County of Santa Clara
Prehospital Providers Advisory Committee
February 9, 2006 Meeting Minutes

EMS Agency Conference Room

Attendance
Chris Abend, Committee Chair, Westmed Ambulance Lori Woodfin, Stanford Life Flight Everen Watkins, Priority One Medical Transport Adrian Ayllon, American Medical Response Charlene Donahue, American Medical Response Cliff Young, American Medical Response Johnny Dellinger, San Jose Fire Department Mallorie Nolan, Westmed Ambulance Karlene Gamblin, Foothill College Paramedic Program Dave Martinez, Golden State Medical Services Kathy Scanlon, Valley Medical Center – Base Hospital David Peckman, American Medical Response Patricia Natividad, Santa Clara County EMS Agency Jolyn Camacho, Westmed College Stacey Scott, Westmed College Kathie Baumgartner, Santa Clara County Fire Department John Blain, Santa Clara County EMS Agency Indira Reddy, Santa Clara County EMS Agency

Topic	Discussion	Disposition
Review and Approval of Minutes	• There were no changes to the meeting minutes dated November 10, 2005.	Minutes accepted and approved as written by unanimous vote
Additions to the Agenda	• Field provider representation on EMS Committee	Added to agenda

Public Health Laboratory Services	• TB Testing for First Responders	John Blain reported: The Public Health Laboratory has made available TB testing services to all emergency responders. The new testing process called QuantiFeron-TB Gold is completed with one visit to the lab instead of the current process, which requires a second visit to the lab. The new test also eliminates the false positive readings that occur in the current process. Interested parties are requested to contact Patricia Dadone, Director of the Public Health Laboratory for more information.
EMS Week 2006 Preparation & Coordination	• Requests & Information	Indira Reddy requested: That all EMS providers forward to the EMS Agency, the dates of any activities being held celebrating EMS Week. The EMS Agency would like to put together a master calendar of events for the week. The committee determined: That an open-to-the public venue should be held. The venue should showcase all of Santa Clara County's EMS System Resources. The committee decided that Saturday, May 20th would be the best date. The committee recommended holding the venue in downtown San Jose, possibly in Cesar Chavez Plaza.
Education	• Upcoming Homeland Security Training • Reimbursement Deadline for Current Courses	John Blain reported: The federal government unveiled their new online training course IS 800 – "The National Response Plan". The EMS Agency recommends that all EMS management personnel complete the course. The course can be access through the FEMA website.

Education - Continue	• New Funding Cycle for Homeland Security Training • EMSystem Training	Reimbursement opportunities for private ground ambulance providers for awareness level courses identified in Prehospital Care Policy 214 are scheduled to cease on May 31, 2006. Providers are urged to submit the reimbursement requests immediately. The County has entered into a new funding cycle for homeland security. The focus will be on specialized teams (HazMat, Technical Rescue, Bomb Squads, Decon, etc). EMSystem training is scheduled for February 14th. The training is open to any EMS System stakeholder. The class will be held at the EMS Agency.
MCI / Operations	• MCI Training – March 2006 • Multiple Patient Management Plan • Casualty Collection Point Trailers • Civil Support Team Drill / November 2006	<u>John Blain reported:</u> On March 7, 8 and 9, 2006, the County will be conducting MCI training. The training will consist of classroom training, then followed by an exercise. The training is opened to EMS, Fire, Law and 9-1-1 Communication Center personnel. AMR will be supplying five to six ambulances per day and other ambulance services are requested to send at least one per day. CE will be provided. The sixth draft of the Multiple Casualty Plan has been disseminated. The plan will be reviewed at the upcoming March MCI Training. Five of the seven Casualty Collection Point trailers have been deployed. Those trailers are now stationed in Gilroy, San Jose (at the AMR facility), Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and in Los Altos. The remaining two trailers are near completion and are currently stationed at Valley Medical

		Center. Civil Support Team drill to be held in November. The drill will encompass a WMD scenario. Fire and EMS providers are encouraged to attend.
Policy & Procedure	• Stroke Destination	<u>John Blain reported:</u> The Stroke Destination Policy was temporarily suspended. The policy became effective on January 25th. The policy was suspended because of contractual issues. The policy is slated to become effective on March 1, 2006.
EMS Communications Update	• First Responder Portable Radio Distribution • 800 mHz Frequency Rebanding	<u>John Blain reported:</u> EMS System portable radios have been purchased and have been sent to County Communications for programming. The radios will be placed on first responder apparatus. This project is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2006. The federal government is spearheading a program to reband certain public safety radio frequencies. The rebanding effort was brought about as a result of radio interference caused the Nextel/Sprint cellular phone system. The program will affect three of the County's EMS radio frequencies. As a result of this program, all EMS radios will have to be reprogrammed. Santa Clara County Communications is taking the lead in this effort. The radio reprogramming process should start sometime in the summer. Each provider utilizing the EMS radios will be contacted by County Communications and by the EMS Agency.

Field Provider Representation on the EMS Committee	• Process and Selection Criteria and Clarification	John Blain reported: Each year, the Prehospital Providers Committee is to select a paramedic or EMT, who actively works as a field provider within the Santa Clara County EMS System. This individual will serve on the EMS Committee. The appointment shall last one year. The appointee shall be selected by a majority vote. The vote shall occur each November.
Roundtable	• Committee Members	Open forum discussion
Adjournment	• Meeting adjourned	Next meeting scheduled for May 11, 2006 from 1200 to 1400

Minutes Completed by: Chris Abend / John Blain