



# Alberta Emergency Medical Services Standing Committee

## Information sheet

### Purpose

Alberta Health is establishing the Alberta EMS Standing Committee (AEMSSC) to support Alberta's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system and is inviting frontline paramedics to express their interest to participate as committee and subcommittee members.

### Background

Improving the EMS system is a high priority of the Government of Alberta as reflected in the [mandate letter](#) issued to the Minister of Health. Alberta's government has taken several actions over the past months to strengthen EMS in the province including accepting the recommendations of the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee and the EMS Dispatch System Review and implementing the Health Care Action Plan. As part of the work to refocus the health care system to drive for better health outcomes for Albertans, the province will also set provincial performance indicators, operational standards, and mandatory reporting for EMS. Additionally, a new acute care organization will provide oversight over emergency health services including EMS, the delivery of acute care services and urgent care centres, in addition to cancer care, clinical operations, and surgeries. The new organization will work with EMS service providers to reduce response times and enhance access to care in rural and remote areas.

The AEMSSC will continue the work to improve EMS provincewide. The committee will review system performance and inform further improvements. Representatives will include municipal organizations, associations, the College of Paramedics, practitioners, First Nations and Metis communities, as well as patient representatives, among others. The committee's work will be ongoing with appointed 3-year terms.

### Description

The objective of the AEMSSC is for ongoing community and stakeholder engagement and advice. It will serve as the primary point for providing Alberta Health with a comprehensive understanding of the performance of the EMS system at a provincial and regional level, as well as EMS partners perspectives and experiences. The committee will also monitor the progress and impact of implementing the recommendations from the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee Report and Dispatch Review. The committee will serve as a conduit to receive input and feedback from a wide range of system stakeholders that can be shared with Alberta Health and other forums as appropriate.

In addition to the core committee, subcommittees will include:

- Ground Ambulance (including inter-facility transfer and community paramedicine)
- Air Ambulance (airplane and helicopter)
- Medical First Response
- Workforce

- EMS Offload

## Required and Eligible Activities

Individuals that submit an interest to participate in the committee or subcommittees will need to have capacity to participate in required activities including:

- To collaboratively agree to work towards the vision for provincial EMS and paramedic services in Alberta that is fully integrated into the broader health system.
- To identify current and emerging issues that impact EMS.
- To participate in developing recommended strategies or actions to address issues identified, or as directed by the Minister of Health.
- To provide open dialogue on ways to improve the quality of the EMS system within Alberta.
- To advise Alberta Health on all issues pertaining to EMS delivery in Alberta.
- To facilitate discussion on evolving EMS and paramedic practice trends nationally and internationally.
- To provide open dialogue on ways to reduce barriers in meeting complex needs (i.e. staffing resources and retention).

Meetings will be held quarterly or at the call of the Chair. Committee and subcommittee members will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements. Members may be reimbursed for travelling and living expenses in accordance with the Government of Alberta's [travel, meal and hospitality expenses policy](#).

## Eligibility for Paramedics

- Valid registration with the Alberta College of Paramedics and currently working in the public EMS system.

## Timelines

Interested paramedics are requested to complete the intake form by 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2023:

[Alberta EMS Standing Committee Paramedic Intake Form](#)

## Invitation to join Standing Committee

Alberta Health will identify paramedic participants to ensure representation across a wide range of service providers, geographic regions, and registration levels within the public EMS system. An appointment letter will be sent to all confirmed members once identified.