





## PHD 20-2019

Previous reports:

- PHD 17- 2014 EMS System Performance Sustainability
- PHD 17- 2015 EMS System Performance Sustainability
- PHD 05- 2016 Niagara EMS Master Plan
- PHD 08- 2016 Master Plan Award of RFP
- PHD 19- 2016 Niagara EMS Mobile Integrated Health Community Paramedic Update
- PHD 21- 2016 2016 Update to EMS System Performance Sustainability
- PHD 05-2017 Niagara Emergency Medical Services Pomax Master Plan Review
- PHD 17-2017 Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Design Changes
- PHD 19-2017 NEMS Resource Investment
- PHD 07-2019 Response Time Performance Plan
- Presentation to PHSSC August 6, 2019 System Transformation Update





# Background

#### August 6 – System Transformation Update

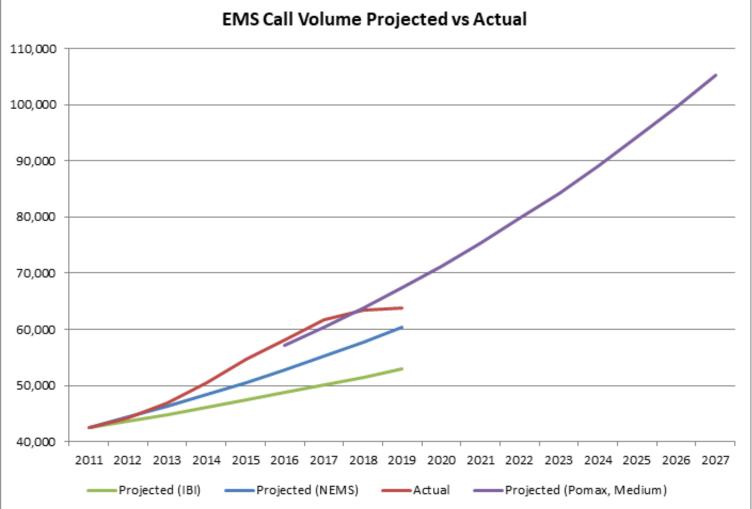
Presentation highlighting the changes undertaken to date and pending changes with introduction of

- EMS Response Time Performance Plan (RTPP)
- Clinical Response Plan (CRP)
- Emergency Communications Nurse System (ECNS)





## Call Volume Projected v Actual







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# **3** Phases System Transformation

- Mobile Integrated Healthcare model
  ✓ implemented Q3 2018
- Evidence-based Clinical Response Plan
  ✓ implemented September 24, 2019
- 3. Emergency Communications Nurse (ECN)
  ✓ implemented September 24, 2019



