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**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**— TOMORROW IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY — Shapiro**  
**Administration to Highlight Three Years of Continued Investments in**  
**EMS Workforce, Underscore Importance**  
**of Proposed \$6 Million Increase in EMS Professionals in 2026-27**  
**Budget**

Tomorrow, **Department of Health Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen** will highlight three years of significant investments the **Shapiro Administration** has made in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) during a visit to **EMS West Regional Council** in Allegheny County, sharing how the Governor's [2026-2027 proposed budget](#) investment of an additional **\$6 million** will continue to build and equip the EMS workforce of tomorrow.

In partnership with Pennsylvania's 13 regional EMS councils, this additional investment – sourced from the EMS Operating Fund (EMSOF) – builds on the Shapiro Administration's total investment of approximately **\$56 million** from the fund since 2023.

The proposed investment in the 2026-27 budget will be used to purchase equipment for EMS professionals, ensuring they have the most up-to-date equipment and enabling emergency care to be as effective as possible for Pennsylvanians. In Pennsylvania, more than 17,000 EMS providers respond to over 2.2 million calls annually.

**WHO:** Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen  
EMS West Regional EMS Council Director Brian Shaw  
Valley Ambulance Authority EMS Chief Brian Herskovitz  
Murrysville Medic One Administrative Director Darrick Gerano  
EMS Provider

**WHEN:** TOMORROW, March 6, 11:30 AM

**WHERE:** 1002 Church Hill Road

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