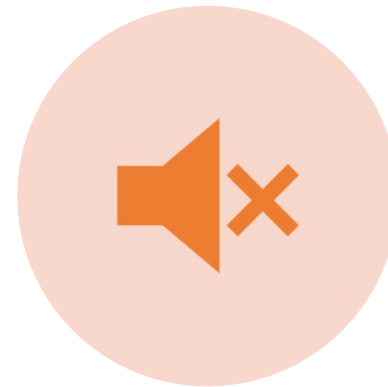


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Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

May 12, 2023

Public Health Emergency

dph.ga.gov

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

May 11, 2023

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End of the Public Health Emergency Declaration

What it means for Georgians

ATLANTA – The federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration will expire at the end of the day. Now that we have safe and effective vaccines, ample testing infrastructure, and most people have some level of immunity due to vaccination or infection, COVID-19 is no longer a public health emergency.

As a result of these and other efforts in Georgia, since the end of the peak of the Omicron surge at the end of January 2022:

- Daily COVID-19 reported cases are down over 98%,
- COVID-19 deaths have declined 97%, and
- Newly reported COVID-19 hospitalizations are down 97%.

In Georgia, the end of the PHE will have minimal impact on the public. Most prevention tools, like vaccines, treatments, and testing, will remain available. Other tools such as certain data sources and reporting, will change.

COVID vaccines and tests will still be available at no cost to the public at health departments.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

OEMST Position Updates

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OEMST Position Updates

Region 5 Training Coordinator

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State Training Coordinator

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OEMST Position Updates

Part time – Region 3 Safety and Compliance Specialist

- Position will be posted in coming weeks

Trauma Program Manager

- In Interview Process

Stroke Program Coordinator*

- In Interview Process

Systems of Care Medical Director*

- In interview process

* NHTSA Recommendation

Workforce Numbers

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Number of Licensees as of 05/11/2023

Level	As of 01/01/2023	As of 04/01/2023	As of 5/11/2023
EMT-Responder	311	357	373
EMT	6,391	5,819	6,014
EMT-Intermediate	4,804	4,126	4,169
Advanced EMT	5,221	4,997	5,122
Cardiac Technician	27	23	23
Paramedic	9,102	8,502	8,648
TOTAL	25,856	23,824	24,349

EMS Personnel License Renewal

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Personnel License Renewal

Lapsed-Failed to Renew that are eligible to late renew – **2,373** (As of 5/11/2023)

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 and Instructor/Coordinator Late Renewal

Late renewal period is now open until **June 30th, 2023**

CE and Active Teaching will be accepted from 1/1/2020 – 6/30/2023

Late fee and license renewal fee, \$50.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Fingerprint-Based Criminal Background Reports

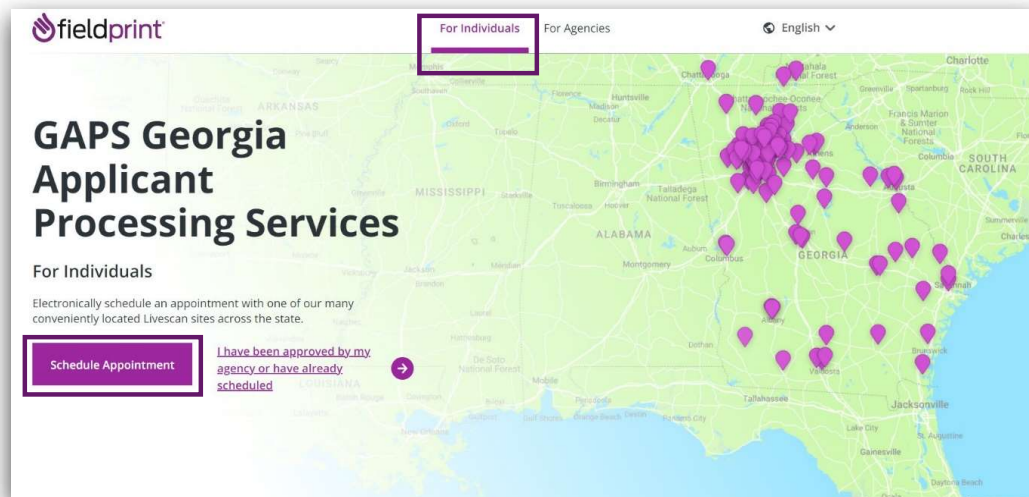
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Fingerprint-Based Criminal Background Check

