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Steve Drewniany appointed to California Commission on Emergency Medical Services

Steve Drewniany, 50, of Santa Clara County, has been appointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services by Governor Edmund G. Brown. Drewniany was nominated by the California Peace Officers association and will serve a three-year term.

Drewniany has been deputy chief of special operations for the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety since 2011, where he has served in various positions since 1989. Drewniany was a paramedic for American Medical Response West from 1986 to 1989 and a paramedic for North Country Emergency Medical Services and the Yacolt Washington Fire Department in 1985.

From 2009 to 2011, he was an instructor at the International School of Tactical Medicine in Palm Springs.

He is a member of the California Peace Officers Association and the California Police Chiefs Association and was previously a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association and the California Peace Officer Standards and Training Tactical Medicine Guidelines Committee.

"Steve Drewniany has had direct EMS experience as well as peace officer experience throughout his career and has been engaged for many years in statewide EMS issues with the Emergency Medical Services Authority. We welcome him to the EMS Commission and look forward to his input and counsel in this new role," said Dr. Howard Backer, Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

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 around the state to provide advice to the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority and to approve regulations, standards and guidelines developed by the EMS Authority. For more information about the EMS Commission, please visit http://www.emsa.ca.gov.