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MRC Coordinators Statewide Training Workshop

EMSA's Disaster Medical Services Division sponsored a training workshop for 35 California Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinators at the Holiday Inn Rancho Cordova on Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30.

The workshop featured presentations on a wide range of topics: the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program, Resource Requesting, Building MRC Unit Deployment Ready Capabilities, Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE), Med/Health Support in General Population Shelters, 2018 Wildfire Responses, First Aid Disaster Response (Community First-Aid Training), and Go Bag for Deployments.



Pictured above are MRC unit coordinators, the Region IX MRC Coordinator, and EMSA staff

Workshop presenters included Katherine Deffer from the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) from Washington D.C., MRC coordinators from units that responded to the 2018 Camp Fire in Butte County, EMSA's Leslie Witten-Rood speaking on PULSE, and EMSA's Markell Pierce, Kelly Coleman and Lauran Molina speaking on different aspects of volunteer deployment.

The workshop provided an opportunity for California's MRC coordinators to strategize on the incorporation of MRCs into local emergency plans and highlight best practices for sustainability, standardized training, and real situation experiences when responding to public health emergencies or disasters.

Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) CAL-MAT Field Training Exercise (FTX)

EMSA's Disaster Medical Services Division conducted a Multi-Agency Exercise focusing on joint response capabilities based on a catastrophic earthquake scenario. The USAR CAL-MAT Field Training Exercise (FTX) was held June 12 - 14 at Moffett Field AFB at the NASA Ames Research Facility in Mountain View, CA.

Participants trained and operated as a disaster response team in an austere environment. The exercise was a collaboration of federal, state, and local response partners to provide lifesaving interventions, stabilizing medical care, and coordination of patient transportation to higher level care facilities.



Participants of the CAL-MAT Field Training Exercise

The Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams from around the country acted as first responders providing lifesaving interventions and patient handoff to the medical receivers. CAL-MAT, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and California Air National Guard (CANG) personnel received the patients from USAR and performed trauma triage assessments, stabilization procedures, and facilitated emergency transport.

In addition to field exercise, training modules that encompassed a variety of topics were conducted to train the CAL-MAT teams and partner organizations on Base of Operations procedures, response medical cache, interoperable communications, patient tracking systems, and patient care for a variety of injuries and illnesses.

Exercise Outcomes

- Improved collaboration and partnerships between local, region, state, and federal partners
- Heightened awareness of the medical response capabilities of the participating partners
- Improved interoperability and increased communications between response partners
- Enhanced capability to provide medical care in an austere environment

Specialty Care

EMSA is charged with working cooperatively to develop standards and policies to provide statewide uniformity and best practices for medical care. Therefore, EMSA has developed regulations for the implementation of three

separate specialty care systems in California: EMS for Children (EMSC), Stroke, and ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI).

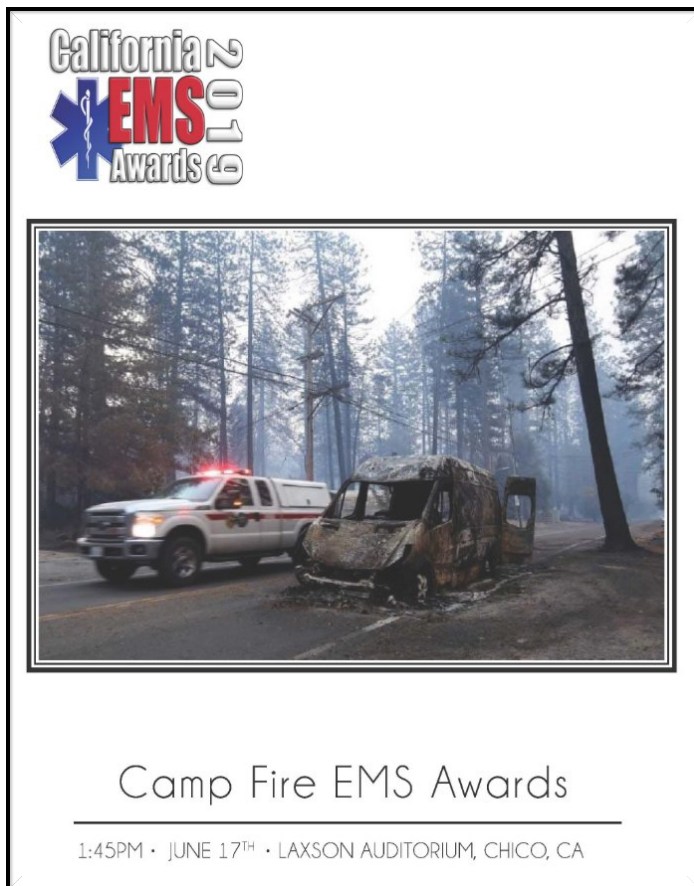
These regulations provide statewide program requirements and standardized systems of care for specialty care facilities, standard treatment protocols, and timelines for system operations. These regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law in April 2019 and went into effect on July 1, 2019.

As required by California Health & Safety Code Title 22, Division 2.5, Section 1799.204(c)(4), the EMSC program has an established technical advisory committee (TAC) with representation from local EMS agency medical directors and administrators, and other stakeholders, including the California Emergency Nurses Association and the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. The EMSC TAC advises EMSA's director on EMSC specialty care systems-related activities.

