



SENECA COUNTY

Emergency Services



2020 EMS Annual Report

Seneca County EMS Response

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| <u>Attica EMS</u> | <u>77</u> |
| <u>Bascom EMS</u> | <u>644</u> |
| <u>Bettsville EMS</u> | <u>79</u> |
| <u>Bloomville EMS</u> | <u>209</u> |
| <u>New Riegel EMS</u> | <u>172</u> |
| <u>Republic EMS</u> | <u>147</u> |
| <u>Echo1/EMS1 &2</u> | <u>17</u> |
| <u>Total - 1345</u> | |

Seneca County EMS (Echo) 1013 (arrived on scene to 717 and transported 272)

The Echo responded to 1013 incidents and arrived on scene to 717 of them. They assisted the squad with transporting the patient on 272 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 8 patients from the scene via Life Flight helicopter in 2020.

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:

1345 total dispatches/responses for the Ambulances in 2020
County EMS units transported 758 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 -8

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Outcomes

Transported by EMS – 758

Refusals/No Care Needed – 287

Cancelled –74

Standby -121

DOA – 23 Treated/Released - 68

LifeFlight – 8

Assist Agency (Lifestar/NCEMS) – 5

*Assist Agency call type is new for us – usually the Private EMS crew needs help lifting or moving a patient.

Twp & Village Response Breakdown

Adams Twp – 7

Jackson Twp – 41

Scipio Twp - 56

Attica – 76

Kansas – 5

Seneca Twp - 60

Bloom Twp – 63

Liberty Twp – 86

Tiffin - 3

Bloomville – 91

Loudon Twp – 165

Venice Twp - 47

Bettsville – 36

McCutchenville – 1

Pleasant Twp - 4

Big Spring Twp – 74

New Riegel - 19

Clinton Twp – 2

Fostoria – 11

Reed Twp - 29

Hopewell Twp – 275

Republic – 37

*This data does not add up to 1345 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 13 years old and we will begin replacement of those vehicles beginning in 2021. We plan to replace Bloomville 401 in 2021.

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:

2020 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 2020 was 11.3 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 2020 were 5.5 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 just 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 keep 2 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.

Discussions and meetings are ongoing to determine what the future of staffing will be for Seneca County EMS.

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.

Now, it is time for the County and 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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