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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
5570 Overland Avenue, Medical Examiner's Office, San Diego, CA 92123

MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

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
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
Muns, Harry – San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)
Phillips, MD, Julie – SD County Medical Society
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Riley, Tobin – San Diego County Fire Districts Association (Alt)
Walters, Sean – SD Paramedic Association (Alt)

In Attendance

Erickson, Kirk – Scripps Mercy
Graham, Valery – CSA 17
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/ RCCP
Melendez, Willy – SDFD
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 3
District 5
Law Enforcement Agencies
Military Agencies
SD County Ambulance Association

County Staff

Assof, Michael
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 9:32 AM. A quorum was declared.
B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
C. There were no introductions
D. There were no announcements

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

Valery Graham read concerns on policies, on behalf of the Encinitas Fire Chief.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Burnie Dunlap, seconded by Tobin Riley to approve the June 26, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell, RN
The group did not meet.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee
The group did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Ron Hudnet
The group did not meet.

V. COUNTY REPORT

A. EMS Medical Director Report
The following presentation EMS Medical Director Report was shared with the group by EMS Medical Director Kristi Koenig.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- State Regulations Update:
  The Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) has made additional revisions to the proposed regulation text initially published on February 14 regarding Chapter 6 – Specialty Care Programs. The updated materials—including the current Notice, the newest Proposed Regulation Text, and the third iteration noticed on November 12, 2025—are available online at EMSA's website: Public Comment | EMSA .

  These revisions include substantial updates to the structure, layout, and language of the proposed regulations. EMSA continues to refine the proposal based on feedback received from prior public comment periods.

  Stakeholders are invited to submit written comments during the 15-day public comment period, open from **November 12, 2025, through November 26, 2025**.
- EMS Corps: First cohort graduating - Second cohort begins January:
  San Diego County Fire's EMS Corps is a 5-month EMT training program for young adults between 18-26 who are justice- or child-welfare-impacted. The program provides a monthly stipend of $1,500, along with personalized support during EMT training, including career and personal counseling, mentorship, and hands-on experience in the EMS field. Cohort 1 launched July 7, 2025 with 19 students, and the graduation date is set for December 2. Cohort 2 starts January 5, 2026. The EMS Corps application portal remains open for Cohort 2 although space is limited.
  Additional grant funds were secured to start a pre-fire academy preparatory program for EMS Corps students who want to go on to become firefighters. The program assists students prepare for the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and the fire fighter written exam.

  A North County version of program which will be held at Palomar College will begin in February 2026 and the application portal is open for this cohort also.
  More information and program applications are available at the San Diego EMS Corps website (SanDiegoEMSCorps.Org). In addition, we thank our partner organizations listed below for supporting this important program:

- Southwestern College
- Palomar College
- American Medical Response
- Falck
- Premier Ambulance
- The Children's Initiative
- Public Works Alliance (PWA)
- SBCS
- San Diego Workforce Partnership

- Ambulance Ordinance Update:
  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
- EMS Treatment Protocol Updates:
  The 2026-2027 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision online survey was open from August 29 to **October 1, 2025**. Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback for potential changes this cycle. The comments will be reviewed both internally and at upcoming EMS Protocol Workgroup meetings. As a reminder, you can submit suggestions anytime via the EMS Mobile App—just go to References > EMS App > Protocol & Policy Suggestions.
- The LEMSIS System is always improving, and third-party data integration is continuing!
  The LEMSIS system improves data management and supports high-quality, patient-centered care. Agencies using LEMSIS are fully compliant with EMSA dataset standards. The data collected also feeds into various projects, including ODMAP submissions, AB40 (transfer of care) reporting, and other specialty care registries. Last month, the Hospital Hub component was upgraded to a newer, more advanced version, along with improved hospital alerts for air ambulance arrivals at local emergency departments. In addition, the final backend preparations for NERIS implementation is underway, and more information is coming soon.

- SD Emergency App is now the Alert San Diego 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.
  The updated app is part of the County Office of Emergency Services' (OES) modernized emergency communication system, providing quick access to official alerts, interactive maps, preparedness tips, and recovery resources — all in one place. Residents who already have the SD Emergency app downloaded should update it now to continue receiving push notifications and official information from County emergency managers. The "old" SD Emergency app will be retired in 90 days. New Features in the new Alert San Diego App are: Clean, simplified design, expanded emergency updates, Early earthquake alerts, Preparedness and recovery resources, and it also includes accessibility features. What does OES Do? OES coordinates emergency preparedness, response, and recovery across the region. It works with local, state, federal, nonprofit, and private sector partners to protect public health and safety during natural disasters and other emergencies. In other words: The SD Emergency app is going away and can be deleted, and the Alert San Diego app has been launched and can be downloaded from your favorite App Store.
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisories:
  Thanksgiving – Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28, 2025
  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.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Vote)

A. S-070: Special Program Authorizations

A motion was made by Burnie Dunlap, seconded by Ron Hudnet to endorse Policy S-070. Motion carried.

B. S-306: Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education

A motion was made by Burnie Dunlap, seconded by Tobin Riley to endorse Policy S-306. Motion carried.

C. S-620: LEMSA Data Use and Standards

A motion was made by Burnie Dunlap, seconded by Julie Phillips to endorse Policy S-620. Motion carried.

D. S-883: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access

There was group discussion that Policy S-883 needs additional work.

A motion was made by Michael Calderwood, seconded by Tobin Riley to not endorse Policy S-883. Motion carried.

E. S-883A: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access Plan Template

A motion was made by Ron Hudnet, seconded by Roxanne Rauto-Shin to not endorse Policy S-883A. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. San Diego County CEMSIS ePCR Data Compliance Update – Michael Assof

The data is still currently at about 95% of all ALS incidents. Anticipate having the remaining 5% onboard by the end of the year. Guidance will be forthcoming in the near future for BLS private ambulance providers.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ambulance Ordinance Update

No report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting cadence in 2026.

Staff will be back in January to bring before the committee a suggestion that we adjust the meeting cadence of 2026 to meet in odd numbered months.

B. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Tobin Riley, seconded by Ron Hudnet that Jonathan Jordan continue to serve as EMCC Chair. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tobin Riley, seconded by Ron Hudnet that Brian Covell serve as EMCC Vice Chair. Motion carried.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.