

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 1-Minutes
Ventura County Fire Department Training Complex
Camarillo, CA
January 09, 2008

Attendees: Robert Lashier (C2E2 Chair); Sean Trask (EMSA); Laura Little (EMSA); Elaine Dethlefsen (Santa Ana College); Patti Haley (College of the Canyons); Kelly Lazarus (Santa Barbara County EMS); Mark Komins (Moorpark Community College); Jim Karras ((Priority One Ambulance).

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Robert Lashier called the meeting to order at 10:00am Robert thanked Ventura County Fire for hosting the meeting and EMSA for sending Sean Trask and Laura Little to the meeting. Self introductions around the table.</p> <p>Approval of the agenda.</p>	
Presentation	<p><u>Strategic Education Master Plan:</u> Robert gave a presentation regarding his vision of the future of EMS Education. Robert gave an overview of “Masters of the Past” of education. He discussed the ways in which people “absorb” information, like sponges. One direction of learning, traditionalist education. He expressed concern over the lack of deeper learning, critical thinking skills. Instructors do not spend enough time increasing depth, breadth and deeper learning. Robert handed out an activity called “Constructivist Learning Activity” that emphasized the learner as the center of the learning environment and peer learning. Discussed the results of the group exercise using the steps (Active, Collaborative, Conversational, Contextual, Complex, Constructive and Reflective) and applying them to the topic of Nitroglycerin.</p>	

Discussion	<p><u>Report of the State of EMS Education:</u> The committee discussed chronic problem of C2E2 attendance and the direction of the committee. Robert expressed concern regarding EMSA's continued support if the committee continues to decrease membership, and in turn "purpose". Kelly suggested holding the meetings in a consistent and centralized location (LA), Orange County was also brought up. Robert and Mark brought up trying to incorporate a northern CA group (teleconference as a possibility). Robert expressed concern about the criteria for EMT instructors (minimum of two years EMS experience within the last five years, and 40 equivalent credential class). A discussion followed regarding National Registry and testing results as a gauge for EMT instructors.</p> <p><u>EMSA Report-provided Sean Trask and Laura Little:</u></p> <p><u>EMS Personnel</u></p> <p>Paramedic: The updated Paramedic regulations and Model Disciplinary Orders were approved by the EMS Commission in December 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate the assessment of fines, when appropriate, for disciplinary action on paramedic licenses that have been found to be in violation of Health and Safety Code Section 1798.200 (c) pursuant to AB 1655.• Allow paramedic students who have successfully completed the didactic and laboratory skills portion of a paramedic training program to take the paramedic practical (skills) licensing examination prior to course completion, and;• Change from one year to two years the amount of time that paramedic licensure written and skills examinations shall be valid. <p>EMT-I: (and EMT-II) Model Disciplinary Orders were put out for a 45-day public comment on November 26, 2007.</p> <p>EMT-II: The EMT-II regulations are still being revised.</p>	
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National Registry Assessment Exam: A letter was sent to all certifying authorities on 11/05/07 explaining which NREMT candidates need to take the assessment exam (under 18 years old and those with felony convictions). All others will be taking the refresher exam and will be using the refresher application.

Child Care Unit: California Resuscitation Council has been doing (questionable) site visits and inspections to licensed daycare programs. The state is looking into the legitimacy of the organization.

EMS Systems

CEMSIS: The final approval for the EMS Directory was received at the December 2007 EMS Commission Meeting. Test data will start being collected Spring 2008 and will be from the field patient care records.

Currently surveying the state on what pediatric equipment is carried by EMS response and transport units. California's data will be compared to national standards.

