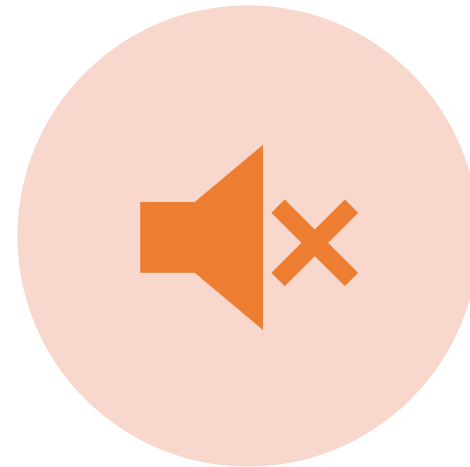


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Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

July 13, 2023

OEMST Position Updates

OEMST Position Updates

Reg. 3 - Assistant Regional Director

- Interview Process

Part time – Region 3 Safety and Compliance Specialist

- Position posted, closes July 23rd

Trauma Program Manager

Stroke Program Coordinator*

Systems of Care Medical Director*

* NHTSA Recommendation

EMS Town Hall Meetings

EMS Town Hall Meetings

Region 8 - July 12 – 0900-1200 – Sylvester – Worth Co. Community Center

Region 9 - July 13 – 0900-1200 – Baxley – Appling Co. Agricultural Center

Region 1 - July 27 – 1300-1500 – Calhoun – Trinity Baptist Church

Region 2 - July 28 – 0900-1200 – Clarkesville – North GA Technical College

Region 10 - August 7 – 1300-1500 – Winder – Barrow Co. Leisure Services

Region 7 - Sept. 7 – Location and Time TBD

Region 5 - Sept. 19 – Location and Time TBD

Region 6 - Sept. 29 – Location and Time TBD

Region 3 – Date, Location and Time TBD

Region 4 – Date, Location and Time TBD

New Level 3 Designated Trauma Center

South Georgia Medical Center
Valdosta, GA

Governor's Public Safety Awards

We ask for your help identifying individuals who should be recognized for outstanding service to their community and profession. The criteria can be found at <http://www.georgiagovernorspublicsafetyawards.org/selection-criteria/>.

- ❖ **Act of Heroism Award:** The act of heroism must have occurred within the previous fiscal year **July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 to qualify.**
 - Act of Heroism Award: When submitting a nomination for this award you need to ask yourself the question.... *Is this truly a heroic act or is it merely in the line of duty?*
- ❖ **Contribution to Profession Award:** Anyone nominated for this award should have a **minimum of 25 years of service** and be someone who has made a **significant contribution to the betterment of their profession.**
- These categories are not intended to recognize employees for *merely “doing a good job”, or responding to a call, but to recognize employees who actually go beyond the ordinary to protect Georgia’s citizens and property, or who contribute significantly to the public safety profession.*
- When submitting a nomination via the website **a letter of support from the agency head, statewide association or statewide board should be uploaded with the supporting documents of the nomination.** If one cannot be provided, then the nomination cannot be accepted!

Governor's Public Safety Awards

Please visit our website to complete the nomination form.

1. Go to <http://www.georgiagovernorspublicsafetyawards.org/> and click on **Submit a Nomination**
2. You will be prompted to *Create a New User* (enter your information as the nominator) and create a password.
3. Fill out the New Nominee Form-Click **Save**
4. Upload supporting documents related to the incident or contribution to profession, this must also include a letter of support from the agency head, statewide association or statewide Board-Click **Add Files**
5. Upload supporting documentation and Click **Save**

The deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, August 4, 2023.

Workforce Numbers

Kelly Joiner

Number of Licensees as of 07/13/2023

Level	As of 01/01/2023	As of 04/01/2023	As of 7/13/2023
EMT-Responder	311	357	399
EMT	6,391	5,819	6,221
EMT-Intermediate	4,804	4,126	4,183
Advanced EMT	5,221	4,997	5,251
Cardiac Technician	27	23	23
Paramedic	9,102	8,502	8,783
TOTAL	25,856	23,824	24,860

EMS Personnel License Renewal

Personnel License Renewal

Lapsed-Failed to Renew that are eligible to late renew – **2,296** (As of 7/13/2023)

Late Georgia Medic Renewal application available until **September 30, 2023**.

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards inside the renewal application
- Late fee and license renewal fee, \$150.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

EMS Instructor License Renewal

EMS Instructor and Instructor/Coordinator Renewal

Instructors or Instructor/Coordinators with 12/31/2023 expiration date -108

Renewal period is now open until **December 31st, 2023**

CE and Active Teaching will be accepted from day after license issue date – 12/31/2023

License renewal fee, \$25.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- 2023-Q4 EMS Naloxone Request Application
 - Q4: October - December
 - Application will open August 2023

OEMST Forms and Documents

Current Forms and Related Documents

- Emergency Medical Services
 - Public Notices, Regional and Statewide Meetings
 - License Management System
 - EMS Licensure & Verification (Agency, Personnel, Instructor)
 - EMS Initial/Continuing Education
 - OEMST Webinar Updates
 - EMS Policies, Rules and Regulations
 - Protocols and Scope of Practice
 - Post-Licensure Skills (PLS) for Paramedics
 - EMS Data (GEMSIS Elite, Biospatial)
 - Forms and Related Documents**
 - State EMS Office Directory
 - Regional EMS Systems

EMS Forms and Related Documents

Click on the section for the forms you are looking for.

