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# Emergency Medical Care Commission

**SAN BENITO COUNTY**

**Kent Benedict M.D.**  
*Medical Director*

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**Meeting Minutes**  
September 17, 2008

### **I. Call to Order / Introductions:**

The Meeting was called to order by Rick Espino, at 1:36 p.m.

#### **Voting Members Present:**

American Red Cross  
Bureau of Land Management  
CAL Fire/County Fire  
Calstar Air Ambulance  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
Hollister Fire Department  
San Benito County Communications

Craig Johnson  
Mike Chiodini  
Rick Espino/Mike Marlow  
David Wiebe/Michael Baulch  
Jeff Gaffney  
Fred Cheshire  
Robbie Russell

#### **Non – Voting Members Present:**

County EMS Administrator  
County EMS Coordinator  
County EMS Medical Director

Kathy Flores  
Jim Clark  
Kent Benedict, M.D.

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Aromas Fire Department  
California Highway Patrol  
Contract Ambulance-AMR  
Hazel Hawkins Hospital  
Hollister Police Department  
Pinnacles National Monument  
San Benito County Board of Supervisor  
San Benito County Sheriff's Department  
San Juan Bautista Fire Department  
Member At Large

Phillip Matteson  
Dave Hill  
Kris Mangano  
Mandy Lopez  
Jeff Miller  
Brett Hergert  
Anthony Botelho  
Curtis Hill  
Scott Freels  
Unfilled

#### **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

County Health Officer  
County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Liz Falade, M.D.  
Sam Perez

#### **Others Present:**

HHSA - EMS

Joseph Alvarado

**II. Approval of EMCC Minutes of July 16, 2008**

The California Department of Forestry name was changed to read CAL Fire.  
The minutes of July 16, 2008 were approved.

**III. Public Comment:**

None

**IV. Public Information/Education:**

None

**V. EMS Medical Director's Report – Dr. Kent Benedict:**

Dr. Benedict reported the morning's PAC was a 2 hour meeting; two continued education (CE) hours will be issued to those First Responders who attended this meeting. CE hours are given for attending all PAC meetings. Please encourage all your First Responders to attend.

Dr. Benedict stated no staffing or mutual aid issues with Monterey AMR. The new transition appears to be going well with no negative impact.

Communication issues with County Communications and Hazel Hawkins Hospital not able to contact Base by radio, this needs attention to find out why.

Dr. Benedict also mentioned an item discussed at the PAC was San Juan Bautista Fire not available to respond to EMS calls. This will be added to November agenda.

**Old Business**

Emergency Ambulance Agreement Update

Jim reported the current AMR Contract expires in June 2009, a five year extension was granted by the Board of Supervisors. Business operations will be about the same; their billing structure will change because the subsidy will be eliminated.

Minimum First-Aid & CPR Training Requirements for Public Safety Personnel

Jim thanked all the agencies for responding to the notification letter for public safety personnel being in compliance with the minimum requirements for First-Aid and CPR. It was noted the agencies are not 100% in compliance. A discussion followed on getting agencies together to provide training. Hollister Fire would like have their "in house" EMS personnel to provide training and will be inquiring about getting their own provider number.

Dr. Benedict stated the County regulates the EMT license under the State Guidelines. All new EMT's must complete the National Registry.

CSA 36 Update

Jim stated a Public Hearing was held at the Board of Supervisors meeting to increase the CSA 36 funding from 18.42 to 19.99. CSA 36 is what funds the EMS agency.

**VI. New Business:**

Seldom Used Skills Training January 21, 2009

On January 21, 2009 Seldom Used Skills Training will be held at the Berta Briggs Building on Memorial Drive. This will replace the BASE and PAC time frames for January's meetings. The training will be from 9-12. All First Responders and EMT's are encouraged to attend.

New Meeting Location for BASE and PAC Meetings

Jim Clark explained the BASE and PAC meetings will now be held at the Bertha Briggs building (aka: Girl Scout House) at 1221 Memorial Drive.

Trauma System Study

Jim Clark discussed information from the ePCR's is being used to determine trauma data outcome. Dr. Benedict will review this data to better understand San Benito County's under/over triage rate. It was asked if the information that is extracted from the ePCR's be used as a management tool. Dr. Benedict agreed that it could and a discussion followed.

**VII.** Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.