Guidelines that completed first public comment period:

- Trauma Registry data dictionary
- Emergency Department Guidelines for the Care of Pediatric Patients
- Pediatric Equipment for EMS response and transport units

EMS Communications: Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee (PSRSPC): was established by statute to address the need for an integrated public safety communications system that facilitates interoperability among the state's public safety departments. The PSRSPC-TWG (Technical Working Group), established in 2005 to develop recommendations and carry out essential activities for the PSRSPC continues to meet 2-3 times per month to address the state's governance and memoranda of understanding; gateways; fiscal issues; collaboration between the PSRSPC and its primary affiliate – the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIIEC). The PSRSPC working with the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIIEC) developed the California Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (CALSCIP) that was

submitted to the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in December 2007. The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) of DHS requires that each state develop and adopt a statewide communications interoperability plan in order to continue receiving federal funds. A key initiative of the CALSCIP calls for an agreement between PSRSPC and CALSIEC on how to implement the plan.

Department of Commerce's Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC)

Grant Program: California was awarded a one-time \$94,034,510 grant from the federal government of Commerce's PSIC Grant Program for spending statewide by September 30, 2010. The PSRSPC was given the responsibility of delineating how the grant funds would be used for public safety communications interoperability for state-agency initiatives.

Communication Resource Manual: The EMS Authority has conducted a recent survey, which requested all LEMSAs to update their area of responsibility for a statewide resource manual. The EMS Authority has received responses from almost all of the LEMSAs and is using this data to update the statewide resource manual and create a database where it is envisioned that updates can be processed electronically in the future. The EMS Authority is working on the process of refining the format needed for the comprehensive Communications Directory for statewide use. Although currently disseminated electronically and in 8.5 x 11 paper format, it is envisioned that a tailored version of the directory will ultimately be disseminated to every ambulance in California as a Field Operational Guide (FOG) in a more robust format for use in their daily operations, and during disaster responses and mutual aid deployments.

Disaster Medical Services

Ambulance Strike Team (AST): A draft ambulance strike team manual has been developed by the AST Committee and EMSA staff. The committee is also working to revise the AST leader training and to develop a continuing education process for AST leaders. Placement locations have been determined for the 25 Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSU). MOUs have been mailed to agencies/providers who have agreed to house the units. The first two DMSUs were placed in early November

2007 with the remainder arriving by February 2008. A DMSU was on display during the Rough & Ready 2007 demonstration on August 25th.

California Medical Assistance Team (CAL-MAT): CAL-MAT structure has been completed. Caches, vehicles, and warehouses have been procured. First state of recruitment and assignment is completed and second stage is in progress. Training and demonstration of the first CAL-MAT members occurred at the Rough & Ready Demonstration and Training Event on August 23-25, 2007 at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. The first CAL-MAT deployment for the Southern California Wildfires took place October 22-27 utilizing the Northern California CAL-MAT 1. The team of 38 was staged at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in San Diego. The team provided a shelter medical assessments and set up a special needs medical clinic at the fairgrounds. Other members assisted OES on multidisciplinary assessment teams for 2-3 days following the return of the main body.

California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CAL-MOM):

Develop guidelines for local, regional and statewide response in conjunction with local EMS Agencies and Regional Disaster Medical/Health Coordinators and Specialists. On December 3, 2007 the EMSAAC Disaster Subcommittee recommended to the EMSAAC Board of Director approval of the November 20, 2007 draft version of the CD-MOM. The recommendation for approval is contingent on inclusion of recommended changes.

Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health

Professionals (ESAR-VHP) {California Medical Volunteers}: On July 23, 2007 EMSA has officially renamed the California ESAR-VHP system to **California Medical Volunteers**. The existing pilot system will continue to register physicians, RNs, pharmacists and paramedics capable of responding in an emergency. In August, the new software system was installed. Planning for the full implementation of the California Medical Volunteers system is underway.

EMSA is also working simultaneously to develop policies and procedures for the designated Operational Area System Administrators to manage and use the ESAR-VHP system locally. EMSA conducted a Table Top Exercise (TTX) on March 1, 2007, which tested Version 1.1 of the Principles of Operation developed in August

2006. The TTX tested the system's ability to mobilize and manage volunteer personnel from the ESAR-VHP system, staying within the parameters of SEMS. Based on the findings of the exercise, the Principles of Operation has been revised and other policies and procedures are under development. Expected rollout of the system is in January 2008.

