Representing: Emergency Medical Technician - Basic, who works for a government agency but is not serving in a educational, management, or supervisory capacity.



# *Committees of the Board/Membership*

Members shall have a term that expires September 30 of each calendar year. Reappointments for subsequent terms may be made by the chairperson of the board anytime after September 1 and before September 30.

## **Executive Committee**

The executive committee shall address legislative issues and proposals and review administrative regulations for submission to the board including:

(a) Recommending to the board promulgation of administrative regulations, amendment of administrative regulations, or repeal of administrative regulations relating to:

1. All levels of personnel licensed or certified by the board and ambulance services licensed or certified by the board;
2. Rules and operating procedures for the board and each of its standing committees and task forces;
3. EMS Grant Program; and
4. EMS for Children Program;

(b) Serving as a resource for board staff:

1. In reviewing applications regarding requests for funding under programs administered by or overseen by the board;
2. With the development of funding programs or applications, including state and federal grants pertaining to EMS and monitoring and reviewing the grants once received by the board;
3. With creating and recommending to the board a biennial budget for the board prior to submission to appropriate state agencies;
4. With identifying, developing and recommending to the board sources of funding for its programs; and
5. In developing reimbursement programs and providing consult for emergency medical service providers.

(c) Making recommendations to the board regarding fees to be charged by the board.

### **Members:**

**Joe Bradshaw** - Chair

**Joe Prewitt**

**Jamey Locke**

**Mike Sutt**

**Carlos Coyle**

### **Ex Officio:**

**Mike Poynter**, Executive Director

**Chuck O'Neal**, Deputy Executive Director

## **Medical Oversight**

The medical oversight committee shall address issues pertaining to quality assurance, medical control, scope of practice, medical standards of curricula or other related issues as may be assigned by the board.

### **Members:**

**Eric Bentley**, Chair

**Lee Turpin**

**Todd Early**

**Walter Lubbers**

**Irvin Smith**

**Ben Wofford**

### **Ex Officio:**

**Dr. Julia Martin**, State Medical Advisor

**Chuck O'Neal**, Deputy Executive Director

## **Education Committee**

The Education Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members representative of EMS Educators in the state of Kentucky. At least one (1) voting member of the Education Committee shall also be a member of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. The Committee shall meet at least six (6) times annually. The purpose and charge of the Education Committee shall be to:

(a) Assist the board in developing a strategic plan for EMS education in the state of Kentucky;

(b) Act as a resource for EMS educators and EMS-TEIs in the Commonwealth; and

(c) Assume the lead role in formulating, drafting, and sending to the board for approval and subsequent promulgation of all administrative regulations that set the standards and requirements for EMS education in Kentucky.

### **Members:**

**Jimmy VanCleve** - Chair

**Nancye Davis**

**Lee Brown**

**Terri Bailey**

**Debbie Berry**

### **Ex Officio:**

**Robert Andrew**, Director of Education & Training

# Committees of the Board/Membership

## Data Collection Committee

The Data Management Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the board chair in the manner established in 202 KAR 7:020.

(a) Any office of the board staff member specifically employed through or designated by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) for the purpose of EMS data collection and analysis shall serve as the staff liaison for the Data Management Committee.

(b) The Data Management Committee shall be responsible for the following:

1. The development of a statewide plan for data collection and compliance;
2. Identification of information initiatives for EMS in Kentucky;
3. Identification and research of funding sources tied to EMS data collection;
4. Assistance to licensed services with questions or other needs associated with this administrative regulation, KRS Chapter 311A, and other issues associated with the board's statutory authority to require data collection and submission; and
5. Matters identified by board members, the chair, or the executive director that involve data collection, data submission, or information use.

(c) The Data Management Committee shall schedule on an annual basis at least six (6) regular meetings.

### Members

**Phil Dietz**, Chair  
**John Hultgren**, Vice-Chair  
**Linda Basham**  
**Trish Cooper**  
**Joe Prewitt**  
**Michael Singleton**  
**Bernie Ayers**

### Ex Officio:

**Drew Chandler**, Data Administrator

## EMSC Committee

The Emergency Medical Services for Children Program may include but not be limited to the establishment of the following:

- Guidelines for necessary out-of-hospital medical service equipment;
- Guidelines and protocols for out-of-hospital pediatric emergency medical services;
- Assistance in the development and provision of professional education programs for emergency medical services personnel for the provision of emergency care of infants and children;
- Coordination and cooperation between the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program and other public and private organizations interested or involved in emergency care for children;
- Assistance with the purchase of equipment for the provision of medical services for children only.
- The scope of activities carried out by and the provision of staff for the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program shall be commensurate with the availability of funds.

