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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services



Service

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Commitment



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“Responding into the Future”



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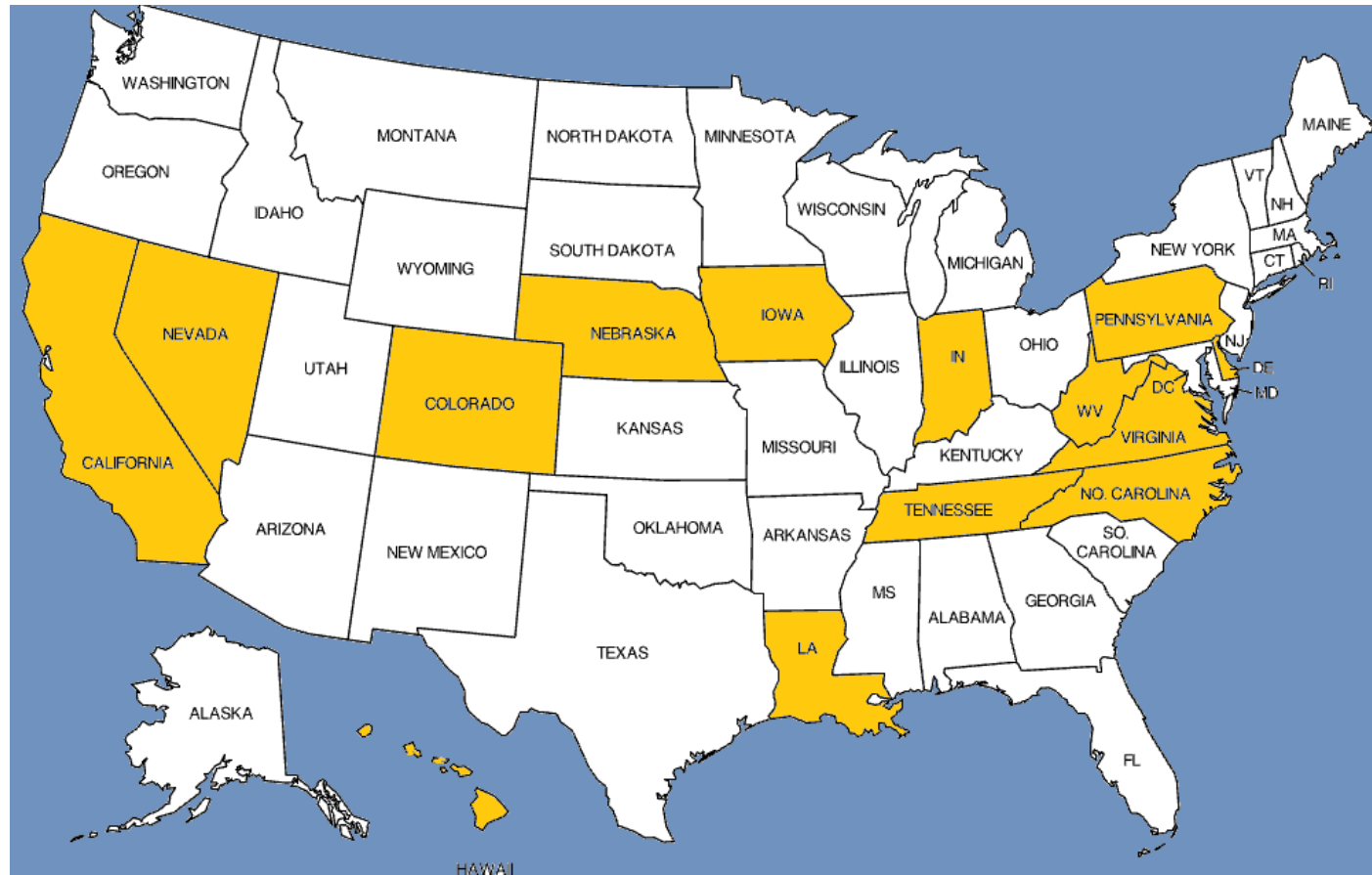
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- **Educational**
 - B.A in Emergency and Disaster Management
 - MPA with focus in Emergency Services Management
 - MS in Emergency Services Management
 - PhD in Organizational Leadership
- **Employment**
 - Bureau EMS
 - Columbia Southern University

Objectives

- Discuss the essential Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within Pennsylvania
- Identify concepts of the value added by EMS to the Healthcare System
- Explain the need for connection between EMS agencies and local and state officials