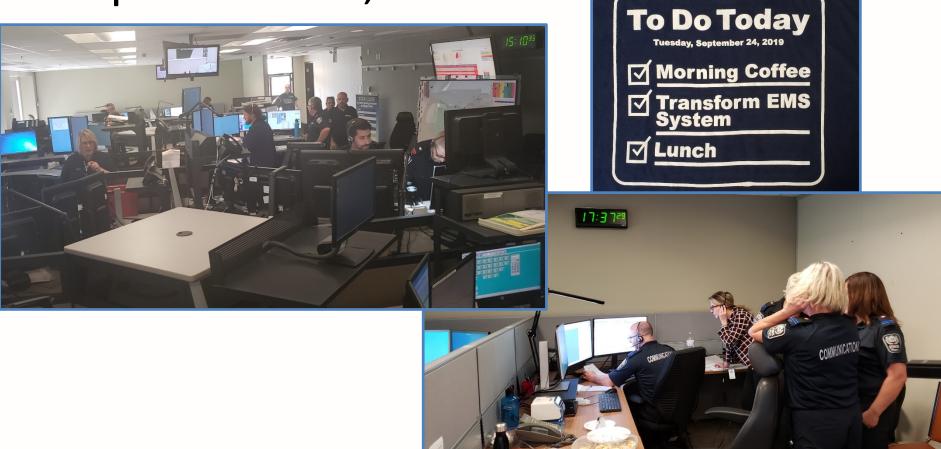


### **Emergency Communications Nurse (ECN)**





## *Go-Live* September 24, 2019

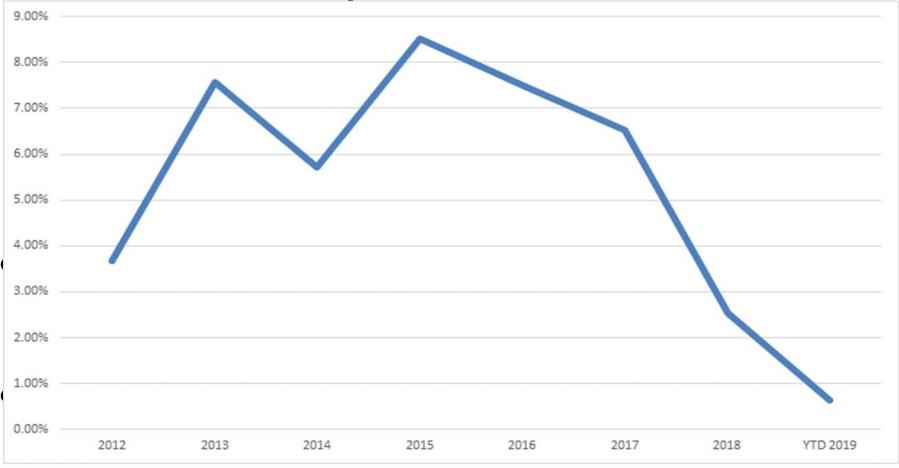








#### Early Outcomes\*









# Early Outcomes

Health Priority	Change in Volume	Change in Transports to ED
MHA (MHART)	<b>个 7%</b>	<b>↓</b> 5%
Falls (FIT)	0% ( <sup>19</sup> % prior year)	<b>↓2%</b>
Unwell (CARE)	0%	<b>↓</b> 6%

 Collectively have referred patients over 800 times to other community services





# Early Outcomes

- Reduced the number of lights and siren responses from 40% to 9% reducing risk (community & provider) and paramedic stress
- Reduced requirement for fire service tiered response from 24% to 9%
- Increased ability to provide paramedic meal breaks
- No impact on shift overrun (OT) as expected due to extensive offload delays at hospitals





# **Option To Do Nothing**





### **Community Awareness**

#### Niagara's emergency communications nurse system first in Canada

NEWS Sep 23, 2019 by Allan Benner 🔽 The St. Catharines Standard

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Communications trainees will be going live as Niagara Emergency Medical Services will begin to field 911 calls to assess patients to determine if they need an ambulance or some other level of care. Sitting is Marilyn Vreeken, and from left are Therese Broderick, Tara Agler, Braden Ziraldo and Thomas Good. - Bob Tymczyszyn , Torstar



#### Niagara's new EMS nurses welcomed by 911 callers

NEWS Sep 30, 2019 by Allan Benner Market The St. Catharines Standard

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Jerry Overton, president of the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch, looks over Niegara Emergency Medical Services communications nurse Therese Broderick. - Allan Benner, Torstar

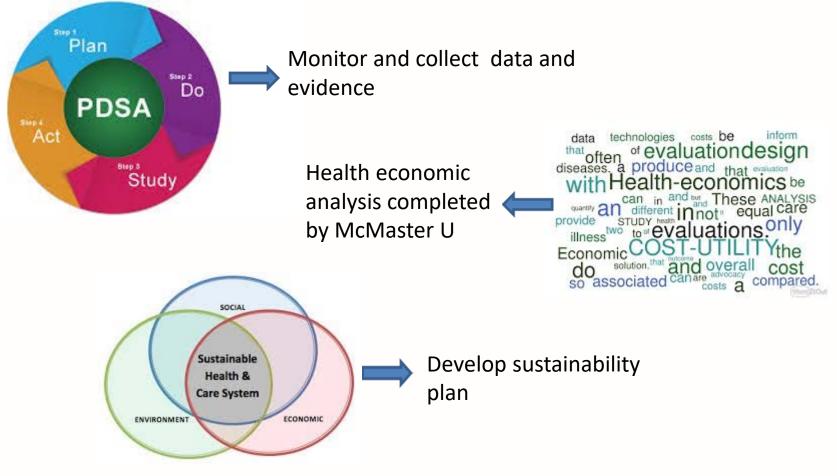
A feeling of helplessness led the man to call 911, concerned he could no longer care for his elderly parent.





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### Post Go-Live











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