

## MISSION STATEMENT

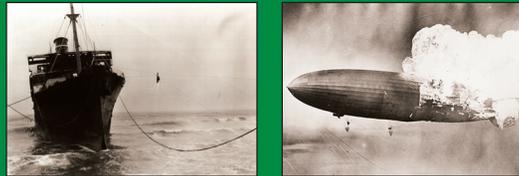
The mission of the EMSCNJ is to:

- Further the care of injured, wounded, sick, infirm and aged persons in case of emergency by rendering Pre-Hospital Basic Life Support and transportation of those persons to hospitals or other like places for medical treatment and care.
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- Assist Member Squads in continuing to provide Emergency Medical Services for the benefit of the general public and to maintain minimum standards for operations, including annual ambulance inspections and membership reports.
  - Organize, train, and maintain a corps of qualified Pre-Hospital Basic Life Support Specialists, in such a systematic manner as to arrange for teamwork between neighboring squads, and to provide for mutual aid coverage when disasters or mass casualties occur.

## OUR HISTORY

In 1929, just one year after founding the nation's first volunteer first aid squad – the Belmar First Aid & Safety Squad – Charles R. Measure invited eight squads from New Jersey shore communities to form an organization that would pool resources and standardize training and equipment. Thus was born the New Jersey State First Aid Council.

Squads throughout the state incorporated and joined the Council at a rapid pace in the following years, but it wasn't until disaster struck – in the twin tragedies of the wreck of the luxury liner



Morro Castle in 1934, and the 1937 fiery crash of the gigantic airship Hindenburg – that the state's volunteer first aiders were widely recognized for their dedication and organized response. Throughout the following decades, the Council continued to grow and to influence protocols that eventually became part of the modern EMS system.

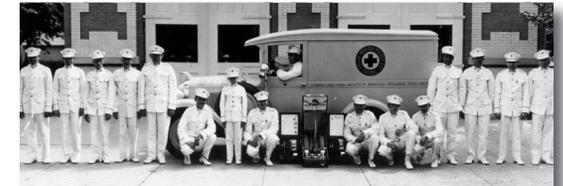


More recently, the Council was recognized for its rapid response to: the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 2001 terrorist attacks (400-plus ambulances mobilized), the forced landing of US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River, and Superstorm Sandy.

But the overwhelming contribution of EMSCNJ members is not in responding to headline events, but in our everyday commitment – caring for and transporting hundreds of thousands of New Jersey patients every year.

## THROUGH THE DECADES

1920s



The Granddaddy of squads: Belmar First Aid & Safety Squad.

1930s



Toms River volunteers transport a victim of the Hindenburg crash.

1940s



Pompton Lakes FAS thanks boxer Joe Louis for helping to raise funds.

1950s



NJSFAC-sponsored posters helped lower traffic accidents and deaths.

1960s



Point Pleasant FA&E members practiced water rescue skills.

1970s



Edison FAS#2 celebrated their safe-driving awards.

1980s



Rahway ES members competed in a first aid contest at convention.

1990s



The NJSFAC led the initiative for passage of the EMT Training Fund Act.

2000s



Little Silver FAS was one of several NJ squads assisting at Ground Zero.

2010s



Hoboken VAC battled Superstorm Sandy to rescue a cardiac patient.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Consider a financial contribution to the EMSCNJ which will help us continue our mission and provide scholarships to cadet and adult members who are entering the medical profession.



- Take a first aid training class and know what to do in an emergency.
- Visit our website (NJSFAC.org) and use our CapWiz feature to urge your NJ legislators to support A543/S371 to improve EMS in New Jersey and support volunteers.

To contact the EMS Council of New Jersey, call or email Executive Director Ed Burdzy:

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He will put you in touch with your local squad.



*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the Earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."*

—Erma Bombeck

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*"How old must one be to join a squad?"*

- Our members range in age from 16 to 70.

*"What level of training is required?"*

- We encourage our squads' volunteers to become fully-certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). There are other levels (e.g., First Responder) for individuals who do not currently plan to advance to the EMT level.

*"Is there a cost to training?"*

- In most squads there is little or no cost for training.

*"How many squads belong to the EMSCNJ?"*

- We currently represent 303 member squads with a total of approximately 20,000 individuals.

*"How much time must I give to answer calls?"*

- This varies from squad to squad depending on the number of calls and members available.



The New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc. (d/b/a as the EMS Council of New Jersey) is a 501(c) Nonprofit Organization representing the majority of Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squads throughout the State of New Jersey.

Our website:  
[www.NJSFAC.org](http://www.NJSFAC.org)

***Get connected with your local squad!***