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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 Avenue, Rm 171, San Diego, CA 92123

**INFORMATIONAL**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2025**

**Members Present**

Covell, Brian – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators Committee  
Hudnet, Ron – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
Maxwell, Paul – San Diego County Paramedic Association  
Muns, Harry – San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)  
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Sloane, MD, Christian – District 5  
Smith, Sgt. Austin – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Uppenkamp, Tina – American Red Cross (Alt)  
Walters, Sean – SD Paramedic Association (Alt)

**In Attendance**

Chandler, Craig – Stryker  
Clyons, Jeff – SDFRD  
Erickson, Kirk – Scripps Mercy  
Farah, MD, Jeniffer – CVFD / UCSD  
Graham, Valery – CSA 17  
Harris, Benjamin – CVFD  
Hughes, Sarah – RCCP  
Idman-Gervais, Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Marquez, Amy – Oceanside FD  
McBurney, Ryan – CVFD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

**Not in Attendance**

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
Emergency Nurses' Association  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Ambulance Association  
San Diego County Fire Districts' Association  
San Diego County Medical Society

**County Staff**

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

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

- A. Brian Covell began the meeting at 9:36 AM. A quorum was not declared; this is an informational meeting only.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. There were no introductions.
- D. There were no announcements.

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**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS**

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There were no public comments/petitions.

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### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Due to no quorum, the July 24, 2025 minutes were not approved and will be brought back to the next meeting.

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### IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell, RN

The group did not meet.

#### B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group did not meet.

#### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Ron Hudnet

The group did not meet. There is a tabletop drill occurring in the next month, and planning underway for another drill for April 2026.

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### V. COUNTY REPORT

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#### 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 completed its review of the second round of public comments submitted between July 3 and August 17, 2025, concerning proposed updates to Chapter 6, Specialty Programs, of Title 22 in the California Code of Regulations.
- In response to the substantial volume of feedback received, EMSA has made additional revisions to the proposed regulatory language. A third public comment period—anticipated to last two weeks—is expected to be announced shortly.
- All stakeholders are strongly encouraged to review the forthcoming revisions, as they will directly impact specialty care programs across the state.

- EMS Corps: First cohort graduation – 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, and the application portal will remain open until September 30. Additional grant funds were secured to start a pre-fire academy preparatory program for those EMS Corps students who want to go on to become firefighters. The preparatory program assists students prepare for the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and the fire fighter written exam.

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

- Southwestern College
- American Medical Response
- Falck
- Premier Ambulance
- The Children's Initiative
- Public Works Alliance (PWA)

- SBCS
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- 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 602 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.

- 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.
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisories:
  - i. Recent and Upcoming Board of Supervisors Items:  
November 18 agenda for Board of Supervisors:
    - Renewal of K9 and K12 board policies, covers ambulance provision in the unincorporated area and the establishment of the LEMSA
    - EMS Corps is accepting another grant.

**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 (Endorsement Vote)**

- A. S-070: Special Program Authorizations
- B. S-306: Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education
- C. S-620: LEMSA Data Use and Standards
- D. S-883: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access
- E. S-883A: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access Plan Template

**ACTION: Due to no quorum, these policies will be tabled for the next EMCC meeting in November.**

**VII. REPORTS**

- A. San Diego County CEMSIS ePCR Data Compliance Update – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator
  - i. CEMSIS Version 3.5.1 Updated Implementation Timeline

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

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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### **A. 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 at <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/ambulance-ordinance>

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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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### **A. Meeting cadence in 2026**

A presentation will be shown at the November meeting to discuss having EMCC meeting every other month in 2026 as a trial basis.

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## **X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5570 Overland Ave, Medical Examiner's Office. The meeting ended at 10:11 am.