

## **FOREWORD**

The Annual Update of the **PLAN FOR THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT** contains the following information:

- A listing of Communities that have not to met with the Council.
- Progress with First Responder SAED Designation and Authorization.
- Progress with the Designation of Basic Ambulance PSAs.
- Authorizations of new MIC levels, including Epinephrine Auto-injectors.
- Evaluations of EMS-Instructors completed during the two-year period.
- Updated Plan Section: “Listing of Municipal Resources & Demographics”.
- Updated Plan Section: “Checklist Summary”.

The State and Regional EMS Plans contain many objectives. State-wide priorities for the development of the EMS system have not been established. This year, \$3000,000 was made available to EMS providers across the State through the “EMS Equipment Grant Program” established by the Legislature in 1998. There is not a statutory mandate for implementing objectives contained in the Plans. Consequently, all progress has been made on a voluntary basis.

Increased workloads and insufficient resources at the Regional Offices also impede progress by hampering communication and interaction with local municipalities and EMS organizations. There is a need for much more financial assistance if significant progress is to be expected.

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