**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

163 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (MAINE EMS)

CHAPTER 1: MISSION, VISION, GOALS AND CORE VALUES OF THE MAINE EMS SYSTEM

1. Mission

The Legislature of the State of Maine created the EMS Act to "promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care...with standards for all providers...." The Maine EMS system consists of emergency medical dispatchers, out-of-hospital and hospital patient care providers, system planners, and system coordinators. It is their mission to provide emergency patient care, enforce minimum baseline standards and encourage optimum standards. Maine EMS system personnel in every capacity and position in the system, whether paid or volunteer, will be respected as professionals and judged by professional standards for that capacity or position.

1. Vision

 Maine EMS’ vision is to ensure the successful operation of the Maine EMS system through planning, evaluation, coordination, facilitation, and only as a last resort, regulation. To this end, Maine EMS and its regional councils will coordinate and facilitate the establishment of standards by consensus of EMS system personnel and will promote and enforce those standards. Maine EMS will strive to facilitate the operation of this system and its personnel through the coordination of provider services and personnel, promotion of the system and recognition of the importance of volunteers to the system. Maine EMS will develop resources to improve the professional capabilities of team members and to make EMS work safe, healthful, and satisfying.

1. Goals and Core Values

1. Maine EMS will fulfill its mission and pursue its vision in accordance with the Maine EMS work plan and the following core values:

A. Excellence in out of hospital care;

B. Support and guidance to system providers and organizations;

C. Collaboration and coordination with the overarching health care system; and

D. Integrity, transparency, and fairness.

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