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NEVADA EMS PROGRAM – 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Nevada EMS Program closed out 2025 with meaningful progress, strengthened partnerships, and measurable improvements across licensing, inspections, data systems, and pediatric emergency care. This year reflected the dedication of Nevada's EMS providers and agencies, as well as the program's commitment to modernizing systems, supporting the workforce, and enhancing patient safety statewide.

Modernizing Access to the ImageTrend Licensing System

A major milestone in 2025 was the rollout of self-service password resets and account unlocks within the ImageTrend licensing platform. Providers can now restore access to their accounts directly from the login page, eliminating delays and reducing administrative burden for both users and the EMS office. This improvement has already increased system efficiency and user satisfaction.

EMS Licensing and Credentialing Activity

The program continued to support Nevada's EMS workforce and agencies through timely processing of applications and renewals. In 2025, the EMS Program issued:

- 6,089 provider applications
- 99 service applications

The average processing time for EMS Provider applications in 2025 was 5-days.

EMS Compact and Multi-State Practice

Nevada's participation in the EMS Compact (REPLICA) has significantly streamlined the mobilization of qualified personnel across state lines. Since entering the Compact with 25 states, 387 providers currently hold a Privilege to Practice in multiple states, ensuring that our workforce remains agile and capable of supporting neighboring jurisdictions. This initiative continues to reduce bureaucratic hurdles for personnel while maintaining high standards of patient care and professional accountability.

Inspections and Compliance Oversight

Ensuring safety and readiness remained a core priority. The EMS Program completed:

- 335 inspections statewide

These inspections supported compliance with state regulations, improved operational consistency, and reinforced high standards for EMS agencies and vehicles.

EMS Program continued to expand education opportunities statewide through strong course oversight and approvals. The program approved:

- 83 initial education courses
- 13 EMS refresher courses
- 66 continuing education (CEU) courses

Supporting both new provider entry and ongoing competency. These approvals help maintain a trained EMS workforce and consistent educational standards across Nevada.

The Nevada EMS Advisory Committee has reviewed and approved the medications authorized for use at each provider level, including EMT, AEMT and Paramedic, in accordance with current medical standards, scope of practice, and state regulatory requirements. These approved medications establish the minimum statewide framework for prehospital care, while allowing local medical directors and EMS agencies to implement additional clinical guidance consistent with patient needs and operational capabilities.

Pearson Vue Mobile NREMT Testing Lab

The Mobile Lab continued to play a vital role in supporting EMS education and testing access across Nevada. In 2025, the Mobile Lab deployed:

- 9 exam events
- 142 students tested

This outreach helped reduce barriers for rural and frontier providers and strengthened Nevada's EMS pipeline.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Program Highlights

- Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation Program Implementation: In partnership with Las Vegas agencies, the EMSC Program supported the rollout of the Handtevy pediatric resuscitation system, enhancing medication accuracy and standardizing pediatric care in the field.
- Handtevy Training at the State Rural EMS Conference: The program delivered dedicated Handtevy training during the annual State Rural EMS Conference, expanding provider competency and ensuring rural clinicians have access to high quality pediatric resuscitation education.
- The program launched the Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness initiative, supporting hospitals in assessing and improving their capacity to care for children during emergencies.
- 450 in-field delivery restraint systems were distributed to EMS and fire departments statewide, improving the safe transport of newborns and infants in emergency settings.

These efforts directly enhance the safety and quality of care for Nevada's youngest patients.

State Funded EMS Training Grant for Rural EMS Agencies

- The program approved six training grant requests totaling \$33,258 for rural EMS agencies, helping them enhance provider education and operational readiness.
- The EMS Program also provided funding to support the annual Rural EMS Conference, supporting statewide collaboration, continuing education, and professional development for rural EMS providers.

Trauma and Specialty Systems Advancement

2025 marked a year of major system-level progress:

- The EMS Program certified Nevada's first Level IV trauma center, expanding access to trauma care in underserved regions and strengthening the statewide trauma system.
- Nevada also permitted the state's first non-emergent secured behavioral health transport service in Las Vegas, establishing a new pathway for safe, regulated transport of individuals experiencing behavioral health crises outside of emergency 911 response.

These milestones reflect Nevada's commitment to building a more responsive, patient-centered emergency care continuum.

Enhancing Safety at Mass Gatherings

In 2025, the Nevada EMS Program launched a new Temporary Mass Gathering Application designed to standardize emergency medical planning for large-scale events across the state. Developed in accordance with NAC 444.548 and NRS 450B.650–700, this application ensures that event organizers and EMS agencies coordinate critical details such as staffing, equipment, and base hospital communication at least 30 days prior to an event. By formalizing this oversight, the program is strengthening public safety and ensuring that emergency medical resources are effectively deployed during Nevada's most attended gatherings.