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COUNTY HIRES INTERIM EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Bruce E. Haynes, M.D. to Join San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency

Bruce E. Haynes, M.D., has accepted an appointment as the County of San Diego's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director (interim) within the Health and Human Services Agency, effective Feb. 3, 2006.

Dr. Haynes currently holds the position of Medical Director of the Emergency Medical Services for Orange County. He has 24 years of experience in emergency medicine and is board certified in emergency medicine. He also is an expert consultant with the California EMS Authority and former chair of the Commission on Emergency Services for the state of California.

"The Fire Chiefs are excited to have Dr. Haynes on board with us in San Diego County," said Chief Kevin Crawford, Fire Chief for the City of Carlsbad and President of the San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association. "Dr. Haynes is a proven leader in the discipline of Emergency Medical Services. His expertise and knowledge will be extremely valuable to San Diego County."

"San Diego County Emergency Medical Services, which is vital to every person in this county, is a nationally recognized EMS system," said Dr. Brent Eastman, Chief Medical Officer, Scripps Health. "I am delighted that Dr. Bruce Haynes, whom I have known and worked with at the State EMS level, is bringing his expertise and leadership to the office of the EMS Medical Director."

Along with Dr. Haynes' duties approving medical standards, policies, protocols and procedures for EMS programs, and working on quality assurance for pre-hospital, emergency and trauma care, he will participate in countywide disaster medical and bioterrorism services preparedness and planning activities. Dr. Haynes is a member of the EMT-basic regulation review committee for the State EMS Authority, and the American Medical Association and EMS Medical Directors Association of California.

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