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Is your office of Trauma attached to the office of EMS because of.... law or best fit?

**Law**

1. Alabama
2. West Virginia
3. California: In statute with further clarification in regulations.
4. Ohio
5. Nevada: It is actually with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health / Public Health Preparedness (PHP) and shared with EMS within the Division.
6. Michigan: We just had a re-org and are in the Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness. EMS and Trauma form a Division but are separate Sections. The statute relates more to the Advisory bodies than the org chart.
7. Georgia: EMS and Trauma are lateral under the Department of Public Health in GA. We are listed as Office of EMS and Trauma in code.
8. North Carolina
9. New Mexico
10. Iowa
11. Wyoming
12. Utah

**Best Fit**

1. Oklahoma
2. South Dakota
3. New York
4. Alaska
5. North Dakota
6. Nebraska
7. Idaho: As a matter of fact, initially there was great debate regarding which department our program was going to reside in. EMS was viewed as the best choice.
8. New Jersey: EMS by default
9. Tennessee

**Both Law & Best Fit**

1. Delaware
2. Virginia
3. Colorado
4. Montana

**Neither**

1. Arkansas: Once the trauma systems bill passed legislation, the Health Department split us from the Section of EMS and gave us our own branch with two separate sections (Trauma and Injury Prevention).
2. Kansas: Not attached to EMS
3. Kentucky: Our EMS had their law changed to keep from being the trauma lead. They have a seat on the trauma advisory committee.
4. Indiana: Neither. The Office of Trauma is at the Department of Health and the Office of EMS is at Homeland Security.

**29 states responded**