



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

**Regular EMCC Meeting:  
 Friday, June 24, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.  
 Location: 405 W. Fifth Street – Conference Room 433  
 Santa Ana, CA 92705**

## MINUTES

<b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>CATEGORY REPRESENTED</b>	<b>OCEMS STAFF</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Chang, MD	- Board of Supervisors, First District	Terre Duensing	- HDM Division Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Green, RN, JD	- Board of Supervisors, Second District	Sam Stratton, MD	- EMS Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Board of Supervisors, Third District	Ken Miller, MD	- Assistant Medical Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Gilwee	- Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	Patrick Powers	- BLS Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Schuetz, MD	- Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	Eileen Endo	- Office Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Graves	- American Red Cross, OC Chapter		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Wanstreet, RN	- Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Botticella	- Hospital Association of So. Calif.		
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- Society of OC Emergency Physicians	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Davis	- Ambulance Association of OC	Phil Robinson	- Doctor's Ambulance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Nagel	- League of California Cities	Scott Gordon	- Mercy Air
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Bastone	- OC Business Council	Bill Weston	- AAOC/Care Ambulance
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Pulone	- OC City Managers Association	Holly Veale	- HCA – Medical Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant	- OC Fire Chiefs Association	Ron Norby	- HCA – Medical Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Hoynak, MD	- OC Medical Association	Jeanne Reinhardt	- Care Ambulance
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Paul Henisey	- OC Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Assn.	Shadrach Smith	- Paramedic Advantage
<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	- OC Senior Citizens Advisory Council	Dave Sanford	

1. **EMCC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Green, Chair at 9:01 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSC The April 22, 2011 minutes were approved.

4. **OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE**

**OCMEDS Update:** *reported by Terre Duensing*

Ten Orange County fire departments have agreed to begin the pilot test into OCMEDs using the tablets purchased through the Office of Traffic & Safety grant funding. We are looking forward to working with the trauma centers to begin submitting their data in to the system.

**Disaster Preparations:** *reported by Terre Duensing*

Participated in the statewide Golden Guardian drill on May 18 where the EMS and Health Operations Centers were activated. The scenario was a large scale flood where patients were transported from Northern California to Los Alamitos and then ambulances delivered them to the Orange County hospitals. In the afternoon we worked with the city of Anaheim's fire and police, the American Red Cross, State EMS and the long-term care facilities getting them familiar with the incident command systems, understanding communication flows and how to obtain resources. Our goal is to get them ready for the state exercise on November 17.

**Hospital Diversion:** *reported by Dr. Sam Stratton*

The numbers are not as high as in the past two years and satisfied with that. Anaheim was down 58 hours due to their CAT Lab down for updating equipment. There have been reports of lengthy off loading of patients in the emergency departments and will be tracking that during the summer season.

**2010-2011 Influenza Season:** *reported by Dr. Sam Stratton*

Haven't had a serious flu season and gearing up the next flu season. Centers for Disease Control have released alerts to the health departments regarding the up-trend of measles throughout the U.S. It's being brought here from people visiting and moving here from other countries, but not Mexico. The problem is the risk to children and infants that have not been immunized. Our health department is monitoring the cases. There have been reported cases of rabies in L.A. and Riverside counties carried by bats.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ground Ambulance Service Basic Life Support (BLS) Rates Adjustment and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Rate** – is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

**Ambulance Medicare and Medical Rates**

Information distributed to members.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**EMS Trauma Plan** - *reported by Dr. Sam Stratton*

We are in the final stages of editing our trauma plan for the State EMS Authority. Editions will include the revised trauma triage guidelines. Ofnote, Orange County is the first county in the U.S. to adopt the National Standards for Trauma Triage.

**Election of Chair for remainder of calendar year 2011**

Delayed until the next meeting.

**EMCC Letterhead**

MSC **Approved EMCC letterhead presented to members.**

7. **EMCC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

A. Facilities Advisory Committee

B. County Paramedic Advisory Committee

C. Education & Training Advisory Committee – *reported by Dr. Sam Stratton*

The committee discussed the new emergency responder category that the state is considering and the changes in the EMT Training and National curriculum.

D. Transportation Advisory Committee - *reported by Dr. Sam Stratton*

The committee discussed revisions for EMS policy on inventories in the county and the inventory requirements for certain items that are listed in Title 13 and defined as required in inspections by the California Highway Patrol. Will send out again for review after reviewing Title 13. The committee also discussed the landing zones for helicopters in Orange County.

E. Disaster Advisory Group

F. Trauma Operations Committee - *reported by Dr. Sam Stratton*

Committee discussed the new trauma triage criteria that went into effect March 28, 2011, and how the integration of the Orange County trauma system with regional trauma systems and how it fits into the state plan. The recent surveys done by American College of Surgeons of Mission and West Med Santa Ana were discussed. Next year will be surveying UCI.

G. Quality Assurance Board – *reported by Dr. Ken Miller*

Reviewed airway management data (800-1000 cases) looking at strategies to assure a comprehensive approach to managing the airway, seeing improvements in certain components and looking at findings of the trauma triage strategy.

8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dr. Sam Stratton commented on the passing of Dr. Marianne Cinate who was a world recognized burn specialist and trauma surgeon from UCI. There will be a memorial at the Double Tree Inn across from UCI at 4 p.m. today. Terre Duensing thanked Cathy Green who has termed out and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Terre Duensing also invited the members to come out to the Health Operations Center for the next EMCC meeting to show new members the disaster preparedness component of EMS.

9. **PUBLIC FORUM** (non-agendized)

Patrick Powers reported that OCEMS has partner with the Ambulance Association on putting together an ambulance strike team leader course. Bill Weston invited members to come to the Care Ambulance facility for a visit on the Ambulance Association's disaster preparedness .

10. **NEXT Meeting** – August 26, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.