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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Jonathan Jordan, Chair/ Paul Forney, Vice Chair
c/o SD County Emergency Medical Services Office
County Operations Center
5560 Overland Ave, Room 171, San Diego, CA 92123

MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Members Present

Bojanowski, R.N., Michael – American Red Cross
Calderwood, Michael – San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association
Cochran, Jennifer – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Covell, R.N., Brian – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators Committee
Dunlap, PhD, Burnie – District 4
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Hudnet, Ron – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties
Jordan, Jonathan – District 2
Maxwell, Paul – San Diego County Paramedic Association
Phillips, MD, Julie – SD County Medical Society
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Sloane, MD, Christian – District 5
Smith, Sgt. Austin – Law Enforcement Agencies

In Attendance

Bennett, Luke – Rancho Santa Fe Fire
Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Graham, Valery – CSA 17
Killy, Kecia – Stryker
Lassiter, Sarah – Reach Air
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Schwartz, MD, Brad – AMR / RCCP
Scott, MD, Christopher – Kaiser
Sullivan, Don – AMR

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 3
Military Agencies
SD County Fire Districts' Association

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gonzalez, Evelin
Haidari, Tareq
Meick, Tyler
Parr, Andy
Trousdale, Brad
Vithalani, M.D., Veer

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

- A. Jonathan Jordan, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. There were no introductions.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

A public comment was made by Dr. Chris Scott addressing concerns regarding Policy S-012.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Burnie Dunlap, seconded by Michael Calderwood to approve the November 20, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell, RN

The group met and discussed implementation of system changes, new policies S-012 and S-013, and APOD.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Ron Hudnet

The group did not meet. Planning continues for the drill on April 15, 2026.

V. COUNTY REPORT

A. EMS Medical Director Report – Kristi Koenig

The following presentation was shared with the group: [EMS Medical Director Report](#)

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- [Health Services Capacity Plan Level](#): Plan Level 5 – Baseline Surveillance
Southern California Fire Preparedness [Level](#): Plan Level 1

- [EMS Policy Updates](#):

As part of our continued work on EMS delivery system improvements, San Diego County EMS is implementing revisions to the following policies, effective February 1, 2026:

- [Policy S-070 Special Project Proposals](#),
- [Policy S-306 Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education](#), and
- [Policy S-620 LEMSA Data Use and Standards](#).

These revisions have completed the public comment period, undergone comprehensive stakeholder review, and are now finalized. These policies are publicly available on the homepage of County EMS website. We encourage all EMS partners and stakeholders to review the updated policies in preparation for their implementation.

- [No-Notice Ambulance Arrival Data Collection](#):

San Diego County EMS is collecting data on ambulance arrivals at emergency departments, with a focus on no-notice and late-notifications. These situations can indicate short ambulance transports, communication issues, or other operational problems. The data will inform the EMS System Redesign process. We're collecting this data in two separate channels: one from emergency departments and another from field providers. Emergency department staff can complete a 30-second survey by phone or browser, or they can download and print a QR code flyer. If EMS field providers experience Communication Failure, they should still use the P-405A Communication Failure Report, available directly from the Elite EPCR or through the mobile app.

County EMS appreciates these contributions, with more than 800 reports received so far.

- [San Diego County CARES Dashboard Published](#):

The San Diego County CARES Dashboard has been published on the County EMS website. This interactive dashboard provides tools to analyze cardiac arrest data and features a user-friendly interface to support stakeholder projects, academic research, and policy decisions. This tool can be found on the new Dashboards and Data page.

The EMS Office thanks all the CARES agencies for their submission of this high-quality data set.

- Agency LEMSIS rosters need updating:
All EMS agencies have the ability to electronically update their employee lists in LEMSIS. County staff have noticed that some agencies have done a better job *adding* new staff and have been less accurate with removing staff that have left the agency. Other agencies have not updated their roster in some time. County staffers rely on these LEMSIS rosters for finding the correct agency point of contact, QA reviews, arrest notifications, and a number of other responsibilities. ALS agencies are required to update their rosters under their MOAs and permitted ambulance providers are required to update their rosters under County code.
- SD Emergency App:
The County of San Diego's emergency information app has a new name, a new look, and new features to help keep you safe.
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisories:
Presidents' Day – February 16, 2026
 - i. **Recent and Upcoming Board of Supervisors Items**
No updates

C. EMS System Redesign – Veer Vithalani, MD

Updates to the EMS System Redesign are posted on the [San Diego County Engage Page](#).

D. EMS Corps North County Expansion – Tareq Haidari, Program Coordinator

EMS Corps, an EMT training program, completed its first cohort in December in partnership with Southwestern College, graduating 16 students. We are pleased to announce that EMS Corps will expand to North County via a new partnership with Palomar College. The upcoming cohort is scheduled to start in early May. Recruitment is now open on the San Diego EMS Corps website. We encourage all prospective students to apply promptly. Please direct any interested candidates to the EMS Corps site to submit their applications.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Vote)

There was group discussion (initiated by Chief Calderwood) on the process of policies. EMS is open to comments, concerns, and criticism.

ACTION: The policy development and review process will be discussed at the next EMCC meeting.

VII. REPORTS

- A. San Diego County CEMSIS ePCR Data Compliance Update – Brian Christison, Group Program Manager

The following presentation was shared with the group: [CEMSIS ePCR Data Submission Update](#)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ambulance Ordinance Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

The San Diego County EMS Office is currently undertaking an update to the County's Ambulance Ordinance. This effort aims to better align the ordinance with current best practices and evolving medical transportation standards. Community members interested in tracking the progress of this project can find more information on the Engage San Diego County website.

Link: <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/ambulance-ordinance>

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMCC and Subcommittee Meeting Cadence in 2026 – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

For the calendar year 2026, the San Diego County EMS office proposed to have a trial to hold the full EMCC meetings on odd-numbered months and the Subcommittee meetings on even-numbered months, to allow EMS staff to have enough time to prepare in between meetings.

A motion was made by Jonathan Jordan, seconded by Burnie Dunlap to hold EMCC meetings on odd-numbered months for a trial period during calendar year 2026 and the Committee will consider an extension of this trial as an agenda item at the Committee's November 2026 meeting. Furthermore, the EMCC Subcommittees will hold their regular meetings, as necessary, every other month during the even-numbered months to allow staff sufficient time to prepare any work products for the "full" EMCC meeting the following month. Motion carried.

- B. Base Hospital Radio Traffic Record Retention Policy Preview – Brian Christison, Group Program Manager

The following presentation was shared with the group: [Radio Record Retention Policy](#)

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.