### Members:

**Mary Fallat, M.D.** - Chair, EMSC Principle Investigator  
**Sandra Herr, M.D.**, Vice-Chair  
**Morgan Scaggs, EMT-P**, EMSC Program Manager  
**Susan Pollack, MD**  
**Margaret Gupton, BS, EMT-P**  
**Erika Janes, RN**  
**Melanie Tyner-Wilson**  
**Scottie Day, MD**  
**Carol Wright, RN**

### Ex Officio:

**Bari Lee Mattingly, RN**  
**Mark McDonald, MD, FAAP**  
**Marsh Frontz, EMT-P**  
**David Foley, MD**



# KBEMS Staff



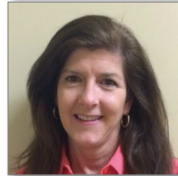
**Michael Poynter**  
Executive Director



**Corissa Walters**  
Inspector/ Liaison



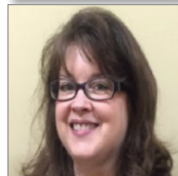
**Chuck O'Neal**  
Deputy Executive Director



**Darby McDonald**  
Senior Administrative Assistant



**Julia Martin**  
State Medical Advisor



**Janet Sweeney**  
Financial Analyst



**Paul Phillips**  
Director of Field Operations



**Calynn Fields**  
Senior Administrative Assistant



**Robert Andrew**  
Director of Education & Training



**Brooke French**  
Senior Administrative Assistant



**Drew Chandler**  
Data Administrator



**Tina McBride**  
Senior Administrative Assistant



**Morgan Scaggs**  
Project Manager– EMS for Children



**Sam Lowe**  
Investigator



**Paula Coyle**  
Inspector/Liaison



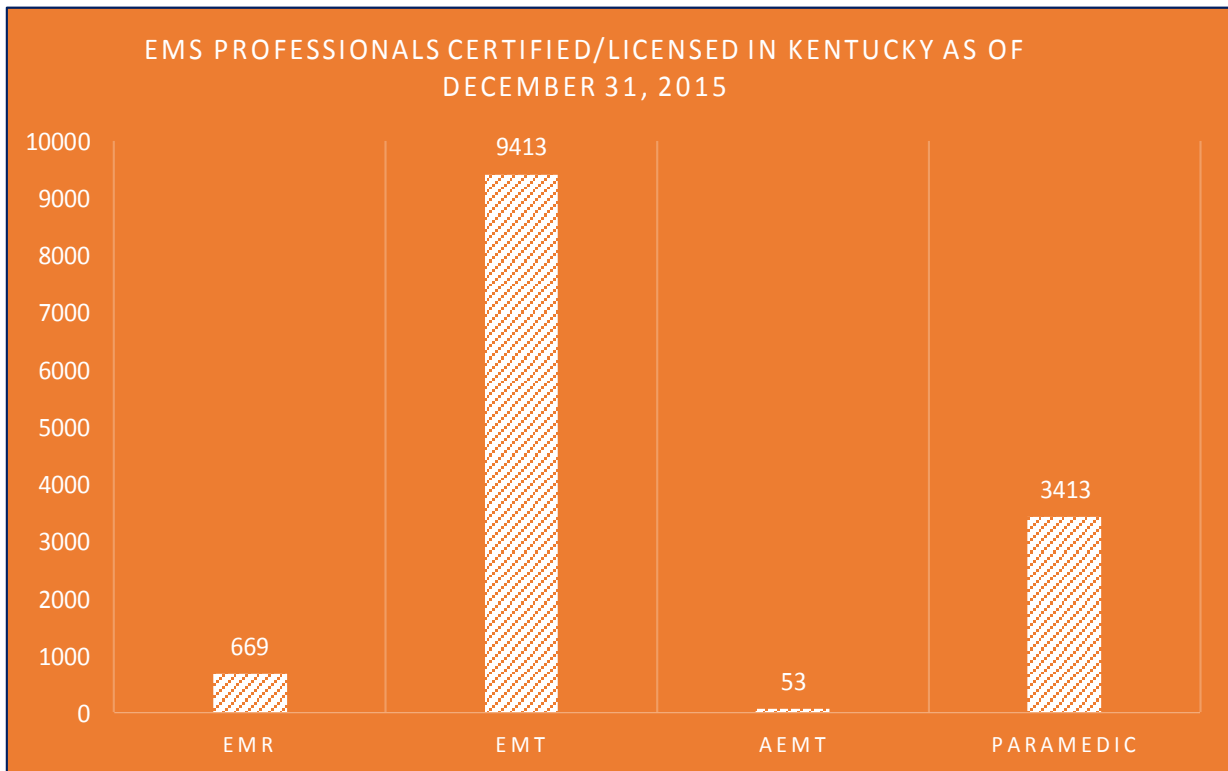
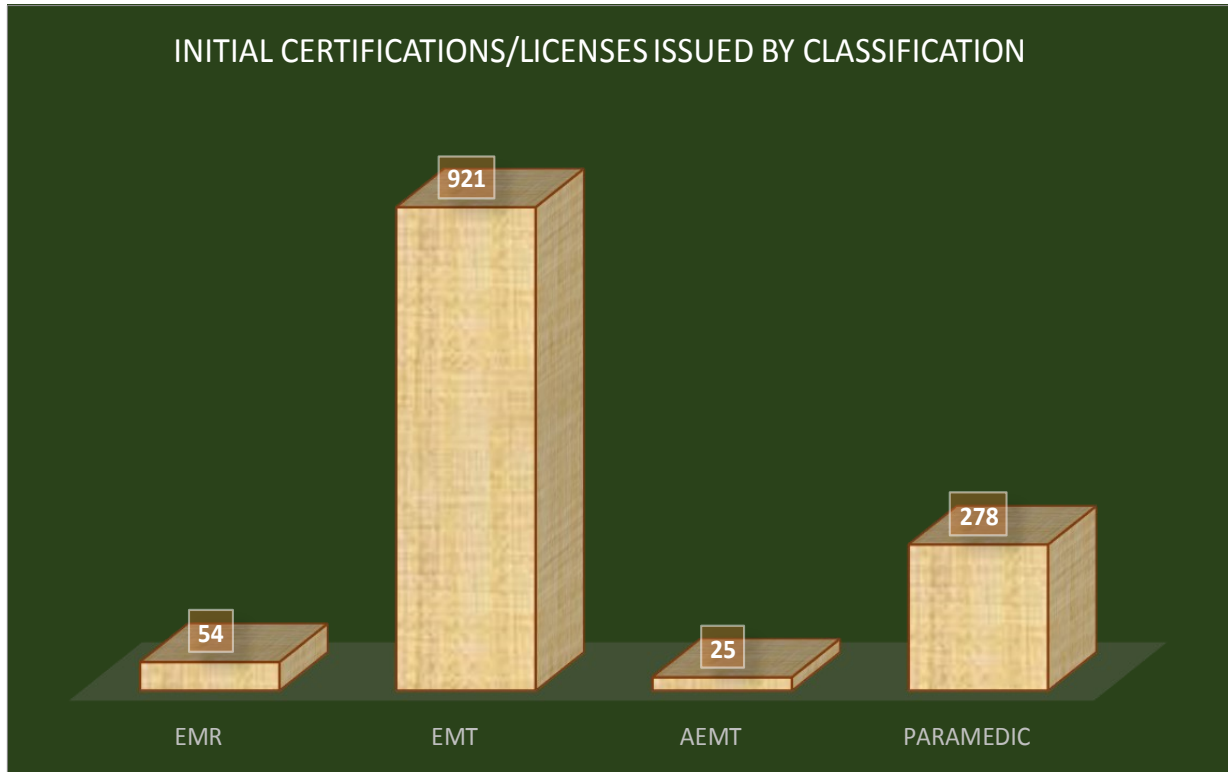
**Ray Chesney**  
Inspector/ Liaison

# *KBEMS Agency Accomplishments*

In 2015, The Office of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services performed the following:

