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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, September 25, 2025**

#### **Members Present**

Cochran, Jennifer – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)  
Forney, Paul – San Diego 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  
Muns, Harry – San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Riley, Tobin – San Diego County Fire Districts Association (Alt)

#### **In Attendance**

Chandler, Craig – Stryker  
Graham, Valery – CSA 17  
Idman, Gervais – Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Jagielinski, Jakub – County Fire  
Killy, Kecia – Stryker  
Marquez, Amy – Oceanside FD  
Naylor, Kyrstyn – BHNC Grossmont  
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Bustamante, Ivana – Documenters/SDSU

#### **Not in Attendance**

District 1  
District 3  
District 4  
District 5  
American Red Cross  
Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators' Committee  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Medical Society

#### **County Staff**

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

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

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- A. Jonathan Jordan, EMCC Chair, started the meeting at 9:33 AM. A quorum was not declared; this is an informational meeting only.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. A moment of silence was held to recognize the Celebration of Life for Engineer Rob Hager from North County Fire.

- D. EMS Administrator Andy Parr announced the options for public comments, including providing an inclusive environment for people to make public comments in person and online. A podium has also been provided for in-person comments.

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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 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

No report.

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

The group did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Ron Hudnet

No report.

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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

- EMCC Meetings: A trial balloon was announced for future EMCC meetings. This topic will be brought back at the October meeting to potentially change the cadence of EMCC meetings – to be held every other month instead of every month, for a year.
- Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination Survey: The policies have been created and provisionally approved. The work for community paramedicine is starting to rise as we wait for the data to continue to come from our agencies. The plan is to get a survey out in the next 15 days or so to get what the interest is from the agencies.
- Air Show Support: The Miramar Air Show runs from September 26-28, 2025. County EMS duty officers and managers will be at the site to coordinate efforts, if needed.
- Increased EMT Training Agency Monitoring: We have a number of training agencies. There is a need for additional monitoring. Increased monitoring will be occurring.
- 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: Accepting Student Applications!

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). 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
- 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 Protocols:  
The San Diego County EMS 2025-2026 treatment protocols are now live as of July 1, 2025. Key updates include a new medication reference, evidence-based changes, a transport level of care decision tool, and important clarifications. All protocols are available on our website ([www.sandiegocountyems.com](http://www.sandiegocountyems.com)) and the EMS Mobile App – just in time to begin the review process anew. The San Diego County EMS Office is happy to announce that the 2026-2027 EMS protocol revision cycle has begun, with comments open from August 29 to October 1, 2025. Submit suggestions anytime via the EMS Mobile App—just go to References > EMS App > Protocol & Policy Suggestions. Previously submitted comments are always considered.

Remember to close and restart the EMS Mobile App with an internet connection to download the latest updates.

- EMS Mobile App:  
If you are an EMS Mobile App user, a reminder to close the app and then restart it to ensure it downloads new protocols for 2025-2026.
- 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. Data is being collected in two separate channels: from emergency departments and 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 250 reports received so far.
- 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:  
Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2025

### **C. EMS System Redesign – Veer Vithalani, MD**

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

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## VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Endorsement Vote)

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- 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 October.**

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## VII. REPORTS

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

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

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## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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- A. Ambulance Ordinance Update

No report.

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## IX. NEW BUSINESS

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- A. EMT and Paramedic Vaccination Administration Local Optional Scope of Practice (Information)

Program Coordinator Brian Christison provided the following update: County EMS Office intends to submit a Local Optional Scope of Practice application to EMSA requesting authorization for paramedics, AMTs and EMTs to administer influenza and COVID 19 vaccinations, as well as any other vaccinations that would be needed to remedy a public health concern. If approved, the LOSOP authority would give us the option to enhance our capacity as a sector to support public health vaccination campaigns, which could be particularly important in rural communities and also other areas that may need outreach assistance. This would also allow EMS personnel to provide vaccinations to an internal workforce.

The fire chiefs received a brief poll through the Fire Chiefs' Association to provide input. Looking to get the results by noon on Friday to support a rapid turnaround for this request to the State. Participation is optional.

- B. San Diego Ambulance Patient Offload Time Collaboration Update (Information)

Dr. Christopher Scott with Kaiser Permanente shared the following presentation with the group: [APOT Collaborative](#)

- C. APOT Audit Update (Information)

Program Coordinator Brian Christison shared the following presentation with the group: [AB-40 and APOT Audit Update](#)

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## X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. The meeting ended at 11:13 am.