Fieldprint Registration site <https://www.fieldprintgeorgia.com>

Information, registration instructions and YouTube video link has been posted to the home page of the OEMST website

- Applicants register for Fingerprint-Based Background Check
- OEMST approves fingerprint registration once a paid Medic application received
- Applicant then pay for Fingerprint Based Background Check and schedules a location.



Capnography for AEMTs

Richard Rhodes

National Scope of Practice - Capnography

- GA Scope of Practice is being updated to include utilization of Capnography at the AEMT level.
- All AEMTs will be required to complete Capnography training that has been posted to TRAINGA before their next license renewal.
- Any EMS agency that will allow AEMTs to utilize Capnography within the Agency's protocols must ensure that all AEMT personnel have completed the required training.



The screenshot displays the TRAIN Georgia website interface. At the top, the logo for TRAIN Georgia is visible, along with a navigation menu containing links for HOME, COURSE CATALOG, YOUR LEARNING, CALENDAR, RESOURCES, DISCUSSIONS, ADMIN, and HELP. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) logo is in the top right corner. The main heading of the page is "An Explanation of EtCO2 Monitoring and Clinical Application". Below the heading, there are buttons for "< Back", "> Launch", and "Save For Later". A course card is shown with the following details: "Web-Based Training - Self-Study", ID 1110203, Skill Level: Introductory, and a duration of 1h. The publish date is listed as Apr 17, 2023 12:00 AM EDT. The course has a rating of 4.5 stars (3 reviews). The description includes: "End Tidal CO2 monitoring and application in the prehospital setting. Presented by Caleb Curtis. Approved for 1.0 EMS Airway CE." A thumbnail image for the course shows the title "CAPNOGRAPHY EtCO2 Monitoring" and a waveform graph.

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TRAIN Georgia Training Plan

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To find TRAIN courses approved by the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma, please go to [LMS](#) and on the left, click on Education. At the top of the page, where it says "Select Course Type", select "Continuing Education – TRAIN", and then click GO. You will find a list of courses on [TRAIN.org](#) that have already been reviewed by the Office of EMS and Trauma and approved for CEU. Click on the course of interest, and in the description, you will find the link on [TRAIN.org](#) for where to register for the course.

Courses completed on [TRAIN.org](#) that have been approved by the Office of



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Georgia EMS CE Training

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Not Completed ID 6391

Components

Name	Completed Date	Score	Hours	Status
Required EMS CE <small>Courses marked with asterisk are required</small>				
* Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia			0.5h	Not Started
* An Explanation of EtCO2 Monitoring and Clinical Application			1h	Not Started
Approved Georgia EMS CE <small>ALL courses out of this section are required</small>				
10X Student Learning Using Leadership Skills			1h	Not Started
Transvenous Pacing			0.5h	Not Started
Identifying and Responding to Abuse of the Elderly and Disabled: An Officer's Role			0.5h	Not Started
Pressure Volume Loops			0.5h	Not Started
Pediatric Basic Airway Management			0.5h	Not Started
Wellstar Stroke Education with Dr. Zussman			1h	Not Started
<small>Expiration Date Dec 31, 2024 11:59 PM EST</small>				
Lesson 3 Dementia including Alzheimer's what public Health Professionals Need to Know			1h	Not Started
Lesson 1 Dementia including Alzheimer's What Public Health Professionals Need to Know			0.75h	Not Started
Lesson 2 Dementia including Alzheimer's what public Health Professionals Need to Know			1h	Not Started
Lesson 4 Dementia including Alzheimer's What Public Health Professionals Need to Know			1h	Not Started

- 47 courses approved for EMS CE
- 32.5 CE hours
- Additional Courses being added weekly

