INFORMATION RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR NEMSIS DATA FROM THE KENTUCKY STATE AMBULANCE REPORTING SYSTEM (KSTARS)

All requests for data should adhere to KCTCS and KBEMS Open Records Request procedures found here: https://kbems.ky.gov/Legal/Pages/Open-Records-Request-Procedure.aspx. Please keep the following in mind when making requests for data from the KSTARS database:

A. Kentucky Administrative Regulation 202 KAR 7:540 requires that all licensed ambulance services submit EMS run reports to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) using the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) latest version. The ambulance services have two options to submit information to the Kentucky State Ambulance Reporting System (KSTARS) listed below:

   1. Direct entry using the KSTARS software (ImageTrend Elite). In this method, the ambulance service personnel use various methods to collect information and key that into KSTARS.
   2. Imported entry to KSTARS using other NEMSIS certified software. In this method, the ambulance service personnel use various methods to collect information and key that into a third-party software, which imports to KSTARS at intervals defined by the service and their industry partner.

B. We provide raw data in CSV, PDF, and XLSX formats; we are unable to provide analysis of the data.

C. We can only provide data that has been received from licensed ambulance services.

D. Please identify the specific NEMSIS Elements you are requesting. A copy of the NEMSIS Version 3 Data Dictionary is available in the following formats.

   1. Web friendly https://nemsis.org/media/nemsis_v3/release-3.4.0/DataDictionary/PDFHTML/DEMEMS/index.html
   2. Print friendly https://nemsis.org/media/nemsis_v3/release-3.4.0/DataDictionary/PDFHTML/DEMEMS/NEMSISDataDictionary.pdf

E. Please specify the timeframe for data you are requesting. The most complete calendar year available is 2016. Prior to 2016, the amount of services reporting varies widely in both consistency and NEMSIS version.

F. Please include the county name for requests with geographic area specificity.