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**TO:** Commission on EMS

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**SUBJECT:** National Registry and EMT / Paramedic Test Pass Rates

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive information regarding National Registry of EMTs pass rates for EMTs and paramedics.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

This table compares the cumulative examination results for all EMT and paramedic training programs in California with the nation for calendar year 2013.

	Attempted the exam	Pass 1 <sup>st</sup> attempt	Pass within 3 attempts	Pass within 6 attempts	Failed all 6 attempts	Eligible for retest	Did not complete within 2 years
<b>Paramedic</b>							
National	9,918	75%	85%	86%	< 1%	14%	0
California	1,084	82%	92%	93%	< 1%	7%	0%
<b>EMT</b>							
National	61,030	71%	79%	79%	< 1%	21%	0
California	9,858	73%	79%	79%	0%	21%	0%

Attached are the pass/fail results of California's training programs for both EMT and paramedic divided by the training program approving authorities. The majority of

training programs are approved by local EMS agencies, however the EMS Authority approves statewide public safety agency's EMT training programs.

The data on the attached tables comes from queries of the NREMT data base and is not from California's central registry.

This legend explains the different categories for each column of the report on previous page:

**Attempted the exam:** Number of graduates that make at least one attempt at the exam.

**First attempt pass:** Number and percent of those who attempt the exam that pass on the first attempt.

**Cumulative pass within 3 attempts:** Number and percent of those who attempt the exam who pass on the first, second, or third attempt.

**Cumulative pass within 6 attempts:** Number and percent of those who attempt the exam who pass on the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth attempt.

**Failed all 6 attempts:** Number and percent of those who fail the exam six times.

**Eligible for retest:** Number and percent of those who failed their last attempt, but remain eligible for retest (less than six attempts, less than two years from course completion.)

**Did not complete within 2 years:** Number and percent of those who fail their last attempt and are no longer eligible for retest (more than two years from course completion.)