EMSA is organizing a STEMI and Stroke TAC with representation from local EMS agency medical directors and administrators and other stakeholders, including the California Hospital Association and the American Heart Association.

Because specialty care systems regulations took effect on July 1, 2019, each TAC plans to develop and distribute toolkits to assist local EMS agencies in complying with regulations when implementing specialty care systems.

Camp Fire Awards



Forty-one (41) individuals and 41 groups were honored for their heroic acts and extraordinary contributions to the Camp Fire in Butte County for emergency medical response on June 17th in the Laxson Auditorium at Chico State University.

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- Hospital Council of Northern & Central California
- Kaiser Permanente
- AMR/Reach Medical Holdings
- Life-Assist
- California Ambulance Association
- Hall Ambulance
- California Paramedic Foundation



For additional information about the awards and the ceremony, visit the Camp Fire Awards webpage at emsa.ca.gov/campfire_awards.

Los Alamitos Joint Forces Base CAL-MAT Field Training Exercise (FTX)

On July 18, 2019, EMSA conducted a California Medical Assistance Team (CAL-MAT) Field Training Exercise (FTX) at the Joint Forces Base (JFB) in Los Alamitos, CA.

The exercise scenario was based on a hypothetical series of earthquakes, causing a wildfire that burnt a hazmat area and impacted medical facilities, which triggered large scale patient evacuations. The exercise included setting up a base of operations at the Los Alamitos JFB to receive, decontaminate, triage, treat, and transport patients to higher levels of care.

The exercise provided an opportunity for collaboration with local, state, and federal partners to enhance integration and improve overall response capabilities for California. Exercise participants included local and regional emergency managers, MRC members, CAL-MAT members, local ambulance providers, Fresno, Loma Linda and Long Beach Veterans Affairs' departments, California National Guard, California Conservation Corps, and others.





Dr. Howard Backer, EMSA Director 2011 - 2019

The EMSA family wishes Dr. Howard Backer well in his retirement from state service. We will miss his positive energy and proactive approach to improving healthcare systems, advancing EMS, and advocating for patient health and safety.





On June 19, 2019 the Commission on EMS recognized Dr. Backer for eight years of commendable leadership in establishing and enforcing standards for EMS personnel, coordinating with local EMS systems, overseeing the development of statewide specialty care systems, and preparing for and responding to disasters.

Julie Taylor Souliere has been appointed Acting Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Taylor Souliere has been an assistant secretary at the California Health and Human Services Agency since 2017. She also serves on the California State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care and the State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention. She served in a career executive assignment and as a special consultant at the California Department of Developmental Services from 2015 to 2017. Taylor Souliere was a principal consultant for the California Assembly Republican Caucus, Office of Policy and Budget from 2008 to 2015. She served as a finance budget analyst at the California Department of Finance from 2007 to 2008 and a legislative analyst at the California Department of Consumer Affairs from 2005 to 2007. Taylor Souliere earned a Master of Arts degree in government from California State University, Sacramento.

Coming Soon

The next California Commission on EMS quarterly meeting will be held on September 18, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Bayside, 4875 North Harbor Dr San Diego CA 92106.

The agenda will be posted on the EMS Commission webpage no later than ten days before the meeting.

https://emsa.ca.gov/ems_commission_meetings

NATIONAL EMS MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE COMING TO EMSA!



The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc. honors EMS personnel by organizing and implementing long distance cycling events that memorialize and celebrate the lives of those who serve every day, those who have become sick or injured while performing their duties, and those who have died in the line of duty.



2019 Route Schedule Information

Day 1 (Sep 23) - Reno, NV to South Lake Tahoe, CA
 Day 2 (Sep 24) - Circumnavigate Lake Tahoe (S. Lake Tahoe start/end)
 Day 3 (Sep 25) - South Lake Tahoe, CA to Rancho Cordova, CA
 Day 4 (Sep 26) - Rancho Cordova, CA to Vacaville, CA
 Day 5 (Sep 27) - Vacaville, CA to Petaluma, CA
 Day 6 (Sep 28) - Petaluma, CA to San Francisco, CA
 For more information, or to register as a rider, please visit www.muddyangels.com



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Public Comment Period

In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 1797.107, the EMSA is revising Title 22, Division 9: Prehospital Emergency Medical Services, Chapter 4 – Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic regulations.

The proposed regulations were announced in the Office of Administrative Law Notice Register and a 45-day public comment period was initiated on April 5. EMSA held a public hearing at its Rancho Cordova headquarters on May 20, 2019, the last day of the 45-day comment period. EMSA modified the proposed regulation text based on comments received during that initial comment period.

Those changes were noticed to the public and open for comment for 15-days between June 11 – 26, 2019. Additional modifications have been made to the proposed regulation text, and those modifications shall be open to public comment for an additional 15-day comment period beginning on Tuesday, July 30 and ending on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

For more information please visit https://emsa.ca.gov/public_comment/

2019 CA Statewide EMS Awards

EMSA is currently accepting nominations for the 2019 California EMS Awards Program, scheduled for December 4, in San Francisco, CA.

To nominate the accomplishments of an individual who provided exceptional EMS response, visit <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/07/EMS-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf> to download and complete a hard-copy version of the nomination form.

Please submit your nominations by September 13, 2019.



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