

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 2-Minutes
Santa Barbara County EMS
300 North San Antonio Road C101/102
Santa Barbara, CA
April 11, 2007

Attendees: Robert Lashier (C2E2 Chair); Karen Petrilla (Riverside County EMS Agency); Jim Karras (Priority One Ambulance); Elaine Dethlefsen (Santa Ana College); Patti Haley (College of the Canyons); Kelly Lazarus (Santa Barbara County EMS); Erika Reich (LA County EMS); Karin Reynoso (LA County ROP); Ginger Fallesen (LA County ROP); Ann Yoshinaga (Riverside County Fire); David Wells (LA County EMS); John Eaglesham (Santa Barbara County EMS); Michael Messina (Allan Hancock Community College); Michael McDonough (Allan Hancock Community College/American Medical Response).

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Robert Lashier called the meeting to order at 10:12am. Robert thanked Kelly Lazarus for generously offering to host today's meeting, breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>The Agenda was approved as written.</p>	

Allan Hancock EMS Academy Presentation	<p>EMS Academy Instructor Mike Messina discussed Allan Hancock’s EMS Academy, a 2-year program that includes the EMT-I(A) Basic class, EMT-I I(B) Advanced class, Emergency Vehicle Operations Class, physical agility preparedness, communication and leadership, and EMS job interview/resume techniques. This program is modeled after the traditional Fire Academy. Issues that were discussed during the presentation was cost (an issue for counties with a lot of EMT-I training programs) and prerequisites (reading comprehension, math) - how to “screen” those with learning issues.</p>	
Ambulance Strike Team Presentation	<p>Mike McDonough presented on the Ambulance Strike Team (AST) curriculum that was developed by himself and Mike Messina, and piloted in California. Six classes have been taught so far, three of them as part of the EMS Authority’s pilot program to ensure ambulance personnel could respond in a coordinated manner under ICS and SEMS, much like the fire service does. Currently, the AST basic curriculum is available online. There is also a 16-hour strike team leader class. The leadership class is broken into 2-hour operational periods to simulate an event, using a tabletop format. ICS 300/400 is strongly recommended as a prerequisite (ICS 100/200 is required). Students are tested as a team, not individually. Learning materials include ICS forms and the Field Operations Guide (FOG). In addition to the classroom work, students are also required to complete a task book of participation in real events, drills and planned events (they have three years to complete tasks). Personnel completing the leadership training receive a state issued course completion certificate.</p>	

Discussion	<p><u>EMSA Report-provided by Robert Lashier on behalf of Sean Trask:</u></p> <p>AEDs in health clubs and health studios- The EMS Authority has been busy notifying health clubs and health studios and answering questions about the upcoming requirement of having an AED program in place by July 1, 2007. This is a legislative requirement that was signed by the governor in 2005. The EMS Authority has an informational brochure that is available on our web page, if anybody is interested in the information. It is anticipated that there will be an increased demand for CPR and AED training to meet this requirement. In general, any facility permitting the use of its facilities and equipment or access to its facilities and equipment to individuals or groups for physical exercise, body building, reducing, figure development, fitness training, or any other similar purpose on a membership basis. “Health studio” does not include any hotel or similar business that offers fitness facilities to its registered guests for a fee or as part of the hotel charges.</p> <p>EMT-II Regulations- The EMT-II Regulations went out for a 60-day public comment period from January 19th to March 20, 2007. A number of comments were received regarding scope of practice issues, mainly that endotracheal intubation is being deleted from the regulations, and that diphenhydramine is not added to the EMT-II advanced level. There were some other comments regarding base hospitals, training issues (requiring 20 ALS contacts instead of 10 and developing a bridge program from the EMT-II basic to the EMT-II advanced), and not increasing the number of hours of EMT-II training. We also received quite a few comments in support of the proposed regulations. The EMS Authority held a public hearing on March 20th and two people attended; one person wanted to observe and not speak and the other person submitted written comments. The next step will be for the EMT-II Task Force to prepare responses to the comments and determine if there will be any changes to the proposed EMT-II regulations that may require an additional public comment period.</p>	
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EMT-I Regulations- The EMT-I regulations recently underwent a minor revision that took effect March 24, 2007. The revision was to remove the requirement that all EMT-I certifying authorities must offer at least one EMT-I certifying exam per year. This was deleted since the National Registry went to computer based testing and the test sites are limited to certain locations. Also, the reference to the American Heart Association Guidelines as a reference to the CPR prerequisite for EMT-I basic training was changed to reflect the 2005 Guidelines.

EMT-I Certification at EMSA- EMS stakeholders and constituent groups have been asking the EMS Authority when the EMT-I Licensure Task Force will meet again to discuss the issue of EMT-I licensure. In the Governor's veto message of AB 2554 last year, the Governor encouraged stakeholders to work with the Legislature and the Health and Human Services Agency to craft legislation that will protect public safety, reduce duplicative enforcement, and support more consistent oversight of EMTs. Health and Human Services has met with some of the stakeholders but the EMT-I Licensure Task Force has not convened since last year. There is one bill that was introduced, SB 485 (Maldonado) that is currently a spot bill, but in conversations with the Senator's office, this bill was introduced to centralize EMT-I certification at the EMS Authority. There has not been much movement on this bill since it was introduced on February 22nd.