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Georgia EMS CE Training

Topic Areas	Total Hours Available
General	11.25
Trauma	2.25
Cardiac/Stroke	10.25
Pediatric	6.0
Airway	1.0
Instructor	1.0
Approved for PLS (TVP, ECMO)	3.75

To Correct TRAIN OEMS ID Number

Sign into your TRAIN Account:

1. Go to Your Profile (top right)
2. Click on your Georgia OEMS ID Number (left side)
3. Enter correct ID number
4. Click Save (top right)

The screenshot shows the TRAIN Georgia website interface. At the top right, the 'Your Profile' link is circled in red with a red arrow labeled '1.' pointing to it. Below the navigation bar, there are sections for 'Announcements' and 'Notifications'. The 'Your Profile' section is highlighted with a green header. On the left side of the profile page, the 'Georgia OEMS ID Number' field is circled in red with a red arrow labeled '2.' pointing to it. The input field for the ID number is also circled in red with a red arrow labeled '3.' pointing to it. At the top right of the profile page, the 'Save' button is circled in red with a red arrow labeled '4.' pointing to it. The page includes instructions for entering the Georgia OEMS ID Number based on the user's role (licensed Georgia medic, Georgia licensed EMS instructor, or Georgia EMS student).

TRAIN Georgia – Your Profile

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Your Profile

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Organization
Professional License Number
Georgia OEMS ID Number
NREMT Certification Number
Professional Role
Work Settings
Demographic Information
FEMA Student ID Number
Professional Organization ID Number

Georgia OEMS ID Number

(Fields marked below are required)

Please enter your Georgia OEMS ID Number:

If you are a licensed Georgia medic (EMT, EMT-Intermediate, Advanced EMT, Cardiac Technician, Paramedic), this is your Georgia medic license number (e.g., P000000).

If you are not a Georgia medic, but you are a Georgia licensed EMS Instructor or Instructor/Coordinator, this is your Instructor license number (e.g., I/C-A-0000).

If you are not a medic or an instructor but you are a Georgia EMS student, this is the student number generated by the Office of EMS.

If you do not have any of these numbers yet, just put "Pending" and you can change it once you get your license number.

To confirm your license number (or student number), please lookup your number [here](#) (look for "Current License Number"):

Georgia OEMS ID Number

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Critical Care Taskforce

Richard Rhodes

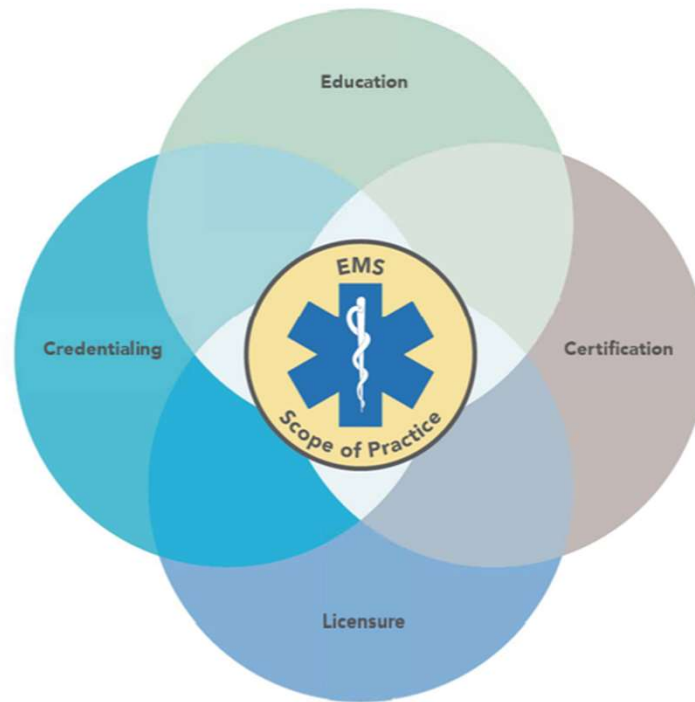
Critical Care Taskforce

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.*

Certification Schema



Naloxone for EMS Agencies

Kelly Joiner

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- 2023-Q3 EMS Naloxone Request Application
 - Q3: July - September
 - Application will open Wednesday, May 17th
 - Application will close Wednesday, May 31st

Ambulance Offload Times

Kelly Joiner

Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)

Patient Offload: is the difference in minutes between the time of the patient arrival at destination (eTimes.11) and the time of patient transfer of care (eTimes.12).

