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## 2017-The year in review

Dedicated to the community we serve

### Highlights of the Year:

- SAEMS maintains exceptions response rate
- SAEMS training institute graduated Advanced EMS Class
- SAEMS places in service new MICU to service area
- Leadership development program prepares new supervisor

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## SAEMS continues 99% response coverage for service

2017 saw SAEMS respond to over 3800 calls for service in 35 municipalities across the Cumberland Valley. EMS and Paramedic Units from two stations answered the call on average in less than 90 seconds and arrived at the patients side in 6.5 minutes.

### Primary Response Statistics:

• Ship Boro	884	• Lower Mifflin	51
• Ship Townsp	785	• Greene	48
• SH Cumberland	591	• Upper Mifflin	20
• SH Franklin	569	• Newburg	14
• Hopewell	174	• Orrstown	14
• West Penn	163	• Cook	13
• Penn	121		
• Newville Boro	88		



## Advanced EMT Class graduates with 100% first time practical pass

SAEMS training division graduated seven Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians whom went forth in September to boast a 100% first time state practical pass rate. There are currently less than 100 Advanced EMT's in the state. SAEMS is one of the only departments utilizing these valuable providers to expand our Advanced Life Support capabilities in the region



## SAEMS places in service 'new' MICU to service area

SAEMS has placed in service a refurbished 2009 GMC 4500 ambulance which is licensed to Pennsylvania Mobile Intensive Care Unit standard. Recognizing the escalation costs of new ambulance construction that exceed \$200,000, SAEMS leadership partnered with Mercersburg Fire Department to purchase a used ambulance to be refurbished for service. This ambulance was placed in service for half the cost of a

new unit. Through the generous support of the community as well as Southampton Franklin, Shippensburg Township, Newburg Boro, Cook Township, Lurgan Township and South Newton Township this unit was made a reality. This ambulance replaced a 2002 unit

with nearly 250,000 miles. It is state of the art with cutting edge safety features for crews and patients.



## SAEMS Trains with and Equips Shippensburg Memorial Park Pool for Emergencies



Summertime brings family and fun together. The Shippensburg Memorial Park Pool is central to bringing our community together. In August SAEMS staff participated in joint training with the lifeguards of the pool to better prepare both agencies to respond to emergencies. Training included removing injured patients from the water and slides, treating medical emergencies and testing the response capabilities and work-

ing relationship of the teams. As a result of the training SAEMS recognized a need to provide for an on site AED to treat sudden cardiac arrest. We are proud to have donated an AED to the memorial park to ensure your loved are safe. Our ongoing commitment to partnering with our community agencies ensures your loves ones can enjoy the summer as they should.



## SAEMS Staff certifies over 250 people in CPR



SAEMS believes that our citizens are a vital component of the emergency medical system. In 2017 we certified over 265 members of our community in CPR. Beyond that we provided countless community based non-certified CPR training for daycares, senior centers and the community at large. This training is essential to recognizing life threatening sudden cardiac arrest. Because of our efforts we received a \$2500 Community Grant from UPMC to further expand our program in 2018. We will be reaching out to our com-

munity to train and educate even more citizens in CPR and now emergency bleeding control techniques. Working with our community will allow us to put hundreds of knowledgeable emergency responders on the street to assist us in your time of need.



## SAEMS RESCUE TASK FORCE TRAINS FOR ACTIVE ASSAILANT INCIDENTS

On October 9th SAEMS staff in conjunction with the Shippensburg Police Dept, Shippensburg University and Shippensburg Fire Department participated in a drill to evaluate our capabilities for response to an active shooter incident in our schools. Recognizing the increasing danger from these terrible tragedies SAEMS leadership has launched the development of a Rescue Task Force (RTF) program to provide immediate life saving treatment to emergency responders, victims and citizens involved in a potential active shooter incident. Responding with two fully staffed RTF teams, three transport units and a shift commander

this tactical unit was able to integrate with law enforcement officers to treat patients while still containing the threat. The RTF program is essential to saving lives. In minutes you can die from bleeding and traumatic injuries. Our highly trained team will arrive quickly at the scene to stabilize you and provide rapid extraction to safety. Our team has been pursuing agreements with the Shippensburg Boro police department to promote interdepartmental training and standardized responses. So far the community has stepped up to support the purchase of protective equipment and supplies for this team. In 2018 we will be

launching a nationally certified training program which will be offered to neighboring EMS responders and law enforcement to meet this threat and ensure the safety of our community.



## SAEMS STAFF TRAIN FOR TECHINICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS

SAEMS had a proactive year expanding their response capabilities. Staff participated in Rescue Task Force, Water Rescue, Vehicle Extrication and Hazardous Materials Operations programs. Being ready to meet the challenging demands these technical calls in vital to ensuring rapid life saving care. Our staff are committed to

training and practicing these essential skills so they are ready in your time of need. Our department maintains fully staffed paramedic and EMS transport units around the clock with highly trained and qualified technicians. When you need us we will be there, ready and able to do what it takes to save you or your loved ones life.



## SAEMS Maintains State "Master" accreditation for Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program



The SAEMS Operations program again obtained "Master" status for their proactive specialized equipment, education and community outreach program aimed at decreasing morbidity and mortality amongst children.



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Shippensburg Area EMS is the regional provider of high quality emergency life saving care and education. Our dedicated team of career and volunteer staff stand ready to serve you 24 hours a day seven days a week. Operating two stations and a fleet of six ambulance and two advanced life support interceptors we serve 21 municipalities and over 400 square miles of service area. Our high level of service is only possible by the generous support of our community. The greater Shippensburg Community has been instrumental in allowing us to expand and adapt to meet the challenges of health care in today's world. We are truly grateful for the people we serve.

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## SAEMS Leadership Training Program-A Path for the Future

SAEMS recognizes the need to provide high quality training to ensure our future leaders are prepared to meet the challenging demands of the healthcare industry. SAEMS management collaborated with nationally renowned emergency medical care leaders to develop an intense leadership training program and promotional process for our staff. Partnering with Shippensburg University, The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services, VFIS, Sussex County, DE Emergency Medical Services, Harford County, MD Fire and EMS, Washington County, MD Fire

and EMS, The Pennsylvania EHSF, Blue Ridge Community and Technical Institute and numerous other agencies SAEMS has developed a multiple stage leadership development course to train and test the academic, cognitive and real world skills of promotional candidates. This program allows for advancement and the ability for staff to choose what role they play in the future of EMS in our community. Currently 12 staff members are in first stages of the development program which will allow them to become mentors and first line supervisors for our ever ex-

panding service. This new group of aspiring leaders will grow with our department, bring new ideas in leadership and allow us ensure that we can be the best we can be for many years to come.