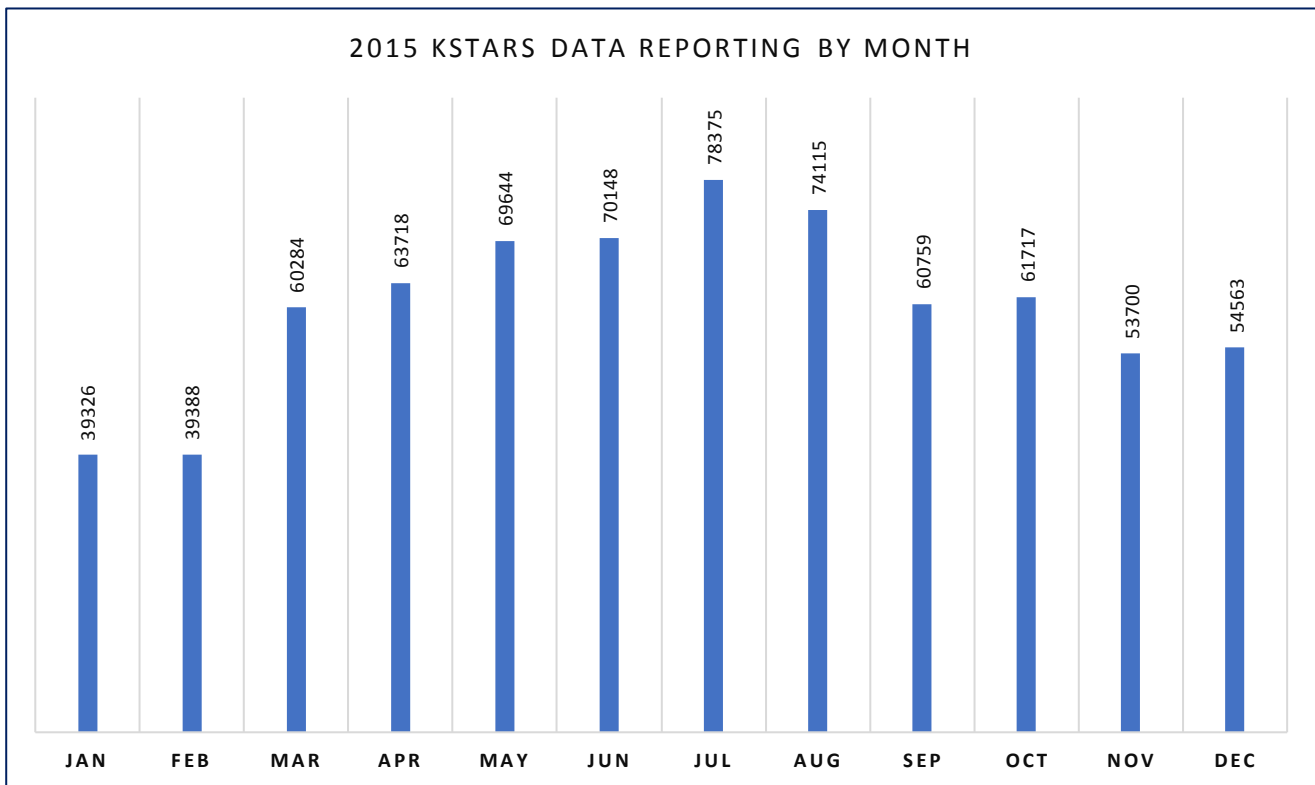
- Planned and Coordinated the 2nd Kentucky EMS Leadership in Kentucky Summit (EMS LINKS) in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.
- The Kentucky State Ambulance Reporting System (KSTARS) was the 4th state in the US to report NEMSIS Version 3 data to the NEMSIS repository.
- Executed Data-Sharing Agreements with each licensed Ground and Air Agency in the Commonwealth.
- Provided speakers and other in-kind support to the 2015 Kentucky EMS Conference & Expo.
- Coordinated efforts to partner with KOHS, KHA, KSP, and the KFC in sponsoring the “Yellow Dot” program in Kentucky.
- Held an EMS Administrator’s forum in November of 2015.
- Facilitated meetings of the revision of 202 KAR 7:501 & 202 KAR 7:520.
- Issued 5005 certifications & licenses to EMS professionals across the state.
- Ms. Janet Sweeney joined KBEMS as the Financial Analyst for the board.
- Held Quality Improvement seminars with the American Heart Association (AHA) Mission Lifeline.
- Executed a contract with the Kentucky Department of Public Health for Ebola Planning, Support, and Review.
- Developed and held KBEMS Board member orientation.
- Developed the KBEMS 2015-2016 Budget.
- Worked collaboratively with the American Heart Association (AHA) in developing the “CPR in schools initiative”
- Created and transitioned all Block Grant applications to electronic media through the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Information System (KEMSIS).
- Ms. Corissa Walters joined KBEMS as an Inspector/liaison serving the Pennyroyal Region.
- Conducted site inspections of Hospitals & EMS agencies throughout the Commonwealth as members of the Kentucky State Ebola Assessment Team (S.E.A.T.).
- Executive Director Michael Poynter appointed to the National InfraGuard Board of Directors.
- Created and implemented electronic applications for Medical Director & Medical Protocol submissions through KEMSIS.
- Hosted the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Purchased and implemented an electronic site inspection module through the KEMSIS platform.
- Coordinated forty-four (44) meetings of KBEMS Board, Standing Committees, Subcommittees, and Task Forces.
- Investigated and took action on Fifty-Four (54) Complaints submitted to the board.
- Initiated a statewide project to improve EMS responder safety on roadway incidents by partnering with the Kentucky Division of Federal Highways and twenty-one (21) EMS services across the state. The partnership will facilitate the delivery of the National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Program (TIM) to EMS providers across the state.
- KBEMS staff appointment by Gov. Beshear to the Kentucky Wireless Interoperability Executive Committee (KWIEC).
- Presented on NEMSIS data collection efforts at Image Trend's Annual User Conference & Training.
- Collaborated with Kentucky Department for Public Health on Emergency Support Function 8 Mass Casualty Annex.
- Provided guidance to fellow state EMS offices on Kentucky's electronic EMS certification and license management system.

