



EMSTS Strategic Plan - Goals through 2015

System Leadership

GOAL 1 - There is a viable, active state lead authority made up of the Department of Health and the multi-disciplinary EMS and Trauma Care Steering Committee.

GOAL 2 - Multi-disciplinary coalitions of private and public health care providers are engaged in state, regional and local EMS and Trauma Systems.

GOAL 3 - Each of the services under the EMS and Trauma System has active, well trained and supported leadership.

System Development

GOAL 4 - There is a strong, efficient, well-coordinated statewide EMS and Trauma System to improve and enhance trauma care and emergency medical services, and to minimize the human suffering and costs associated with preventable mortality and morbidity.

GOAL 5 - Regional EMS and Trauma Care Plans are congruent with the state-wide strategic plan and use standardized methods to identify resource needs.

GOAL 6 - The EMS and Trauma Care Steering Committee evaluates new and emerging issues in emergency care; assesses the scope, feasibility/appropriateness of using the EMS and Trauma System model; and identifies which entities should address the issues. Funding for new initiatives not related to trauma care will come from new money and not from the Trauma Care Fund.

GOAL 7 - The EMS and Trauma System is integrated with emergency management, the public health emergency preparedness network, and the public health system.

GOAL 8 - System-wide interoperable communications are in place for emergency responders and hospitals.

Public Information & Education

GOAL 9 - Educate and inform the general public, decision makers, and health care community about the goal and impact of the Washington State emergency health care system.



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System Finance

GOAL 10 - There is a consistent and sustainable State Trauma Care Fund (RCW 70.168) dedicated to support trauma patient care by designated trauma hospital and rehabilitation services, verified prehospital EMS services and trauma physicians and clinicians.

GOAL 11 - There is consistent and sustainable funding to ensure a financially viable EMS and Trauma Care System.

Prevention

GOAL 12 - Prevent premature death and disability due to injury and violence.

Prehospital

GOAL 13 - There is a sustainable prehospital EMS system utilizing standardized, evidence-based procedures and performance measures that address out-of-hospital emergency health care.

Acute Hospital

GOAL 14 - There is a sustainable statewide system of acute hospital services that provides appropriate capacity and distribution of resources to support high-quality patient care.

Pediatric

GOAL 15 - There is a sustainable statewide system of care that integrates pediatric care into the emergency system's continuum of care (prevention, prehospital, hospital, rehabilitation and evaluation).

Rehabilitation

GOAL 16 - There is a sustainable statewide system of rehabilitation services that provides adequate capacity and distribution of resources to support high-quality rehabilitation care.



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System Evaluation

GOAL 17 - The EMS and Trauma Care System has data management capabilities to support system evaluation and improvement.

GOAL 18 - The EMS and Trauma Care System has comprehensive, data-driven quality improvement (QI) processes at the local, regional and statewide levels.

Emergency Cardiac & Stroke

GOAL 19 - There is a strong, efficient, well-coordinated statewide emergency cardiac and stroke system to improve and enhance emergency cardiac and stroke care, and to minimize the human suffering and costs associated with preventable mortality and morbidity.