



Emergency Health Services

Emergency Health Services (EHS) is a branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Health. EHS continually develops, implements, monitors, and evaluates air and ground ambulance services in the province, to provide Nova Scotians with a high quality pre-hospital emergency care system.

Nova Scotia's ambulance system is recognized as one of the best in North America.

The main program components of EHS include:

- an internationally accredited communications centre and ground ambulance system;
- EHS LifeFlight (an internationally accredited air medical transport program);
- a nationally accredited provincial trauma program; and
- a medical first responder program; and
- the EHS Atlantic Health Training and Simulation Centre.

Facts about Ground Ambulance:

- Four major regional centres: Halifax Regional Municipality, Kentville, Truro, and Sydney
- 70 base stations located throughout the province
- Over 140 ambulances
- 4 vehicles to transport equipment to disaster sites and other events
- 7 non-transport clinically-equipped vehicles
- 900 paramedics
- Over 100,000 ambulance requests each year, approximately 50% of which are for emergency calls in communities. Ambulances are also used for transport of patients between hospitals.