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ALABAMA

Responsible certification agency. State Board of Health.

Number of permanent state EMS office staff members. 21.

Federal/government funding. Approximately \$178,000 DOT/OHTS, plus \$815,000 for State EMS Division; \$4.3 million divided among Alabama EMS Education Commission, 6 regional EMS lead agencies for administration and regional equipment grants, regional EMS lead agencies/systems.

Unique funding methods. Regional lead agencies are supported predominantly by Special Education Trust Funds.

Important changes and developments within the last year. ALS and treatment protocols drafted and implemented. New EMS rules have been drafted and will be implemented in November 1996.

ALASKA

Responsible certification agency. *EMT-I, EMT-II, or EMT-III:* EMS Section, Department of Health and Social Services. *Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics:* Alaska State Medical Board, Department of Commerce and Economic Development. Physicians are involved in all levels of certification. In addition, a Memorandum of Agreement has been developed between the Alaska State Medical Board and the EMS Section.

Number of permanent state EMS office staff members. 8.

Federal/government funding. Federal funds: \$465,000; state grants to regions, \$1,556,077; state EMS capital equipment: \$717,730; State EMS Advisory Council: \$14,632; Federal Highway Safety: \$20,000; State EMS office: \$454,000.

State funds allocated to run state EMS office. \$400,000.

Unique funding methods. Some regional offices receive project income by contracting with other agencies to provide training or continuing education, and some receive project income from published materials.

Statewide data-gathering system. We survey ambulance services annually on types of calls, response times, etc., and we have a statewide trauma registry with data from every hospital.

Important EMS changes and developments within the past year. In May 1996, regulations went into effect which implemented the United States Department of Transportation EMT-Basic Curriculum throughout Alaska. In October 1996, regulations became effective which put in place a statewide system for the identification of, and response to, do-not-resuscitate patients.

ARIZONA

Responsible certification agency. Arizona Department of Health Services. This certification group includes a physician.

Number of permanent state EMS office staff members. 30

Federal/government funding. None.

State funds to run state EMS office. None.

Unique funding methods. Funding of \$2.7 million from assessment on civil, criminal, and local ordinance violations.

Important changes and developments within the last year. Authority to Director to integrate EMS services and facilities located out of state into Arizona's EMS system through contractual arrangements.

ARKANSAS

Responsible certification agency. Division of EMS & Trauma Systems, Arkansas Department of Health. Dr. Marvin Leibovich is Arkansas' EMS Medical Director. All ALS services must have medical director.

Number of permanent state EMS office staff members. 11 professional, 2 clerical.

Federal/government funding. N/A.

State funds allocated to run state EMS office. Approximately \$375,000.

Unique funding methods. One county has a voluntary tax that supports the volunteer rescue squad; several subscription services.

Statewide uniform ambulance reporting form. Yes. This form is turned in to a central data-gathering office on a monthly basis.

Statewide data-gathering system. All ambulance services complete state-provided forms for each run, which are submitted to DEMS monthly.

Important changes and developments within the last year. Developing statewide Trauma System.