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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tracy Martinez, Chair/ Jill MacDonald, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Solana Beach City Hall
635 Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075
Minutes
Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Martinez, Tracy
City of Encinitas – San Antonio, Marco
City of Solana Beach – MacDonald, Jill
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Shopes, Liz
Citizen at Large – Twohy, Frank
Citizen at Large – Spelich, John

County Staff Present

Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gonzalez, Evelin
Haidari, Tareq
Keane, Melissa
Parr, Andy
Trousdale, Brad

Agency Representatives Present

Fohl, Art – AMR
Graham, Valery – AMR
Herren, Christopher – North Comm
McQuead, Dave – Rancho Santa Fe FPD
Mickelson, Jim – Rancho Santa Fe FPD
Nickson, Eric – AMR
Valdez Acosta-Meza, Carlos – AMR

Guests

Wieczorek, Tom (CPSM)
Zavadsky, Matt (CPSM)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Tracy Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Council member John Spelich was introduced as the newest CSA 17 Advisory Committee Citizen at Large member.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Marco San Antonio, seconded by Chair Tracy Martinez to approve the May 6, 2025 CSA 17 meeting minutes. Motion carried, with one abstention.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

The Financial Dashboard is updated and live on the County EMS CSA 17 website ([San Diego County Service Area – 17 Emergency Medical Services Financial Dashboard](#)), and includes the following data: Transport Volume, Revenues, Total Expenses, EMS Agency Expenses, Operational and Reserve Analysis.

Matt Zavadsky with Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM), provided an update on the budget to the group.

B. LEMSA Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator & Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 5 – Baseline Surveillance (Level 1-5 – Five is Lowest)
Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 3 (Level 1-5 - Five is highest)
- 2025 - 2026 EMS Treatment Protocols:
The San Diego County EMS 2025-2026 treatment protocols went live on July 1, 2025. All the new protocols and policies are posted on our website at www.sandiegocountyems.com as well as the EMS Office's Mobile App.

As a reminder, you will need to completely close out the EMS Mobile application and restart it with an active internet or cellular connection in order to download the new updates.

- Kaiser San Marcos Medical Center:
We are pleased to share the exciting news that Kaiser San Marcos Medical Center has been officially designated as a County of San Diego EMS stroke receiving center. This designation is effective on July 1, 2025.

We welcome Kaiser San Marcos Medical Center as our nineteenth designated stroke receiving center, further strengthening our specialty care system.

- San Diego County Trauma Dashboard Published:
The San Diego County Trauma System Dashboard has been published on the County EMS website. This interactive dashboard provides tools to analyze trauma system data and features a user-friendly interface to support stakeholder projects, academic research, and policy decisions. It can be found on the Trauma System page.

The EMS Office thanks all six of our county's trauma centers for their help in validating this high-quality data set.

- County EMS Fees and the next Fiscal Year:
In 2024, the Board of Supervisors supported a phased three-year increase for personnel, specialty care, and permitting fees. This phased increase requires annual validation that these fee stairsteps are accurate. The County's Emergency Services Administration Unit, together with the Auditor & Controller's Office, have finished the LEMSA fee review. The fee updates for the 2nd year were approved by the Board of Supervisors and are effective July 1, 2025. If you have questions or comments, please email EMSNotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Revive and Survive San Diego:
 - We celebrated a major milestone for the joint county and academic program, with more than 522,000 San Diegans trained in hands-only CPR since the program launch last year.
 - The San Diego County News Center published an article and video that covered this milestone and included footage from an event this week where a group of first responders on Wednesday trained more than 200 people in hands-only CPR at Moonlight State Beach in Encinitas.
- EMS Corps:
San Diego County Fire's EMS Corps trains people aged 18-26 for careers in emergency medical services. Throughout a 5-month program, students are provided with a stipend while receiving coaching, mentorship, and EMT training provided by experienced professionals.

The program experience includes:

- A curriculum tailored to students' skills and abilities
- Support for students' success
- Help with job placement after graduation

We are happy to announce that the first class started this week with 21 students. We look forward to their success and applications for the next cohort will be opening soon.

More information and program applications are available at the San Diego EMS Corps website (SanDiegoEMSCorps.Org). In addition, we thank our partner organizations for supporting this important program.

- **EMS System Redesign Process Update:**

The EMS Office has established two advisory committees to guide the EMS System redesign process. Additionally, two Task Forces have been activated, one focused on reviewing the trauma catchment area policy and the other on examining the County's DRAFT Quality Management Plan. Each of these committees includes representatives from the Hospital Association, the Fire Chiefs Association, and the Ambulance Association. These groups may recruit Subject Matter Experts and staff from the LEMSA to provide context and support. The advisory groups will discuss future pilot studies, equipment trials, and proposed policy changes. As a reminder, the final reports and periodic updates are posted on the [San Diego County Engage Page](#).

C. Ground Ambulance Provider Report – Carlos Valdez Acosta-Meza, Operations Manager, AMR

1. [CSA-17 Quarterly Performance Reports for May, June, July 2025](#) were included in the Board packets and were presented to the group. This performance report covered the following: Response compliance, mutual aid counts, Transport counts by community, and transport destination counts. Pleased to report another solid quarter of compliance overall.
2. A video was shared on some of the community outreach that AMR provides for the district.
 - a. **Field Provider Recognition**
AMR won an award – the AMR CSA 17 National Award for life saving cardiac and stroke care, which will be covered at the November meeting.

D. Operations Chief's Meeting Report

Jim Mikelson, Deputy Chief, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District

- Provided a description of the Firefighter/Paramedic role, capabilities, and responsibilities.
- Updates were provided on recruitments and training for the coastal areas and Rancho Santa Fe.
- A temporary fire station at Encinitas Pacific View Arts Center was approved with an opening date in December.
- Rancho Santa Fe is in wildland season. Crews have been up and down the state. There have been two recent local fires.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consultant's Report on CSA 17 Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

The [Consultant's Report and Scorecard](#) are available online at www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com at [San Dieguito EMS District/County Service Area 17](#).

B. LAFCO Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

There is no new action on LAFCO.

C. Lifeguard Report

The Lifeguard Report is available each November.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- AMR awards
- Process for recording meeting audio for city/district staff review.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm, in person at Solana Beach City Hall, 635 Hwy 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.