



**EMS systems in Minnesota continue to provide efficient and effective emergency medical services during Peacetime Emergency Declaration.**

On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime Emergency for the State of Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The overarching goal of this emergency executive order is to ensure that the state of Minnesota and its citizens are informed and prepared to handle this pandemic through the sharing of information and resources to mitigate the effects of the novel corona virus (COVID-19.)

On the same day, the EMSRB suspended many of the governing statutes related to EMS in the state of Minnesota, in response to the Peacetime Emergency Declaration. Information from the EMSRB regarding the suspension can be found [here](#). This suspension of regulatory statutes is effective for 5 days only, unless extended by the State's executive council for up to an additional 30 days, which is expected to happen today. The statute governing the suspension of services is known as 144E.266 and can be found [here](#).

Although the Peacetime Emergency declaration eases the regulatory burden on ambulance services in the State of Minnesota, it is important to know that operations for a vast majority of services across the state continue as normal. Additionally, Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA), ambulance services, regional EMS programs, healthcare facilities, public health entities, emergency preparedness coalitions, MN Department of Health (MDH), and others meet regularly to discuss the latest data and identify needs and available resources in order to coordinate an efficient and effective response; ensuring that citizens across the state receive the best possible care in their time of need.

The Minnesota Ambulance Association has been integral in these conversations and remains dedicated to supporting the EMS industry through leadership, advocacy, information sharing.

For specific questions or more information on this topic, contact the MAA by clicking [here](#).

Respectfully,

Minnesota Ambulance Association Executive Committee