# 2015 Demographics





# *Kentucky EMS Data Collection*

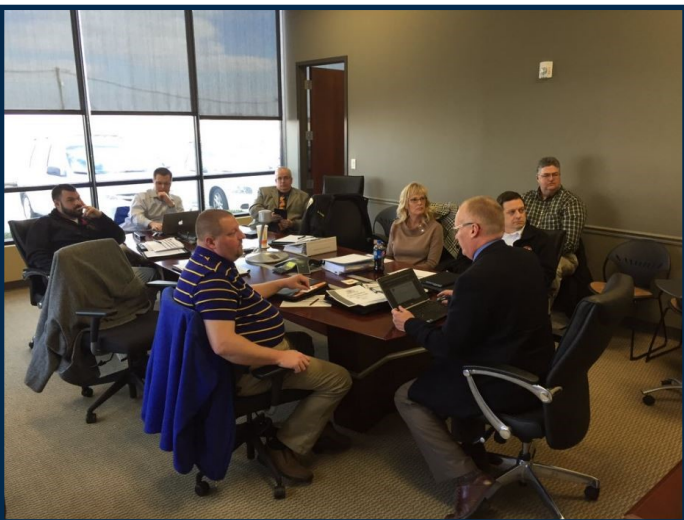


# *KBEMS in Action*





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# Current Projects of the Board

## Exciting improvements are underway for Kentucky EMS Providers in 2016!

The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services plans the following:

- Continued work and promulgation of 202 KAR 7:501 & 202 KAR 7:520
- Revisions of 202 KAR 7:601
- Creation of an EMS Line of Duty Death regulation to support the passage of the EMS LODD benefit in early 2016.
- Creation and Distribution of a monthly EMS Educators Newsletter from the KBEMS Department of Education & Training.
- Creation and Distribution of a quarterly EMS for Children Newsletter from the Kentucky EMS for Children (EMS-C) Project.
- 100% of all licensed agencies reporting to the Kentucky State Ambulance Reporting System (KSTARS) in NEMSIS Version 3.
- Marketing campaign aimed at recruitment and retention of EMS professionals.
- Promoting standardized EMS care through a revision of the Kentucky EMS Medical Protocol.
- Continued recruitment and coordination of the Kentucky EMS “Emergency Management Assistance Compact” (EMAC) teams. (TASK FORCE 15)
- Procurement of government surplus infrastructure items at no cost to the board.
- Distribution of 2016-2017 Ambulance Block Grant funding.
- Approval & Monitoring of Mobile Integrated Health/ Community Paramedicine Pilot Programs.
- Continued integration of Kentucky EMS Data with the Kentucky Health Information Exchange.
- Revision of site inspection processes by license classification.
- Work collaboratively with Community Colleges and Regional Universities, encouraging the creation of new Paramedic Educational Programs throughout the Commonwealth.
- Providing reporting tools to EMS professionals on “Site Protection through Observational Techniques.”





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