



# County of Santa Clara

## Prehospital Providers Advisory Committee

### November 9, 2006 Meeting Minutes

**EMS Agency, First Floor Conference Room, 645 South Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128**

Minutes completed by: John Blain, Santa Clara County EMS Agency

<b>Participants</b>	
<p>Chris Abend, Committee Chair, Westmed Ambulance            Dianne Hall, Spring Valley Volunteer Fire            Nepthy Landin, Silicon Valley Ambulance            Sonya Hawkins, Stanford Life Flight            Cory Hespelt, Bayshore Ambulance            Jeff Dane, American Medical Response            Mike Bordner, American Medical Response</p>	<p>Rob Brown, San Jose Fire            Anthony Melendrez, San Jose Fire            Susan Salinger, San Jose Fire            Kim Roderick, Palo Alto Fire            Cliff Young, American Medical Response            Michael Clark, Santa Clara County EMS Agency            John Blain, Santa Clara County EMS Agency</p>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Review and Approval of Minutes</b>	September 14, 2006 minutes accepted and approved as written by unanimous vote.
<b>Additions to the Agenda</b>	None
<b>Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair for 2007</b>	By unanimous vote, Anthony Melendrez, Captain, San Jose Fire was elected Committee Chair for 2007. By unanimous vote, Nepthy Landin, Paramedic Coordinator, Silicon Valley Ambulance Service was elected Committee Vice Chair for 2007.



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<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homeland Security Training Opportunities</li><li>• National Registry of EMT Computer Based Testing</li></ul>	<p><u>Michael Clark, EMS Agency:</u> Provided an update of upcoming training opportunities related to State Homeland Security Grant Program.</p> <p><u>John Blain, EMS Agency:</u> Effective, January 1, 2007, all EMT certification testing would be conducted through a computer-based process managed by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and their approved testing centers. Locally, the EMS Agency and other former testing centers would no longer be authorized to proctor the exam. A brochure produced by NREMT was provided to the committee participants.</p>
<p><b>MCI / Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NOVEX / Civil Support Team Exercise</li><li>• Golden Guardian 2006 – Statewide Exercise</li><li>• Review Standard Dispatch Orders</li></ul>	<p><u>Michael Clark, EMS Agency:</u> The NOVEX Exercise was held on November 7th. The exercise has been held annually and was designed to test our local providers' ability to respond to WMD events. The exercise participants included nearly all of the County's EMS providers as well and one ambulance strike team from the Coastal Valleys EMS System.</p> <p><u>Michael Clark, EMS Agency:</u> Golden Guardian 2006 Exercise will be based on an earthquake scenario. In Santa Clara County, EMS/Public Health providers will focus on exercising communications equipment and procedures.</p> <p><u>John Blain, EMS Agency:</u> Provided an update of the current status of the Standard Dispatch Orders project. The orders will become operational on January 22, 2007 in concurrence with the revised Multiple Patient Management Plan. Participants were provided a copy of the draft orders.</p>



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<p><b>Policy &amp; Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation Review</li><li>• EMS Update 2007</li><li>• Policy 214 Requirements</li></ul>	<p><u>John Blain, EMS Agency:</u> Provided a reminder to the participants that new and revised policies will become effective on January 22, 2007. Copies of the new and revised policies can be downloaded from the Agency's website.</p> <p><u>John Blain, EMS Agency:</u> Provided a reminder that all paramedics and EMTs must complete the update training requirements before January 22, 2007.</p> <p><u>John Blain, EMS Agency:</u> Provided reminder that the grandfather clause related to course requirements would expire on December 31, 2006. The clause was added to the policy in June 2005 when the policy was first instituted. Existing system providers were given 18 months to complete the requirements.</p>
<p><b>EMS Communications Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 800 MHz Frequency Reconfiguration Project</li></ul>	<p><u>John Blain, EMS Agency:</u> Provided an update on the status of the federal government's public safety 800 MHz reconfiguration program. Santa Clara County Communications has completed its inventory study and has submitted the cost estimates to Nextel. Reprogramming of the radios should begin in Spring 2007.</p>
<p><b>Roundtable</b></p>	<p>Open forum discussion</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for February 8, 2007 from 1200 to 1400</p>