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**Re:** In-person and virtual public comments

Dear EMCC Members,

As many of you are aware, the San Diego County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) has gone through several changes over the last few years, largely due to COVID-19 restrictions. Before COVID-19, meetings were held in person at our former office on Mission Gorge Road, where no teleconferencing option was available. During COVID-19, the meetings could only be held virtually. On March 23, 2023 we resumed in-person meetings, with a virtual option for members of the public to observe the meeting, but not be able to participate.

This communication serves to announce that starting with the Thursday, April 24, 2025 meeting, EMCC will allow members of the public to provide public comments to the committee. On the agenda, time will be provided under the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting for members of the public who wish to discuss items not on the meeting agenda. Comments will be limited to exactly two minutes per speaker. Virtual attendees will be given the first option to provide public comment by raising their virtual hand. In no particular order, each virtual attendee will have their microphone unmuted, and be asked to proceed with their comment. After virtual public comments have concluded, a call will be made for any members attending the meeting in person, to also provide public comment. Individuals seeking to provide in person comments will be asked to speak at a podium located at a certain part of the room, allowing for the best audio recording of their comment. Comments that exceed two minutes, both in person or virtual, will be discontinued by the moderator.

Whether providing online or in person public comments, commenters must adhere to the following:

1. Commentor must provide their first and last name for the audio record.
2. Comments are limited to non-agenda items. No comments, questions, requests or any other action on items listed for that day's agenda will be allowed.



3. The Committee and County EMS Staff are bound by the agenda and may not engage in dialogue with commenters during the meeting; however, the individual can be referred to staff for assistance by the EMCC Chair.

EMCC members of the Committee must attend meetings in person to participate and vote on any items before the Committee. There are a few exceptions to this rule, please contact Nicole del Toro ([nicole.deltoro@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:nicole.deltoro@sdcounty.ca.gov)), at least one week prior to the meeting, for eligibility.

The San Diego County EMS Office looks forward to facilitating in person and online public participation at EMCC through public comments. Online public comments will require staff to determine the best technical methods and manner in which to implement this facet to the EMCC meetings, and we ask for your patience during early implementation, as technical challenges may arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Andy Parr", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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