Statewide Exercises: Golden Guardian 2008 is planned for November 2008. Four areas and three Regions will be participating. South Lake Tahoe (Inland Region) will be simulating a disaster caused by a seiche wave. The remainder of the exercise will focus on a catastrophic earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in the Southern Region. The Inland (Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties will participate) and coastal Regions will be providing assistance/support in response to the earthquake in the Southern Region.

Mission Support Team (MST): The MST manual is about 90% complete (editing and rewriting) with the assistance of the MST Advisory Committee. Completion is scheduled for January 2008. The first MST deployment was in support of the CAL-MAT response to the Southern California Wildfires. Meetings are scheduled in December 2007 with CSTI to develop and deliver two MST training programs by April 2008. The MST local and state vehicles have been received. Communications equipment is currently being installed.

Executive Office

Legislation: AB 1086 (Torrico) - The Bill was "gutted" and re-introduced on December 13, 2007 with the body of AB 941 (which was vetoed by the Governor).

SB 254 (Ashburn) was amended on July 19, 2007. It was sponsored by the California Ambulance Association and is intended to centralize EMT-I and EMT-II certification and discipline at the EMS Authority. This bill also requires FBI and DOJ background checks on all EMT-Is.

Status of the Director's Advisory Group: The group will continue to be conducted as usual.

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Update

Not discussed.

NAEMSC Standards and Guidelines Symposium

Robert and Jim raised the issue of the NAEMSC of C2E2 sending a member to the symposium as a CA representative to participate in the national curriculum standards and guidelines. The committee did not have enough in attendance to form a quorum, but the Executive Board made in the decision to finance Robert's travel expenses in lieu of a quorum. Jim will look into alternative funds to offset Robert's expenses.

C2E2 Bylaws Committee Report- Jim

There were some changes to the bylaws made- final document will be forthcoming.

<p>Consent Calendar:</p> <p>1. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>2. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Minutes for the July 11, 2007 meeting in Riverside were approved, with one typo change.</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen respectfully submitted the Report for the period of October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. There is currently approximately \$3,078.00 in the money market account and approximately \$00.00 in the checking account. Elaine asked the group if they felt we needed to keep two accounts. The idea of closing the checking account (since the money market account functions as a checking account) came up. Both accounts have the same account number- one might be a "sub-account" of the other.</p>	<p>Kelly Lazarus</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen</p>
<p>Round Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Patty Haley- EMS degree (Emergency Management, EMS) that can lead into a four year degreed program. Held a joint exercise with ROP and County Fire all day (24 hours for some participants). Hired some instructor adjuncts to attend things like exercises. ❑ Robert- education consulting business is doing very well. Traveling all over the world, doing talks. Misses the hands on EMS stuff- but loves what he is doing. ❑ Mark Komins- Moorpark just started new EMT program, has the only college based ambulance simulator (type 3 modular). Pre-paramedic program- written and approved. 64 didactic, 96 total hours, including clinical. Starts in summer 2008 (eight Saturdays). Fire Department just finished recertifying all of their EMTs. Starting Transcutaneous Pacing. ❑ Elaine Dethlefsen - Santa Ana on break until 2nd week of February. EMT Training committee- chairperson. New committee. Dr. Sam Stratton is new medical director. Had unusually large classes last semester. ❑ Kelly Lazarus – Implementing probationary procedures based on Ventura County EMS (same Medical Director). Also updated EMS Personnel Application to include criminal background information and questions to 	<p>All</p>

	<p>coincide with the state paramedic application. Have been involved with many disaster exercises (medical components for all of them) in the past several months. Santa Barbara County EMS hired a new Administrative Assistant who will be handling all EMT applications and DOJ background check information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Jim Karras - Priority One Ambulance service shut down Texas, ambulance fleet coming back (went out for a hurricane, and is just now coming back). AED press release, compliance info on our website. Had moved into some rural counties, but was not able to sustain operations. LA County, expanding city operations. Kaiser contract, trying to secure additional contracts since then. Seeking approval for 10 permits currently. Having to establishing a need, very political. Have recommendations from staff. 	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for April 09, 2008, in Los Angeles EMS, CA. Conference Room 3.</p>	