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Appointments to the California Commission on Emergency Medical Services

Former Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. made the following appointments on January 2, 2019:

Steven Barrow, 65, of Antelope, has been reappointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services, where he has been serving since 2016. Barrow has been state program director of the California Coalition for Children’s Safety and Health since 2016 and has been an independent consultant in strategic planning, organizational development and policy since 2013. Barrow was policy director and executive director at the California State Rural Health Association from 2009 to 2013, a senior program officer at Sierra Health Foundation from 1996 to 1999 and director of governmental affairs at the Center for Public Interest Law and Children’s Advocacy Institute from 1985 to 1996. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Barrow is a Democrat.

Sean Burrows, 46, of Lodi, has been appointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Burrows has been fire captain and paramedic for the Alameda County Fire Department since 2010. He held multiple positions at the Union City Fire Department from 2000 to 2010, including captain and engineer and paramedic. Burrows was a firefighter and paramedic for the Emeryville Fire Department from 1996 to 2000. He is a member of the California Professional Firefighters Emergency Medical Services Committee and president of the Alameda County Firefighters Local 55 Association. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Burrow is a Democrat.

Thomas Giandomenico, 51, of Covina, has been appointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Giandomenico was an operations lieutenant for the Special Enforcement Bureau at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department from 2017 to 2018, where he held several positions from 1999 to 2017, including paramedic and crew chief, special weapons team leader and special weapons team deputy. He was watch commander at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department at Century Station from 2014 to 2017, where he was field supervisor and watch commander from 2005 to 2007. Giandomenico was drill instructor at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Academy from 1999 to 2000, patrol deputy at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Los Angeles Station from 1996 to 1999 and custody deputy at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Men’s Central Jail from 1990 to 1996. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Giandomenico is a Republican.

Ken Miller, 64, of San Jose, has been appointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Miller has been medical director at the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical...
Services Agency since 2016. He was assistant medical director at Orange County Emergency Medical Services Agency from 1999 to 2016 and medical director at Orange County Fire Authority from 1997 to 2016. Miller is a member of the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in pharmacology from Pennsylvania State University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from George Washington University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Miller is a Democrat.

Karen Relucio, 51, of Napa, has been appointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Relucio has been public health officer and deputy director at the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency since 2015. She was medical director of public health clinics, assistant health officer and chief of infectious diseases for the San Mateo County Health System from 2006 to 2015 and a clinical instructor at Stanford University Medical Center from 2003 to 2006. Relucio is a member of California Conference of Local Health Officers, County Health Executives Association of California, Napa County Medical Society and Health Officers Association of California. She earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Rush University Medical College and a Master of Science degree in biology from the University of Illinois. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Relucio is a Democrat.

Jim Suver, 57, of Ridgecrest, has been appointed to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services. Suver has been chief executive officer and president at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital since 2009. He was chief administrative officer at Saint Joseph’s Health System, Petaluma Valley Hospital from 2007 to 2009, chief executive officer of Briggs Gridley Memorial Hospital at Rideout Health Group from 1998 to 2007, regional director of informational technology at Catholic Health Care West from 1995 to 1998 and administrator director of informational technology at Sutter Medical Center from 1986 to 1995. Suver earned a Master of Public Administration degree in hospital administration from the University of Southern California. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Suver is a Democrat.

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: https://emsa.ca.gov/ems_commission/. This site will be updated as information becomes available.

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