



OSF Northern Region Emergency Medical Services System (OSF NREMS) is part of the Region I EMS System and serves a 10 county area in the Northern Illinois region.

OSF NREMS provides initial training and Continuing Education to over 1,300 providers comprised of Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), EMT-Basics (EMT-B), Paramedics, Critical Care Paramedics (CCEMTP), Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD), Emergency Communication Registered Nurses (ECRN), Pre-Hospital Registered Nurses (PHRN) and Trauma Nurse Specialists (TNS).



In 1977, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center was the first hospital in the region to be designated as a Resource Hospital through the Illinois Department of Public Health. OSF NREMS initially began as the Northern Illinois Mobile Intensive Care Program (NIMICP) and was the first formal EMS System in the Rockford area certified by IDPH. In 1978, the first Paramedic Class graduated and the Rockford area began to provide Advanced Life

Support in the Pre-Hospital Setting.

Lifeline Helicopter became established in the Summer of 1981; it was the 13<sup>th</sup> Hospital-based Helicopter program nationwide and the first in the State of Illinois.