States Designating EMS an Essential Service



As of September 2022

▶ What does it mean “Essential Service”

- Legislatively identified in the EMS Act
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Municipal Responsibilities

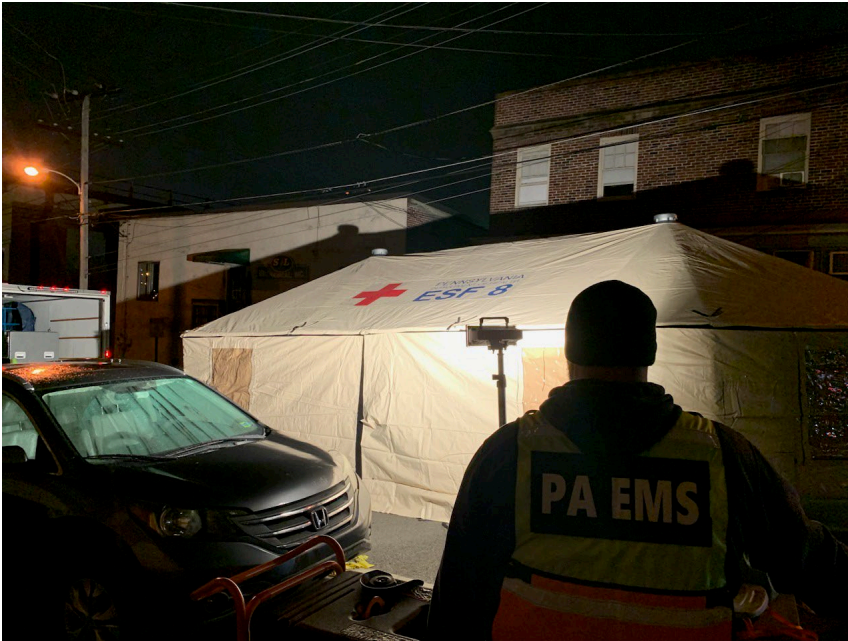
- 53 Pa. Stat. § 66553
 - “A township shall be responsible for ensuring that fire and emergency medical services are provided within the township by the means and to the extent determined by the township, including the appropriate financial and administrative assistance for these services.”

▶ What is the value of the PA EMS system

- Responds to over 2.3 million calls for service
- 1,219 licensed EMS agencies
- Over 40,000 active EMS certifications

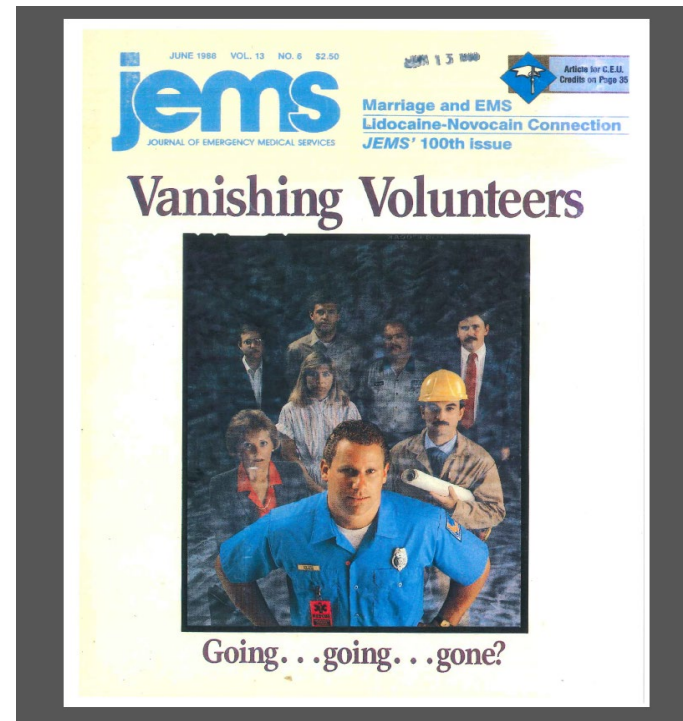
▶ What is the value of the PA EMS system

- Robust emergency preparedness capabilities:



▶ What are the EMS struggles

- Recruitment and Retention
- Wages
- Hours
- Career Ladders



▶ Opportunities for Change

- Collaboration
- Education
- Explaining values
- Dispelling myths

Collaboration is TEAMWORK!



Education – Impacts Change

- Initial EMS Education
- Continued Learning
- Constituent Education
- Legislative Education

Value – Readiness and Reimbursement



We'll Leave The Light
On For You.



▶ Dispelling Myths

