

The Oconto County Emergency Medical Services Council

The Oconto County Emergency Medical Services Council was established on February 24, 1993 at the Suring Village Hall, Suring, Wisconsin at 7:00 p.m.

Upon approval of the Council members on April 21, 1993, by a simple majority vote, the Emergency Medical Services Council shall be defined as:

Statement of Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Oconto County emergency Medical Services Council is to coordinate with all of the Emergency Medical Service Agencies of Oconto County and shall act as the resource agency under State and area wide plans for emergency medical services.

1. The E.M.S. Council shall have the responsibility for the evaluation of a comprehensive system for the delivery of services with the E.M.S. service agencies within the county of Oconto including: determining the need for services, evaluating the effectiveness of the use of resources in meeting such needs, and establishing priorities in meeting such needs.
2. The E.M.S. Council shall advise the County Board of Supervisors of the needs for improved emergency medical services, of the status of existing programs designed to meet those needs, and to recommend new programs and services as needed.
3. The E.M.S. council shall review pertinent data and projections to help in the County planning process.
4. The E.M.S. Council shall render appropriate technical assistance to providers of services in the planning and service area for E.M.S. Providers of Oconto County.
5. The E.M.S. Council shall act as the mechanism through which the voices of the general public can be heard on any and all issues relating to the provision and functioning of emergency medical care of their community.
6. Assure integration of the E.M.S. services into the larger health care delivery system. Agencies to be included are: All EMS agencies, Health Education and Health Care Institutions, Public Safety Agencies, County Board Members, and appropriate private groups and other organizations.
7. Each agency should appoint one (1) member to serve on the EMS Council and reserve one (1) alternate person to fill in for the absence of the primary EMS Council member. The EMS council member shall serve a term for an unlimited amount of time until he or she is replaced by another member of their agency.
8. The E.M.S. Council shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary. The officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

Amended August 1, 2007: The officers will serve two (2) year terms with the Chairperson to be elected in odd years (2009) and the Vice-Chairperson and Secretary will be even years (2008). This will be effective January 1, 2008.

- a. The Chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the EMS Council. In the event the Chairperson is unable to preside at a meeting of the EMS Council it will be the responsibility of the Vice-Chairperson to conduct the meeting.

- b. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Oconto County EMS Council and file them with the County Clerk for that purpose. The Secretary will also be responsible for maintaining attendance records.
9. Standard operating procedures of the EMS Council shall be as follows:
 - a. Meetings will be held at a location and time scheduled at the preceding meeting. The EMS Council may schedule additional meetings or the Chairperson giving at least ten (10) days advance notice of each meeting. The Wisconsin Open Meeting Law shall apply to all EMS Council meetings.
 - b. Agendas will be prepared by the Chairperson and distributed to the Council members advance of the regular meeting.
 - c. Minutes will be taken by the Secretary and distributed to the council members in advance of each regular meeting.
 - d. Vacancies occurring because of resignation or other valid reason will be filled by appointment of the agency represented.
 - e. Members who do not attend four (4) consecutive meetings will be automatically dropped from the E.M.S. Council unless specific exceptions are made by the Chairperson.
 - f. A simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. In the event that a quorum is not established, the members present shall constitute an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with agenda items and make recommendations to the full Council.
 - g. The E.M.S. Council may designate committees as it may deem necessary, to carry out fully the responsibilities of the Council. The E.M.S. Council Chairperson will appoint the Chairpersons and the membership of the committee.
 - h. The E.M.S. Council shall make an annual report summary of its activities to the County Board Supervisors.
 - i. All voting shall be done by a simple majority vote.