Biospatial: Transport Dashboard

- **Data Explorer Widget** (3rd widget in dashboard)
- **Ambulance Patient Offload Times Widget** (5th widget in dashboard)

Notes:

- etimes.11-**Patient Arrived at Destination** = The date/time the responding unit arrived with the patient at the destination or transfer point.
- etimes.12 – **Time of Patient Transfer of Care** = The date/time that patient care was transferred to the destination healthcare staff.

Destination Patient Transfer of Care Date/Time (eTimes.12)

The date/time that patient care was transferred to the destination healthcare staff.

Data Element Comment

This was added to better document delays in ED transfer of care due to ED crowding or other issues beyond EMS control.

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Date/Time:

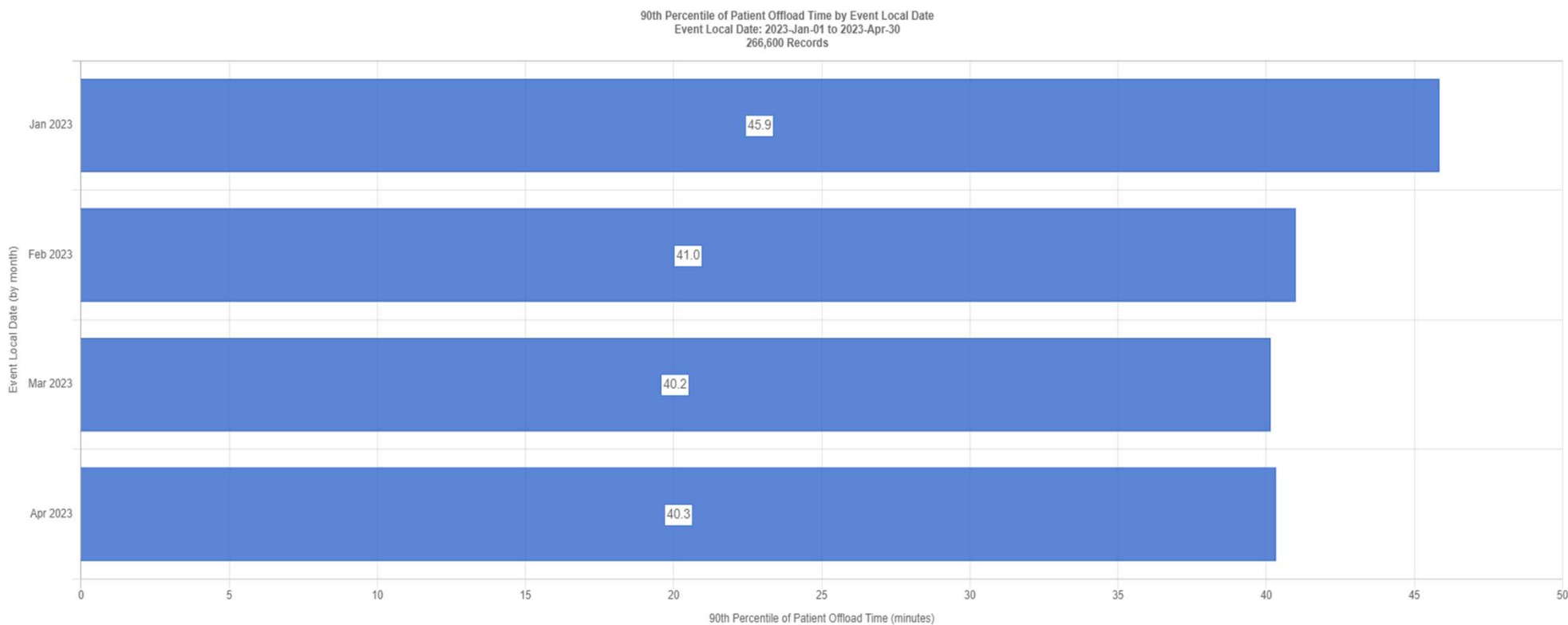
Transfer of Patient Care at Destination
Date/Time:

