# **EMS SYSTEM IN LITHUANIA**

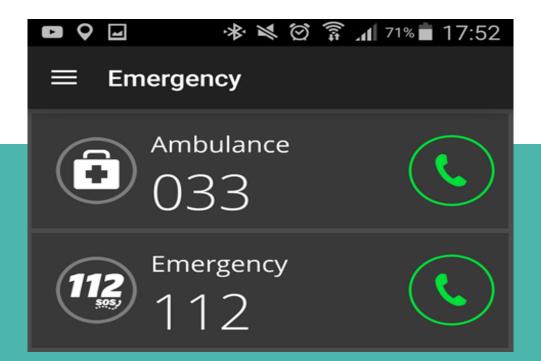
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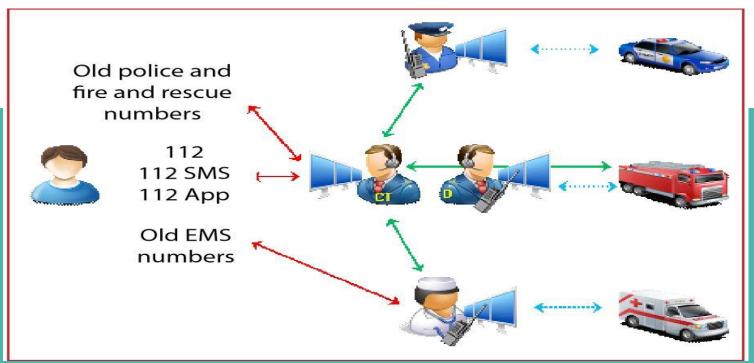
**EMS SYSTEM IN LITHUANIA** Mažeikiai Akmené Joniškis Skuodas Biržai Palang<mark>a M. -</mark> Pakruojis Šiauliai Pasvalys Rokiškis Telšiai Plungė Šiauliai Kupiškis Territory of Lithuania Klaipėda M. Rietavas Panezėžys Zarasai Radviliškis Klaipėda Kelmė Visaginas M. 65 300 km<sup>2</sup> Panezėžys Šilalė Anykščiai Utena Population – 2 904 922 Šilutė Raseiniai Ignalina Kėdainiai 24/7 - 210-215 units are Neringa Tauragė Ukmergė Molėtai Švenčionys Pagégiai Jurbarkas on duty Jonava Kaunas There are 8 Emergency Širvintos Šakiai Kauras Kaišiadorys M. Vilnius **Dispatch Centers in** {azly Elektrenai Prienai Wini us M Lithuania Vilkaviškis Birstonas Trakai Marijempolė In 2016 year about Alytus Alytus M. 700000 ambulance Kalvarij Šalčininkai Lazdijai response; Varéna

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## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**



## 112(0,9mln calls/year)



## 033(1 mln calls/year)



- 1. VoIP
- 2. CAD core of calltaking and unit dispatching
- 3. ProQA, Aqua. International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED). Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) www.emergencydispatch.org/articles/whatis.html
- 4. RadioNET TETRA, NEXEDGE DB, LDS, PC, Radio network, Radios, Car computer
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- 6. "Colibri" TSMA statistics module

1.1.1. Skaitmeninio radijo ryšio automobilinis terminalas Kenwood NX-800E.

1.1.2. Mobilioji valdymo panelė Radio<br/>NET (toliau – MVP).

1.1.3. Garmin GPS navigatorius Nüvi 2595 (toliau – navigatorius).

 1.1.4. Skaitmeninio radijo ryšio nešiojamasis terminalas Kenwood NX-320E2.

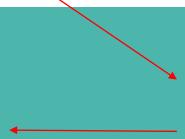
1.1.5. Automobilinio radijo terminalo ir MVP sisteminiai blokai bei trumpalaikio rezervinio maitinimo baterija yra sumontuoti įrangos lagamine su automatine aušinimo (ventiliavimo) sistema.













