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VIA E-MAIL

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FOIL #: 17-02-176

Dear Ms. Harihareswara:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Law request of February 10, 2017, in which you requested "copies of the quarterly reports that New York's REMSCOs have submitted to DOH on PAD programs, between the implementation of Bureau of EMS's Policy Statement 07-04 in 2007 and now. (I can't find a copy of the 2006 statement 06-03 which it superseded; if 06-03 also mandated the submitting of those quarterly reports, then I'd also like copies of the reports starting in 2006.)" On February 23, 2017 you modified your request as follows:

- "1) I request a copy of the "one-button" statewide report on New York State's PAD program, as drawn from your mainframe.
- 2) I request a copy of the 2006 Bureau of EMS Policy Statement 06-03, on public access defibrillation, which superseded the initial 1998 Bureau of EMS Policy Statement 98-10 on public access defibrillation, and which was superseded by policy 07-04 on September 27, 2007.
- 3) I request copies of the quarterly reports that New York's REMSCOs have submitted to DOH on PAD programs within the last 365 days. Given that there are eighteen REMSCOs listed at <https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/regional.htm> I anticipate that this would result in about 72 documents (perhaps slightly fewer if some agencies have changed reporting calendars over the course of the year).
- 4) I request a copy of the list of enrollees in a PAD program that the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) provided to the Department (likely to Timothy Shay) in 2013 pursuant to a question from the State Camp Safety Advisory Council, per the meeting minutes of April 24, 2013 and October 30, 2013 (link: https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/camps/safety_advisory_council/meetings/2013-30-10/minutes.htm and https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/camps/safety_advisory_council/meetings/2013-24-4/minutes.htm).

5) I request a copy of a Department of Health ad hoc report or study, department annual report, newsletter or memorandum that mentions the total number of AED units available via the state's PAD program, or the number of PAD program enrollees, at any point from January 1,2001 to December 31,2003."

I have enclosed documents responsive to parts one and two of your request.

With regard to part five of your request, please be advised that between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2003, Statewide, 2,143 notices of intent were filed, 95,637 trained providers and 12,481 total AEDs positioned.

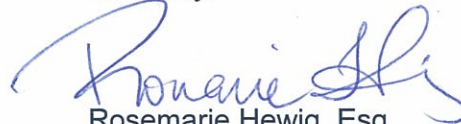
After conducting a diligent search, no records responsive to part three and four of your request have been located. In regard to part three, please note that neither regional EMS Councils nor Regional EMS program Agencies are required under current contract to provide PAD data to the Department.

In addition, as you requested, I have enclosed a list of Regional Emergency Medical Services Council's (REMSCO).

Should you feel that you have been unlawfully denied access to records, you may appeal such denial in writing within 30 days to the Records Access Appeals Officer, Division of Legal Affairs, Empire State Plaza, 2438 Corning Tower, Albany, New York, 12237-0026.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 474-8734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rosemarie Hewig".

Rosemarie Hewig, Esq.
Records Access Officer

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