Unit Back in Service Date/Time:

NEMESIS.org -> Data Dictionary

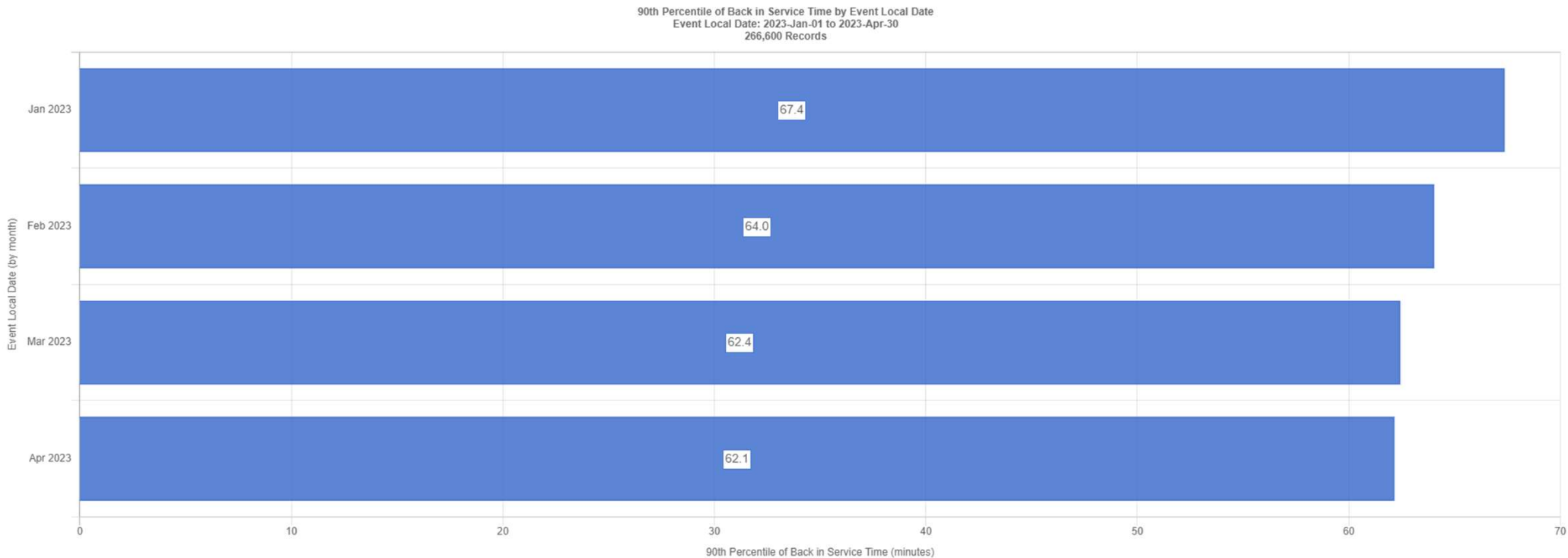
Patient Offload Time – 90th Percentile

Time Calculated: Pt Arrival at Destination -> Transfer of Pt Care at Destination



Back in Service Time – 90th Percentile

Time Calculated: Pt Arrival at Destination Date/Time -> Unit Back in Service Date/Time



EMS Armband Project

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EMS Armband Project – April 11th

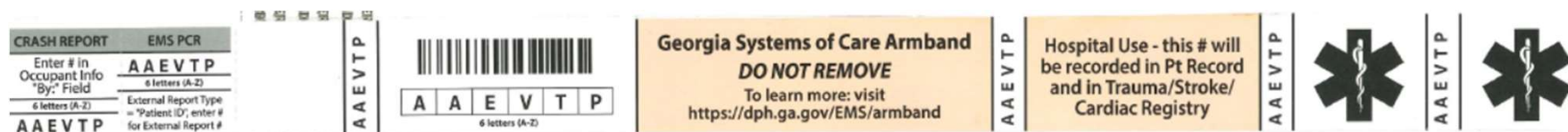
Pilot Areas: White County, Lumpkin County (LEO, EMS, Hospitals)

Deterministically link **Crash Records**, **EMS Records**, and **Hospital Records** with one unique number.

