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within the Trauma System

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I. PURPOSE

To define the coordination of trauma care within the County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) system and with neighboring jurisdictions.

II. POLICY

CoSD EMS is required to assure coordination of trauma care services and trauma system compliance with state and local regulations. This shall be accomplished through the following system design that assures:

- A.** Adequate numbers of trauma centers to meet the needs of the population and incidents of trauma in the County.
- B.** A coordinated response for the provision of Advanced Life Support (ALS) and trauma care services within and around San Diego County through ALS inter-county agreements with neighboring and remote Emergency Medical Services (EMS) jurisdictions.
- C.** Active duty military personnel and their dependents involved in traumatic incidents are integrated into the San Diego County Trauma System.
- D.** System oversight to assure that patients needing trauma services receive such services, including:
 - 1. Transportation of trauma patients to designated trauma facilities.
 - 2. Required personnel and resources to provide the appropriate level of service are available at designated trauma facilities.

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3. Trauma team activation criteria are defined and provided at designated trauma facilities.
4. The trauma registry is maintained for the purpose of monitoring system operations.
5. A quality monitoring system that assures compliance with all applicable state laws, regulations, and local policies, procedures, and contractual arrangements.
6. Public awareness and education on injury prevention.