

SEMTAC Orientation

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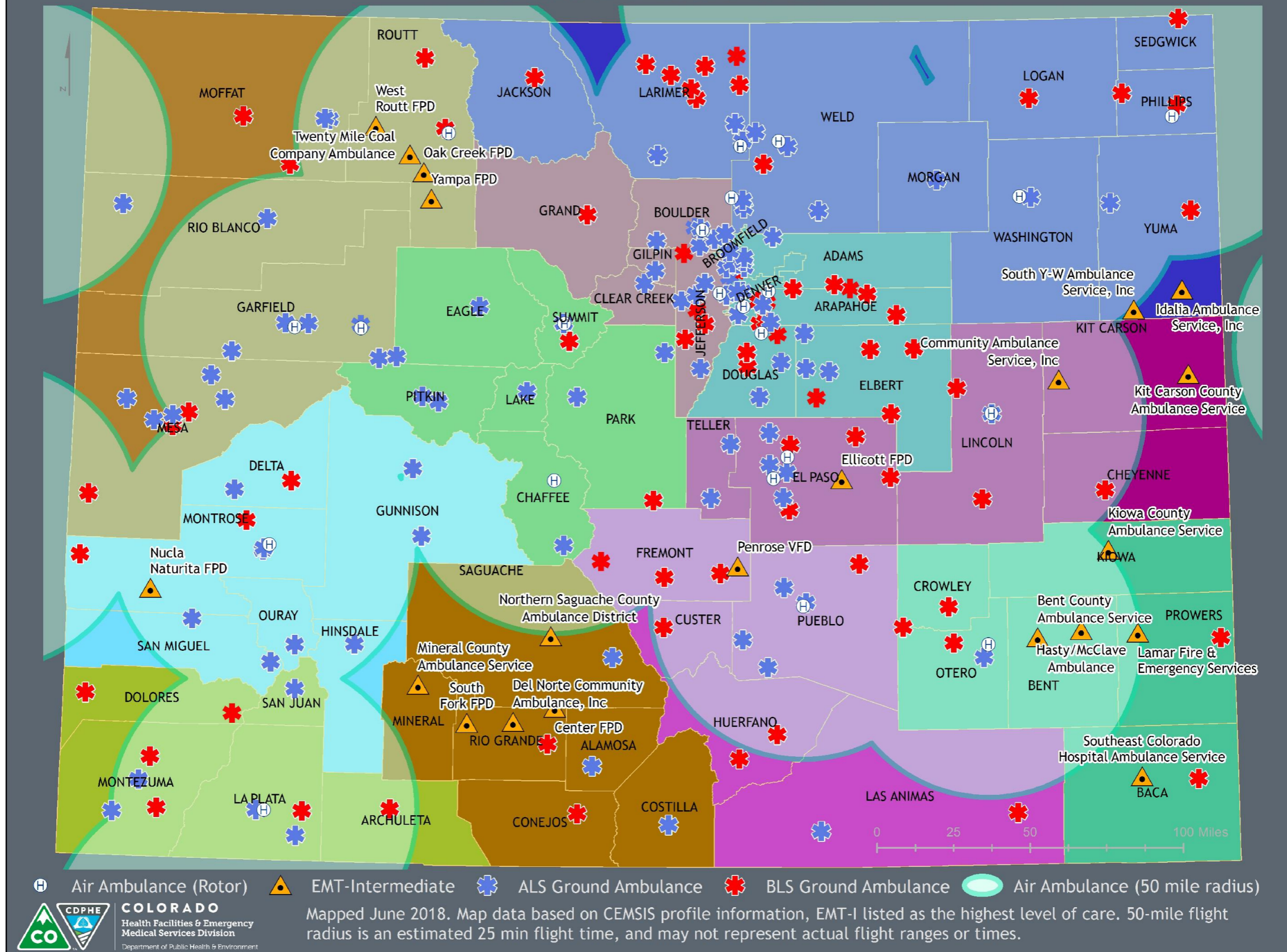
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Colorado's EMS and Trauma System, By the Numbers

- EMS agencies annually transport and provide care to approximately 500,000 patients
 - ~25% trauma/injured
 - ~75% medical/behavioral/other conditions
- Approximately 200 licensed ambulance services
- More than 18,500 certified EMS providers
- 84 designated trauma centers
- 31 licensed and recognized air ambulance agencies