Three (3) phase project that includes Law Enforcement, EMS, and Hospital partners. During the pilot testing, Phase 1, will allow us to learn what works well and where opportunities for improvement lie before expanding the project.

Crash Related Incidents Criteria:

- All Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC/MVA)
- All MVC/MVA versus Pedestrian
- All MVC/MVA versus bicyclist
- All MVC/MVA versus motorcyclist
- All MVC/MVA versus ATVs



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
> Board of Public Health
> Public Health Regulations
> Contact DPH
> Media/Public Affairs
> Office of Government Relations
> Clinical Services
∨ Emergency Medical Services
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License Management System
> EMS Licensure & Verification (Agency, Personnel, Instructor)
> EMS Initial/Continuing Education

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)


- [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.
- [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.

EMS Data Compliance and Reporting Policy



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Policy No. OEMS-DM-2023-001

APPROVAL:		04/04/2023
	Michael Johnson, EMS Director	Date

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to specify the requirements for data compliance and reporting for EMS Agencies.

What's new?

- All medics must be rostered in the agencies ePCR system properly. (Section 5.5)
- All ePCR systems must be **configured & secured** so that the medic license number or level may not be altered by anyone other than the EMS Agency System Administrator. (Section 5.6)

EMS ePCR Vendor Compliance Policy



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Policy No. OEMS-VC-2023-001

APPROVAL:		April 10, 2023
	Michael Johnson, EMS Director	Date

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose 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.

What's New?

- Beginning with GEMSIS Elite v3.5 data reporting, all ePCR software vendors must be approved by Department to be utilized within Georgia's EMS system.

GEMISIS v3.5 Transition

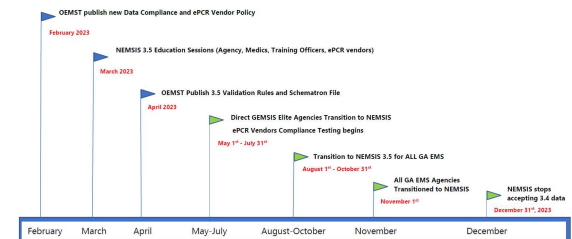
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GEMSIS Elite v3.5 Transition

- Finalizing testing of new ePCR form, validation rules, etc.
- Currently determining training dates in June with EMS Agency Directors and Data Managers.
 - GEMSIS Elite users will be switched over first, in phases.
- Developing Checklists for EMS Agencies of items that EMS Agencies will need to address for the transition to v3.5.
- ePCR Software Vendor compliance testing will begin once Validation Rules and Schematron File are published



Georgia Timeline for NEMSIS 3.5 Data Transition



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
> Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
EMS Policies, Rules and Regulations

Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition



List of NEMSIS v3.5 resources that are available for our EMS Agencies, Medics and ePCR Vendors. We will update this section on a frequent basis to assist with the transition.

- [PDF Georgia Timeline for NEMSIS 3.5 Data Transition](#)
- [NEMSIS List of v3.5 Resources](#)
- [v3.5 Key Changes Flyer](#)
- [Why Move to v3.5?](#)
- [EMS Data Compliance and ePCR Vendor Compliance Policies](#)
- [NEMSIS v3.4.0 to v3.5.0 Value Changes](#) - A NEMSIS spreadsheet comparing the differences in values between v3.4.0 and v3.5.0, with an additional tab displaying the new v3.5.0 elements with code list values.
- [NEMSIS v3.4.0 to v3.5.0 Translation](#) - A NEMSIS Word document translating datasets, elements and values.
- [Defined Lists and Other Resources](#) - NEMSIS Defined Lists in an XLS format.

