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New EMSA Director Appointment

We are proud to share that, on September 13, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed David R. Duncan Jr. MD, as the new director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority.



Pictured above are EMSA Director Dr. Dave Duncan and CHHS Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly

Dr. Duncan comes to EMSA as an accomplished emergency medicine physician with very diverse and extensive experience. He is a member of the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine, American College of Emergency Physicians, and the American Medical Association. He has also been a member of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) for the last ten years, representing CAL FIRE and was also the air medical representative.

Dr. Duncan earned his MD degree from the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine in 1991 and completed his emergency medicine training at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. He is native to the Sacramento area, enjoys rural living with his wife Patty, a former NICU nurse. They have been married for over 30 years and have a son and daughter.

Welcome to EMSA, Dr. Duncan!

2019 California EMS Awards



EMSA is proud to announce the recipients for the 2019 California Emergency Medical Services Awards!

Each year, EMSA awards individuals for noteworthy or extraordinary acts, and outstanding service while working as EMS-certified or licensed personnel, administrators, educators, volunteers or civilians within the EMS system. This year, 82 Californians will be honored for their heroic acts and extraordinary contributions to EMS.



Award nominations are carefully reviewed and selected with guidance from the Cal Fire Chiefs Association, EMS Administrators' Association of California, California Police Chiefs Association, Emergency Medical Directors Association of California, California Ambulance Association, and the California Paramedic Foundation.

Fifty eight (58) of the honorees will be presented with their award by Director Duncan and EMS Commission Chair Dr. Dunford during a luncheon ceremony on December 4 at the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel in San Francisco. If you would like to attend the event, you can register at 2019caemsawards.eventbrite.com.

Hurry, space is limited!

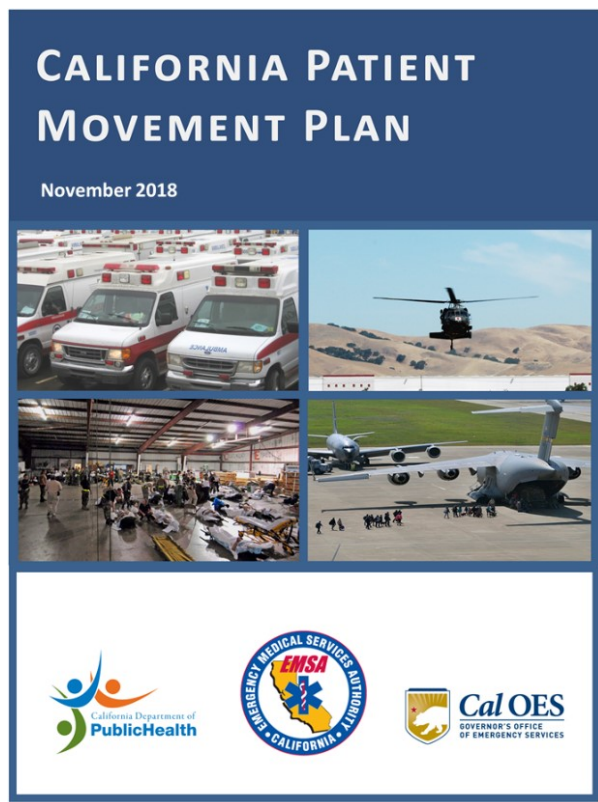
EMSA Partnership with Biospatial

This fall, California becomes the 20th state to take advantage of the Biospatial EMS data platform!

EMSA has partnered with Biospatial to utilize existing EMS data to delivery more timely actionable information analyses - and at no cost to the State. Biospatial uses EMS and health-related data sources to provide timely, national-scale syndromic detection, monitor real-time trends, and alert to syndromic anomalies critical to the nation's health and safety.

So, what does all of that mean? Simply put, EMSA will submit National EMS System (NEMSIS) data elements to the Biospatial platform which will assist in national preparedness and enhance EMSA's ability to survey California's health-related data in near real-time. According to Director Dr. Duncan, this partnership will allow EMSA to identify trends that will reduce morbidity and mortality in emergency and public health systems.

The California Patient Movement Plan is here!



EMSA, in partnership with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), has now officially released the much-anticipated California Patient Movement Plan (CPMP). The release of the CPMP marks a huge step forward for the State of California in disaster medical and health preparedness and response.

The goal of the CPMP is to standardize patient movement and tracking activities across the State of California during Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI), disaster events, and large-scale evacuations. The CPMP lays out a California patient movement concept of operations that includes streamlined communication at all levels, patient movement coordination functions at the Operational Area, Region and State, and tools to improve efficiency such as standardized patient movement resource request forms, the California Unified Patient Tracking System (CUPTS), and overviews of the State, Federal and Department of Defense (DOD) patient movement and tracking capabilities.

The official release of the California Patient Movement Plan is just the beginning. The EMSA Disaster Medical Services Division, along with other stakeholders, is beginning a comprehensive educational roll-out campaign of the CPMP, which includes executive 1-hour briefings for medical and health stakeholders in each mutual aid region, 1-day CPMP training courses throughout the state and online CPMP training videos. Stay tuned for more CPMP education news coming soon!

For more information on the California Patient Movement Plan, please visit: emsa.ca.gov/plans

EMS For Children Educational Forum

EMSA recently held it's 22nd annual EMS for Children Education Forum on November 8 in Fairfield, CA.

This one-day event is an opportunity for healthcare professionals to come together to learn about the latest techniques in serving children in our communities. It's an excellent opportunity for professionals from a variety of medical fields to network and discuss current and evolving pediatric topics. There is even an opportunity for individuals to earn continuing education credits.

The forum is "an excellent conference that is beneficial to the care of peds," said one participant, a registered nurse. This year's event included several engaging discussion topics, including pediatric trauma, human trafficking, and infectious diseases.



EMS for Children is a specialty care program and a subdivision of the EMS Systems Division at the EMS Authority. The goal of the EMSC Program is to ensure that acutely ill and injured children

have access to high quality, coordinated, and comprehensive emergency and critical care services appropriate for the special need of children. *For more information about EMS for Children or the annual educational forum, email heidi.wilkening@emsa.ca.gov*

EMSA Disability Advisory Committee



EMSA DAC members (from left to right) Nicole Mixon, Lucy Chaidez, Farid Nasr, Kim Lew, and Sergy El-Morshedy. (Not pictured: Kevin Rollins)

Last month was National Disability Employment Awareness Month! Each October, EMSA joins in celebrating the contributions of workers with disabilities and spread awareness about the values of an inclusive workforce. California law require all state agencies to establish a committee of employees who are individuals with a disability, or individuals with an interest in disability issues to advise the head of the agency on matters relating to the formation and implementation of a plan to overcome and correct any under representation.

Want to learn more about the talented individuals working in California state government? Check out some of their stories here: [youtube.com/watch?v=MqayUx5lkzs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqayUx5lkzs)

Coming Soon

The next California Commission on EMS quarterly meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 at the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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

Seasons Greetings



EMSA would like to wish all *Dispatch* readers a peaceful winter and prosperous holiday season.

We have lots to look forward to next year, including more articles on California EMS activity!

See you in 2020!



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