

HSCC 330

Legal and Legislative Aspects of Health Care

EMS History

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Objectives

- Upon completion of this section, the student should be able to:
 - list early EMS origins
 - recognize modern EMS origins
 - recognize legislation that established EMS

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Early EMS

- Good Samaritan
- Romans and Greeks
- First Prehospital System
- Civilian Ambulance Services, 1865
- First volunteer rescue squads, 1920

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Early EMS

- Quality decline, 1946-1966
- Funeral homes
- Sporadic replacement by FD, rescue squads, and private ambulances

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Modern EMS

- 1960's
- Introduction of CPR
- "Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society"

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Recommendations

- Extension of first aid
- Textbooks, training aids, courses
- Ambulance standards
- Policies and regulations
- Radio frequencies and equipment
- 911

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Highway Safety Act of 1966

- President Johnson
- Milestone:
 - transportation legislation
 - federal involvement in EMS
- Development of regional EMS systems
- Department of Transportation Established

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Highway Safety Act of 1966

- \$142 million from DOT over 12 years
- Individual EMS system grants
- Helicopter transportation
- Training course
- "EMT's"

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Putting Things in Perspective: Early 1970's

- Ambulances for transportation only
- ED staffing
- Lack of communications and qualifications
- Lack of ED physicians
- Lack of equipment

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Dramatic Changes by 1972

- Formal training programs
- Communications improving
- EMS legislation in 41 states
- Funding

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EMS Systems Act of 1973

- Funding
- 15 Components

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Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981

- Consolidated EMS funding into state preventative health and health services block grants

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EMS Technical Assessment Program-1988

- EMS systems are evaluated based on 10 essential components
 - Regulation and Policy
 - Resource Management
 - Human resources and Training
 - Transportation
 - Facilities
 - Communications
 - Public information and education
 - Medical Direction

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Media Assistance

- "Emergency" 1971
- "Rescue 911"
- "Paramedics"

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