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – May 16, 2023, at 10:00am

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

EMS Education Consortium – June 8th, 2023, at 10:00 AM

- Virtual and in-person, Bartow Fire Department

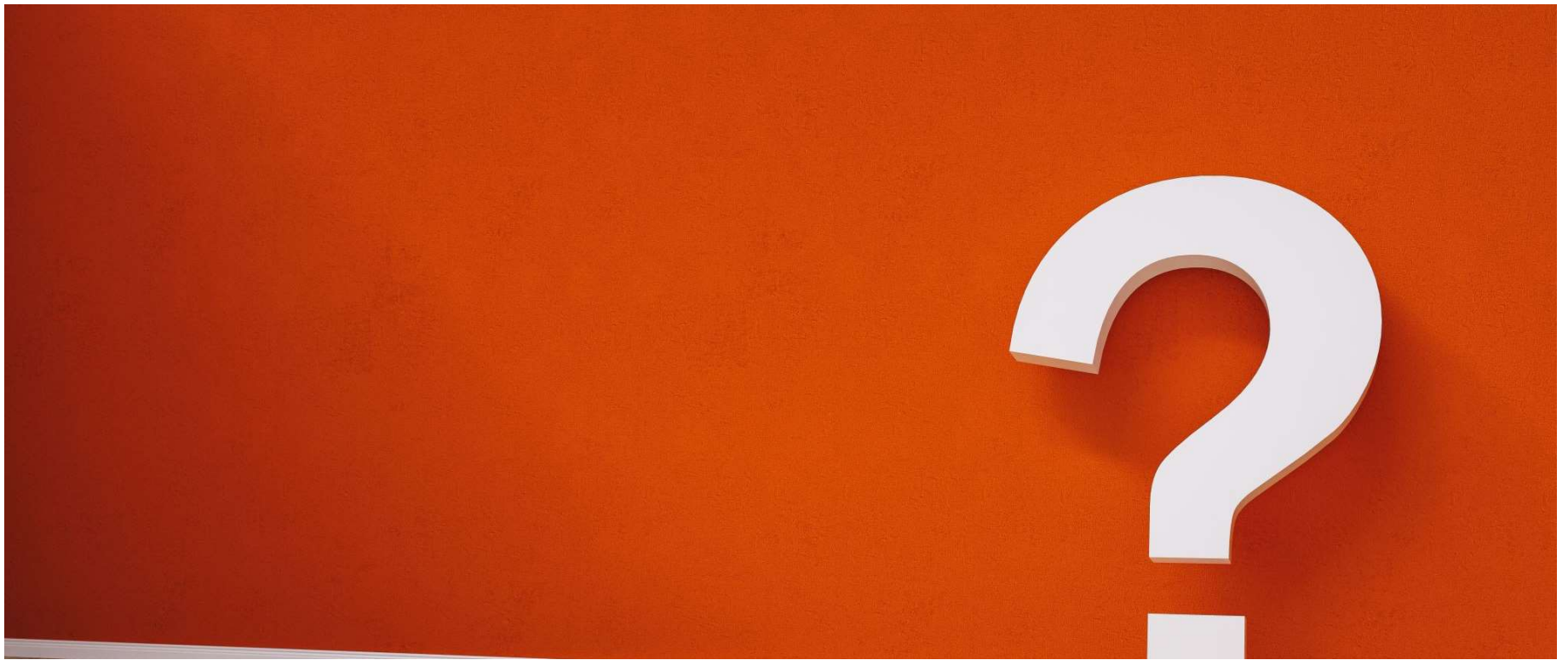
EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – July 2023

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

Regional Instructor Symposiums

- June 8th – Bartow Fire/EMS – Region 01
- August 18th – Southern Regional Technical College – Moultrie - Region 08

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe
- Watch for emails
- Send us some of your EMS Week pictures



**EMS
WEEK**

Where
**Emergency Care
Begins**

May 21-27, 2023