

December 1997

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MAGAZINE - ABBREVIATED 1996 STATE AND PROVINCE SURVEY

### 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.