Forms for EMS Personnel



Forms for EMS Agencies



Vehicle Inspection Forms



Specialty Designation Information



Miscellaneous Forms



For information regarding EMS Procedures, Forms and Related Documents contact the State Office of EMS at 770-996-3133 or your Regional EMS Office.

Page last updated 12/1/2022

New Data Policies

Dipti Patel

OEMST Data Policies

- OEMS-DM-2023-001:
EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy
- OEMS-VC-2023-002:
EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy

About DPH
> Commissioner's Message
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EMS Policies, Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia

[Official Code of Georgia Title 31, Chapter 11](#)

[Rules and Regulations Chapter 511-9-2](#)

EMS Data Compliance and ePCR Vendor Compliance Policies (Released April 2023)



- [PDF](#) [OEMS-DM-2023-001 – EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy](#)
 - The intent of this policy is to specify the requirements for data compliance and reporting for all EMS Agencies currently licensed or seeking licensure by the Department. The new addition made to the policy is specified under sections 5.5-5.7. The policy will be in effect as of Monday, May 8, 2023.
- [PDF](#) [OEMS-VC-2023-001 – EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy](#)
 - The intent of this policy is to specify the requirements, compatibility, and compliance of ePCR vendors for EMS responses from EMS Agencies in Georgia and the mandatory reporting requirements for NEMSIS v3.5 and all future NEMSIS versions. The policy will be in effect as of Monday, May 8, 2023.

Georgia's v3.5 Transition

Dipti Patel

GEMSIS Elite v3.5 Transition

- Hosted four webinars with EMS Agency Directors, Data Managers, Education Program Directors, and ePCR Vendors.
 - Webinar PowerPoint and Recordings posted on the GEMSIS page.
- Phase 1: Transition of GEMSIS Elite agencies to v3.5 (in process started July 2023) and testing of 3rd party ePCR software vendors (compliance testing).
 - Once the agency has determined your transition plan, contact Dipti Patel to discuss and determine a date and time.
- Phase 2: Transition of 3rd Party ePCR agencies (beginning August 2023)
 - ePCR vendors must be GA approved by no later than September 1st.
 - Once your ePCR vendor has been approved by Georgia, contact Dipti Patel to discuss and determine a date and time.
 - Georgia approved ePCR vendor status will be posted on the GEMSIS page.
 - Agencies with ImageTrend purchased system can begin transitioning when ready.
- All EMS agencies transitioned to v3.5 by November 1st!
- Don't wait until the last minute to complete your transition.



What does this mean for EMS Agencies?

- NEMSIS v3.5 Validation Rules
 - Total of 293 Validation Rules
 - 97 rules from v3.4 converted to v3.5
 - 14 new rules created to include v3.5 changed elements and values
 - 182 current rules updated to include v3.5 changed elements and values
- **Agencies using GEMSIS Elite Directly:** All current and NEW (optional and required) v3.5 data elements have been added to the State v3.5 EMS ePCR form and Print Report that are available in the NEMSIS data dictionary.
 - State v3.5 EMS ePCR Form and Print Report are available under each agency but made Inactive. Contact Dipti Patel for instructions or any questions.
 - EMS Agencies will be responsible to add all the new optional and required fields on your custom ePCR form and print report (if applicable).
- **Agencies using 3rd Party Vendor System:** v3.5 Schematron File, Validation Rules and Facilities List published on the GA NEMSIS page.

Additional Fields Added to EMS Form

- Also added additional data elements to **current and v3.5** ePCR form and Print Report.
 - Stoke Scale Severity Score (itVitals.096)
 - Patient Identification Number (MRN #) and Patient Identification Number (Armband #)
 - External Report ID, Number Type (eOutcome.03)
 - External Report ID/Number (eOutcome.04)
 - Another Provider on scene (non-EMS) (supplemental question)
 - Telehealth/Nurse Navigator, etc. programs
 - Alternative Disposition Offer and Result (et3Disposition.01)

Expectations of EMS Agencies

- Review the new two data policies published by OEMST and confirm your EMS agency is compliant with these two policies (available on DPH EMS Website).
- EMS Agencies are **responsible** for educating their medics on the updated ePCR documentation including data element and value changes, new validation rules, current documentation issues, etc.)
- EMS Agencies are **responsible** to complete all the transition preparation steps as soon as possible.
- Use the recommended checklists and other transition materials created to assist with transition (available on the GEMSIS page).
- Communicate with OEMST and ePCR vendor about your agency's transition plan, questions or any other changes.

