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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Makes Appointments to California Commission on Emergency Medical Services

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. made the following appointments on January 8, 2016:

Steven Barrow, 62, of Antelope, has been appointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Barrow has been president and chief executive officer at Advocates for Health, Economics and Development and an independent consultant in strategic planning, organizational development and policy since 2013. He was policy director and executive director at the California State Rural Health Association from 2009 to 2013, a senior program officer at the Sierra Health Foundation from 1996 to 1999 and director of governmental affairs at the Center for Public Interest Law and the center’s Children’s Advocacy Institute from 1985 to 1996. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Barrow is a Democrat.

Steve Drewniany, 54, of Sunnyvale, has been reappointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services, where he has served since 2012. Drewniany has been a deputy chief at the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety since 2011, where he has held several positions since 1989, including captain and lieutenant. He was a paramedic at American Medical Response West from 1985 to 1989 and at the Yacolt, Washington Fire Department, North Country Emergency Medical Services in 1985. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Drewniany is a Republican.

Aaron Francis Hamilton, 35, of Santa Ana, has been appointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services, where he has served since 2011. Hamilton has been a managing member at Atlas Testing Laboratories LLC since 2012. He was chief technology officer at GPS Logic LLC from 2010 to 2015 and a systems engineer, emergency medical technician and dispatcher at the Care Ambulance Service from 2001 to 2010. Hamilton was a reserve firefighter and driver-operator at the Orange County Fire Authority from 1998 to 2005. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Hamilton is a Democrat.

Richard Owen Johnson, 69, of Mammoth Lakes, has been reappointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services, where he has served since 2013. Johnson has been public health officer for Alpine County since 2014, for Inyo County since 2006 and for Mono County since 2002. He has been a clinical specialist at the Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program since 2003 and an adjunct professor at Biola University since 1991. Johnson was a pediatrician at the Southern Mono Healthcare District from 1996 to 2014 and a managing partner and pediatrician at Pediatric Associates of Pasadena from 1979 to 1996. Johnson earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Albany Medical College of Union
University and a Master of Public Health degree in maternal and child health from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Johnson is registered without party preference.

David Edward Rose, 51, of Livermore, has been reappointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services, where he has served since 2013. Rose has served as battalion chief-paramedic at the City of Santa Clara Fire Department since 2013, where he was fire captain-paramedic from 1991 to 2013. He has been director of the Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic Training Program at Mission College since 2008. Rose served as a firefighter-paramedic at the South San Francisco Fire Department from 1986 to 1991. Rose is a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters, California Professional Firefighters and the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Rose is a Democrat.

Eric M. Rudnick, 55, of Red Bluff, has been reappointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services, where he has served since 2010. Rudnick has been a medical health operational area coordinator at the Glenn County Public Health Department since 2015 and medical director at Northern California Emergency Medical Services Inc. since 2005, where he was a regional disaster medical health specialist from 2004 to 2006. Rudnick was medical director at the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Agency Division of Public Health from 2009 to 2015. Rudnick earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is board certified in emergency medicine and emergency medical services. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Rudnick is a Democrat.

Susan Marie Webb, 58, of Foresthill, has been appointed to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Webb has been a registered nurse and emergency preparedness coordinator at the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital since 2010. She was an environmental risk coordinator at Sutter Health Support Services from 2007 to 2010 and a registered nurse and emergency preparedness coordinator at the Sutter Roseville Medical Center from 1994 to 2007. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Webb is a Republican.

The Commission on Emergency Medical Services supports the role of EMS agencies to ensure that patients have adequate access to quality emergency medical services, and to ensure the long-term stability of these services. The Commission meets quarterly at locations throughout the state to provide advice to the director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority and to approve regulations, standards and guidelines developed by EMSA. For more information about the EMS Commission, please visit: http://www.emsa.ca.gov. Link to Governor’s press release page: https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19271

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