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To: Santa Clara County EMS System Stakeholders

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Subject: *Prehospital Care Policy 611*

Consistent with *Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Prehospital Care Policy #109: Policy Development and Implementation*, the EMS Agency held a public comment period (April 9, 2018 to May 9, 2018) for *Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policy 611*. The Santa Clara County EMS Agency did not receive any comments. However, after careful review the agency has decided that administrative changes need to be made to the future policy. The policy will still be effective July 1, 2018 and can be found on the EMS Agency website at the following link:

Policy Name/Effective Date
611: EMS Air Resource Utilization Effective: July 1, 2018 https://www.sccgov.org/sites/ems/Documents/pcm600/Policy611.pdf

Changes to the previously posted policy are shown below:

Section IV, subsection B

- B. ~~Responding u~~Units that wish to have an EMS air resource dispatched shall have County Communications contact the IC prior to activation, including transport to a rendezvous location (helipad, LZ, airport, etc). In the event that the IC cannot be reached, the County Ambulance EMS Field Supervisor or the EMS Duty Chief may authorize the activation. In such cases, County Communications shall continue to attempt to notify the IC of addition of the resource.

Section V, subsection C was removed because it was repetitive of Section IX, subsection B

~~C. Multiple Patient Incidents~~

~~When air resources are utilized for a multiple patient event, the Transportation Group Supervisor shall assign EMS air unit destinations.~~

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at david.sullivan@ems.sccgov.org