



Mountain-Valley

Emergency Medical Services Agency

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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: FY 2007/08 Annual Report of the Stanislaus County EMSC

Honorable Supervisors,

Enclosed for your review is the 2007/08 Annual Report from the Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Committee (EMSC), and the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency on the state of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in Stanislaus County. This report is intended to keep the Board of Supervisors informed of activities and progress made in the EMS arena over the past year.

It is our sincere hope that you will appreciate the accomplishments made by the committee, and the local EMS system as a whole. You will find that many system improvements have been completed, and significant progress has been made toward the implementation of many other long-term EMS system objectives. Some of the on-going challenges that the committee will continue to address in the up-coming year include:

- **Emergency Department Saturation** The limited emergency department and hospital capacity in Stanislaus County has been an ongoing concern of the EMS Agency and the EMSC. Again, this year, the Stanislaus County hospitals operated at near, or over capacity on a regular basis triggering the frequent rotation of EMS patients between lesser impacted facilities. The opening of the new Kaiser Hospital in Modesto may alleviate the problem of system saturation to some degree; however, it is not expected to eliminate the problem completely.
- **Status of Fire District Response to EMS Calls** Due to increasing financial pressures, several fire departments throughout the county have been reevaluating their commitment to respond to EMS calls. One department has already reduced the number and type of EMS calls which they will respond to, and a number of other departments are considering similar measures.
- **EMS Dispatch Center Update** While significant progress has been made in improving the process for transferring EMS callers between Stanislaus Regional 911 (SR911) and the Life Com EMS Dispatch Center, delays in the selection and installation of the new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system at SR911 as pushed back the establishment of a true computer linkage between the two CAD systems.

The committee would also like to acknowledge the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency for the significant contributions and leadership they have provided over the past year. The staff growth and system improvements made by the Agency are indeed commendable. They have shown their continued ability to address sensitive and complex issues in a well organized and professional manner.

If you should have any questions regarding the content of the document, please contact Steve Andriese, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency's Executive Director, at (209) 529-5085.

Sincerely,



Paul Baxter
Chairperson, Stanislaus County EMSC

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Stanislaus County Providers and Dispatch Centers