



# SENECA COUNTY

## Emergency Services



### 2019 EMS Annual Report

#### Seneca County EMS Response

<u>Attica EMS</u>	<u>102</u>
<u>Bascom EMS</u>	<u>598</u>
<u>Bettsville EMS</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>Bloomville EMS</u>	<u>219</u>
<u>New Riegel EMS</u>	<u>156</u>
<u>Republic EMS</u>	<u>147</u>
<u>Total - 1289</u>	

#### Seneca County EMS (Echo) 933 (arrived on scene to 630 and transported 259)

The Echo responded to 933 incidents and arrived on scene to 630 of them. They assisted the squad with transporting the patient on 259 Incidents. The Echo paramedic continues to be an important asset in our response to all EMS incidents throughout the county. The Echo unit responded to multiple incidents for minor complaints, as well as several severe injuries, and illnesses. The Echo unit also responded to multiple car crashes this month when all units were busy and assessed and documented several non-injury crashes. The Echo paramedic also assisted the crews with assessment, treatment, and preparation for the air evacuation of 14 patients from the scene via Life Flight helicopter in 2019. The Echo paramedic is also primarily responsible for inventory, and maintenance of our pharmaceutical stock in all ambulances and our secure storage area.

#### County Units:

1298 total dispatches/responses for the Ambulances in 2019  
County EMS units transported 761 patients to local hospitals.

Mercy Tiffin Hospital: 499  
Mercy Willard Hosp: 69  
Fostoria City Hospital: 129  
Blanchard Valley - 16  
Bellevue – 27  
Fremont – 24  
Bucyrus – 7  
Wyandot - 5  
Helicopter EMS -14

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### Outcomes

Transported by EMS – 761      Refusals/No Care Needed – 238      Cancelled –71  
Standby -101      DOA – 19      Treated/Released - 60      Transported by Law Enforcement - 4  
LifeFlight - 14

### Twp & Village Response Breakdown

Adams Twp – 4	Jackson Twp – 28	Scipio Twp - 57
Attica – 68	Kansas – 6	Seneca Twp - 72
Bloom Twp – 29	Liberty Twp – 68	Tiffin - 2
Bloomville – 122	Loudon Twp – 161	Venice Twp - 42
Bettsville – 30	McCutchenville – 1	Pleasant Twp - 2
Big Spring Twp – 52	New Riegel - 11	
Clinton Twp – 1	Norwich Twp (Huron) - 1	
Fostoria – 9	Reed Twp - 42	
Hopewell Twp – 247	Republic – 34	

\*This data does not add up to 1298 responses due to multiple patients/ambulances on multiple different scenes (i.e. crashes).

### **Maintenance and Vehicles**

Attica/Venice/Reed Joint Ambulance District – Ambulance 101 – Unit#948 – 2016 Ford E450 Ambulance

Bascom Joint Ambulance District – Ambulance 201 – Unit#950 – 2016 Ford E450 Ambulance  
Ambulance 202 – Unit#932- 2005 Ford E450 Ambulance

Bettsville/Liberty/Jackson Joint Ambulance District – Ambulance 301 Unit#947 2014 International Ambulance.

Bloom/Scipio Joint Ambulance District - Bloomville Ambulance 401 – Unit#944 – 2008 GMC C4500

New Riegel/Big Springs/Seneca Joint Ambulance District – Ambulance 501 Unit#949 2016 Ford E450

Bloom/Scipio Joint Amb. District Republic Ambulance 601 – Unit#910 – 2008 GMC 4500 Ambulance

Backup – Ambulance #938 – 2005 E450 Ambulance

Echo Unit – 2017 Ford F150

EMS Director Response Unit – 2017 Ford F150

EMS Admin Vehicle/Backup Echo Unit – 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe

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Our oldest front line ambulances are 11 years old and we will begin replacement of those vehicles in 2 years. We are fortunate to have benefited from a large vehicle grant in 2016 that allowed us to purchase 3 new vehicles.

We perform maintenance that exceeds manufacturers recommendations and exceed the service life estimations in most cases. Our lower run volume and excellent maintenance allows us to run vehicles longer than average EMS agencies.

### **Operations:**

2019 was an average year for run volume. With Bascom Joint Ambulance district running over approximately half of our runs.

Due to having 2 squads out of service for most of the year, covering the districts has become increasingly difficult for the volunteer EMS staff.

Bascom Joint Ambulance district continues to research a part paid system of EMS staffing, and no further updates have been provided regarding their progress towards that goal.

All of the Joint Ambulance Districts are in dire need of manpower, and a part paid, or full time option, will be necessary to continue EMS service at a satisfactory level.

Our average response time for 2019 was 10.6 minutes from time of dispatch to time of a transport unit (ambulance) on scene.

The average time it takes to get a first responder on scene (EMS or Fire) is 8.1 Minutes. The Fire Departments are also struggling to keep enough personnel to respond to EMS calls for service.

We are trying to meet a 10-minute response time goal with a 5 minute “chute” time, which is the time to get out the door from the station. Current “Chute” times for 2019 were 5.3 minutes. That response time is a lofty goal for volunteer EMS responders that are responding from home.

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### **EMS Joint Ambulance Districts**

Paid staffing will become a necessity soon. Finding adequate funding to provide a level of service that is satisfactory will be challenging. If we could find a way to fund 1 fully staffed paid ambulance on the East side of the county and 1 fully staffed paid ambulance on the West side of the county, and retain the remainder of the squads as compensated/volunteer, we would be better suited to meet the needs of the community.

Although, this may not be ideal, it would be a better option than having ambulances out of service due to lack of manpower.

The Bascom Joint Ambulance District has made the decision to move to a full time paid system of compensation for their EMS personnel. They continue to research and discuss different funding options for this.

No further information has been received from JLB Joint Ambulance district or Bascom Joint Ambulance District. We met with the AVR JAD and Bloom/Scipio JAD and they are discussing reimbursement for the runs that Bloom/Scipio takes for AVR while they are out of service, but no long-term option for paid providers has been discussed.

Three of the five Joint Ambulance Districts are functioning as designed and are doing well, despite having quite a bit of out of service time due to lack of manpower.

In summary, the primary mission of Seneca County EMS is to provide the 5 joint ambulance districts with the latest equipment, training, administrative functions, medical direction and oversight to operate a 911 only EMS service for the local communities in rural Seneca County.

We also help to provide a vision for the future of EMS operations in Seneca County and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations regarding emergency medical services.

We have achieved those objectives.

Now, it is time for the local governments to decide what the next steps are in securing the future of EMS service in Seneca County.

Please contact me at any time if you would like to discuss the Seneca County EMS vision for the future.

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