Where to Find All Resources for v3.5 Transition

GA EMS Website: <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS>

Emergency Medical Services

Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition

The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma has developed some resource documents that will assist EMS Agencies and Personnel with the NEMSIS v3.5 transition. Please visit the [GEMSIS](#) page for more information.

Georgia Emergency Medical Services Information System (GEMSIS)

- ▼ EMS Data (GEMSIS Elite, Biospatial)
- GEMSIS Elite Trainings
- Forms and Related Documents
- State EMS Office Directory
- > Regional EMS Systems
- Specialty Care Centers (Cardiac, Trauma, Stroke)
- Office of Cardiac Care
- Trauma Program
- > Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

- Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition
- Georgia Approved ePCR Software Systems for NEMSIS v3.5 Data Collection
- Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) Submission Requirements/Frequently Asked Questions
- Mandatory Components of a Data Management Policy
- ImageTrend Support
- Data Related Links for Agencies and ePCR Vendors
- Documentation Guidance for Various EMS Response Types
- EMS Quick Report Form
- biospatial (Data Visualizations for EMS Response Data)

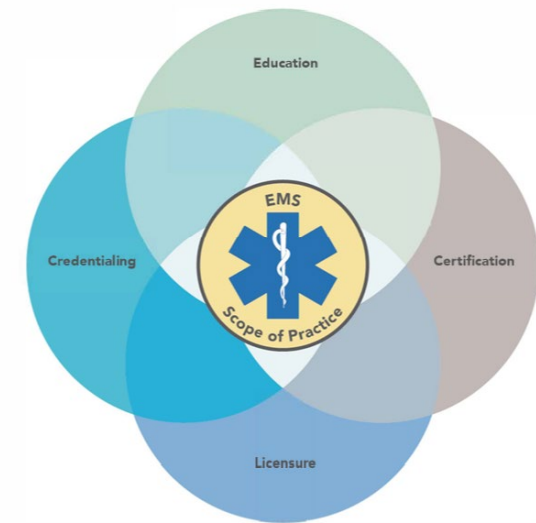
Critical Care Taskforce

Richard Rhodes

Critical Care Taskforce

The Department has developed a Critical Care Taskforce to create requirements for a Critical Care license level for Paramedics

- Scope of Practice
- Education Requirements
- Certification Exam
- Continuing Education



- *NHTSA Recommendation: Develop regulation of critical care and community EMS/Mobile Integrated Health personnel and entities.*

Upcoming

Next meeting July 18th, 10:00AM

Review Education requirements

- Determine pre-requisites
- Minimum guidelines for CC courses
- Certification Exam
- Re-certification requirements

EMS Education Consortium

Richard Rhodes

EMS Education Consortium

Next Meeting Sept 14th, 10AM – 12PM, Central Georgia Technical College (Warner Robins) and Virtual

Recently completed an update of the File Review forms

- Students will now complete a “Student Minimum Competency (SMC)
- More of a portfolio and follows a progression of learning
- EMR/EMT psychomotor exams will end January 1, 2024

Georgia EMR/EMT Transition

June 2023 – Release EMR/EMT Student Minimum Competency (SMC)/Portfolio

- This will include the required lab skills and Clinical/Field skills

January 2024 – All EMR/EMT courses approved after this date will use the SMC and **NOT** a psychomotor exam

July to January we will host Mandatory Training on the SMC rollout in each region

- 4 hour session

Mandatory Training

All **Program Directors and Course Coordinators** will be required to complete the Student Minimum Competency (SMC) update course

- Highly encouraged for ALL instructors

Course will be offered for all regions, multiple times from July – January

Dates we already know:

- August 18th – Region 8 Instructor Symposium
- September date TBD – Region 5 Instructor symposium
- December date TBD – Region 1 Instructor Symposium

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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- Town Hall Meetings in each Region (dates above)
- GEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition Webinar July 17th, 11:30am, virtual
(info on GEMSIS webpage)
- Critical Care Taskforce July 18th, 10am-12pm, virtual meeting
- EMS Education Bi-Monthly update July 28th, 1pm

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notice-regional-and-statewide-meetings>

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – August 15th, 2023, at 10:00am

- (Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA)

EMS Education Consortium – Sept 14th, 2023, at 10:00 AM

- Virtual and in-person, Central Georgia Technical College – Warner Robins

EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – October 10th, 2023

- (Virtual & In Person, location TBD)

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Regional Instructor Symposiums

- August 18th – Southern Regional Technical College – Moultrie - Region 08
- Sept 14th – Central Georgia Technical College – Warner Robins – Region 05

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe

Your Friday reminder...



You've achieved a lot this week.

Even if that to-do list still feels long,
you've made a difference just by
showing up and being you.

Time to celebrate and look forward
to weekend adventures.