Colorado EMS Levels of Care



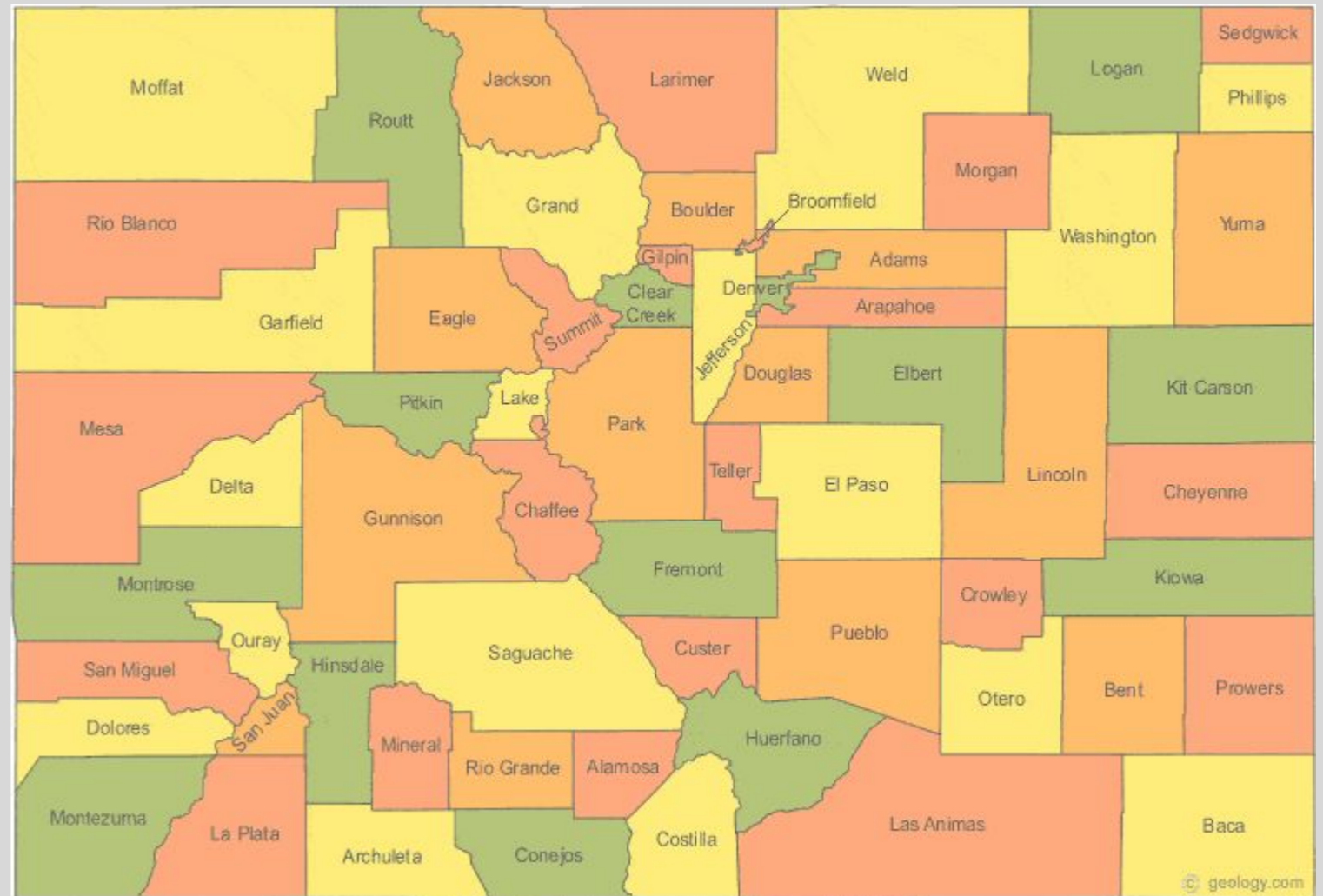
EMTS Branch - Authorized Activities

- Certify EMS providers
- Register emergency medical responders
- Recognize EMS education programs
- License air ambulance agencies
- Administer grant funding
- Designate trauma centers
- Regulate scopes of practice for EMS providers
- Provide technical assistance

EMTS Branch - NOT an Activity

- Not authorized to license ground ambulance services

25-3.5-301 C.R.S. requires licensure by boards of county commissioners, not the state



Authority and Regulatory Framework

- The law: Colorado Revised Statutes Title 25, Article 3.5
 - Parts 1-7, 9, 11-13
- The rules/regulations: Colorado Code of Regulations, 6 CCR-1015
 - 6 CCR-1015-1 - EMS Account
 - 6 CCR-1015-2 - CPR Directives
 - 6 CCR-1015-3 - Emergency Medical Services
 - 6 CCR-1015-4 - Statewide Emergency Medical and Trauma Care System



Funding

- \$2 fee per motor vehicle registration deposited in HUTF-EMS account for EMS and trauma (Approx. \$9 million per year).
 - \$1.8M to RETACs, \$3.8 M in grants, \$1.3M for provider certification and office operations
- Trauma center designation fees
- Air ambulance licensing fees
- Grant for EMS for Children from HRSA, to the University of Colorado.

Advisory Councils

1. State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council (SEMTAC)

32 member Type II board, provides expert advice on funding, rules, trauma designation, policy

2. Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council (EMPAC)

11 member Type II board, provides technical advice on scope of practice, medical direction



SEMTAC Council Members

- Appointed by the governor to represent the perspective of a specific constituent group
 - Examples:
 - County commissioner from a rural county
 - Flight nurse of an emergency medical service air team or unit
- Three-year term
 - May reapply for second term



SEMTAC Council Member Responsibility

- Members vote in general sessions, ex-officio members can vote at committee level
- Review and recommend promulgation of rules for EMTS
- Review and approve RETAC biennial plans and prehospital trauma destination guidelines
- Review and recommend designation of trauma centers
- Provide advice and input to the department regarding EMTS policy and the HUTF-EMS account



Expectations of Council Members

1. Attend quarterly council and assigned committee meetings
Notify the chairperson and department in advance if absence is unavoidable
2. Evaluate grants and participate in annual grant reviews
3. Prepare for meetings and grant reviews in advance
4. Represent your constituents
5. Participate in discussions and vote on formal motions
6. Disclose a conflict of interest and abstain from voting if a conflict exists



Expectations of Council Members

7. Return documents timely, examples include RSVPs, expense reimbursement forms, grant score sheets

Reminder: you are representing your constituents on the council, not your employer. Even if your employer is covering travel expenses, you are not representing your employer at the council, but the full range of your constituents.

8. Provide a current telephone number and email address that you monitor frequently, and a reliable secondary contact in case the department cannot reach you directly



Summary

- Serve in your appointed position on the advisory council
- Represent your constituents
- Advise the department
- Actively contribute to supporting and enhancing Colorado's EMS and trauma system
- Questions?