Dr. Cesar's drug/alcohol arrest/conviction draft guidelines- Dr. Cesar has drafted guidelines regarding paramedics with drug or alcohol arrests or convictions. This is in draft form. Dr. Cesar, along with the EMS Authority's enforcement unit are reviewing and making modifications as necessary.

New BLS Coordinator- EMSA has a new BLS Coordinator, Laura Little. Laura has been with EMSA for 9 ½ years and served in a variety of positions. Laura currently is the Preventive Health and Safety Training Program Analyst and is responsible for reviewing preventive health and safety training materials for the child care environment. Laura will be stepping into the position as soon as she receives her ranking from recent

open exams that were conducted by EMSA.

Paramedic Regulations- As reported in previous C2E2 meetings, the Paramedic Regulations will go out for public comment for the following revisions:

- Paramedic fines and model disciplinary orders
- License exam results valid for two years to apply for paramedic licensure. Currently, exam results are good only for one year for paramedic licensure.
- Paramedic licensure practical exam may be taken before course completion, but not the written licensure exam. This is a change in policy by the National Registry and will require a change in the Paramedic Regulations.

These revisions are under internal review and will go out for public comment. We are unable to estimate the actual date for public comment at this time.

Open Exams- EMSA will be holding open examinations for ranking individuals that are interested in working at EMSA. In state service, you first get ranked in a particular classification and the agency or department will then conduct hiring interviews from those ranking lists. EMSA just went through a series of ranking interviews and will open the exams in the near future. If you are interested, please check the EMSA web page for details and deadlines.

NREMT Update provided by Robert Lashier on behalf of Rob Wagoner:

In light of the previous meeting's discussion and questions raised regarding issues such as the EMT program approval process, student registration process, opportunities for item writing, and the future of NREMT, Robert has asked that members submit comments and input for EMSAAC. Lucy Adams volunteered to collect input from the group for formatting. Robert will look into the possibility of inviting an IT staff member from NREMT to present at the next meeting.

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Bylaws- Jim announced that the bylaws are currently being revised. The draft document will include a mission/purpose statement, a breakdown of membership categories, a dues structure, and duties of the Board of Directors. The final draft will be presented at the July 2007 meeting.

<p>Consent Calendar:</p> <p>1. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>2. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Minutes for the January 10, 2007 meeting in Santa Clarita were approved with the following change: correct spelling of Ann Yoshinaga's last name.</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen respectfully submitted the Report for the period of January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007. Jim Karras submitted an invoice of \$245.00 for website updates. There is currently \$3,128.28 in the savings account and \$711.90 in the checking account.</p>	<p>Kelly Lazarus</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen</p>
<p>Round Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Karen Petrilla announced that Riverside EMS is recruiting for a Trauma Nurse Coordinator. Their Regional Conference will be held in Temecula (in place of the Riverside EMS Conference) on May 2-4, 2007. There will be EMS, fire and RN educational tracks. She also announced Bruce Barton as the new EMS Director for Riverside. ❑ Ann Yoshinaga stated Riverside Fire is hiring 100 new paramedics during the next year. ❑ Kelly Lazarus reported that Santa Barbara County EMS was sponsoring some EMS Week events that include paramedic service awards for years of service in the community, facilitation of extra base station meetings to promote EMS education, and press releases promoting the local Medical Reserve Corp and AED training. The Baby Safe Haven draft policy will be introduced during the week to draw attention to EMSC issues. ❑ Jim Karras that six providers will be serving Kaiser- Priority One is recruiting EMTs, EMT-Ps and RNs. There will also be three new stations to support Kaiser. Butte Co. - Kaiser was awarded service, hospitals typically own ambulance services, and they did not want to enter into a base hospital agreement. ❑ Erika Reich and David Wells explained that their agency is extremely busy, with over 200 employees, a MAC (Medical Alert Center), and about 200 programs to monitor. They stay busy just dealing with day-to-day issues. One project they are currently involved with is EMS text reviews through 	<p>All</p>

	<p>the Curriculum Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Patti Haley announced that College of the Canyons has implemented a 1.2 unit class- an introduction to EMS (prep class) - CPR is still a stand along class though. The EMT program is staying in Canyon County, and the Fire Tech. is working with LA County to start up a Fire Academy. LA has also acquired a SIM Man through grant funding- scheduled to deliver soon. ❑ Karen Reynoso stated that DHS is conducting unannounced surveys of the ROP programs. By 2010, the pathways program will be mandated for 90% of all ROP programs. Classes will be UC accredited and students will be able to receive college credit. ❑ Elaine Dethlefsen- announced that the EMT Program will be receiving new equipment from the Nursing Program. ❑ Robert brought up the HOSA System- Health Occupational Students of America to be discussed at a later date. 	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2007, location TBA.</p>	