# **Structure of Dispatch center**

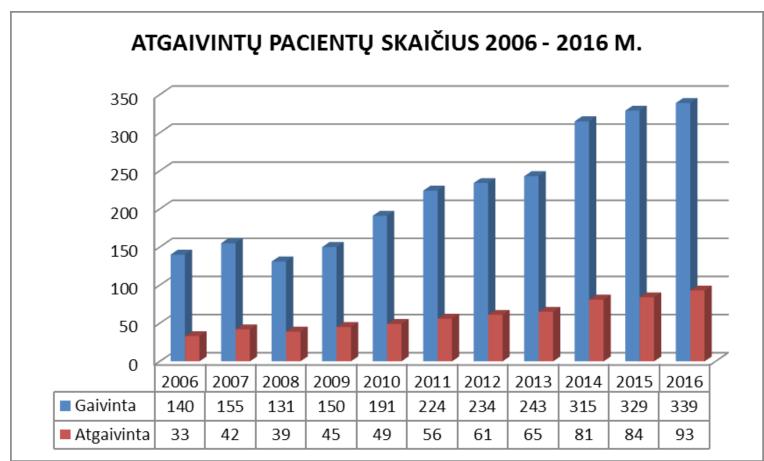
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- 7. DMR Tab electronic medical 110a form with recommendation module in cases of coronary syndrome, stroke and polytrauma

# **Types of units**

- 48 ambulance stations in Lithuania(Public institutions, established by Municipality);
- 1 unit for 16000 habitants in rural area;
- 1 unit for 18000 habitants in urban area;
- Types of units: BLS( Paramedic/Paramedic/Driver) and ALS (Nurse/Doctor + Paramedic/Driver). 90 % in Lithuania- ALS type with Nurse+Paramedic/Driver crew;
- Response time according law 15 min in urban and 25 min in rural area for 1st category call (approx. 84 % in urban area and 80% in rural area for today);
- No helicopter support in EMS system (except emergency offshore coastguard and transplantology Air Force helicopters);

## **Succesful CPR Kaunas ambulance**



## **Problems in LTU Ambulance system**

- 1. Full decentralization (48 independent ambulance stations);
- 2. 8 Dispatch centers (planing 4 DC at the end of 2017);
- 3. Absence of Call taking algorithms standart on national level;
- 4. Using medical equipment on RT on RP on RW problem;

## **Trauma patients**

- 2016 3289 car accidents (2015 3033, 2014 3185) in Lithuania;
- 189 dead 53 ( 21,9%) less than in 2015 ( 241 in 2015, 267 in 2014);
- 3880 injured ( 3801 in 2015, 3785 in 2014);
- Our main target group 3880 injured;

## **Trauma patients**

- Trauma centers network established (Level 1 Trauma centers Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipeda University hospitals);
- Trauma team in Trauma centers;
- Communication from EMS unit to ER;
- Patient arrival to Trauma centers approx. 49 min( from call to emergency room);

## **Trauma patients – problems on EMS stage**

- Inequality of medical care quality in different EMS (mortality rate in transportation stage distributes from 0,2% to 2,2%);
- Last well-budgeted trauma care programs aimed to improve trauma care provision were launched by Ministry of Health of Lithuania in 2012 (ALS,ATLS,ACLS etc.);
- Lack of development and integration of standard operative protocols, care pathways and clinical guidelines on national level;
- No central management or trauma governance-specific structure for the existing trauma service in the country;

#### **Trauma patients – five critical areas for further development**

- 1. The establishment of a formal National Trauma Network(Trauma research and Audit Network);
- 2. Use Information systems services (ISS) in all trauma centers to simplify and assessments of their performance;
- 3. Use of standardized death rates for comparison purposes;
- 4. Systematic continuous trauma life support education and training for the health care specialist nationwide;
- 5. Structural changes in EMS system less DC, Ambulance stations centralization, etc.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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