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# Emergency Medical Care Commission

**SAN BENITO COUNTY**

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

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### Meeting Minutes May 21, 2008

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

The Meeting was called to order by Curtis Hill, at 1:30 p.m.

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

American Red Cross	Craig Johnson
Bureau of Land Management	Mike Chiodini
California Department of Forestry	Rick Espino
California Highway Patrol	Dave Hill
Contract Ambulance-AMR	Kris Mangano
Department of Parks & Recreation	John Vallett
Hazel Hawkins Hospital	Mandy Lopez
Hollister Fire Department	Michael O'Connor
Hollister Police Department	Bob Brooks
Pinnacles National Monument	Dana Sullivan
San Benito County Board of Supervisor	Anthony Botelho
San Benito County Communications	Robbie Russell/Beth Kafer
San Benito County Sheriff's Department	Curtis Hill

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

County Health Officer	Liz Falade, M.D.
County EMS Administrator	Kathy Flores
County EMS Coordinator	Jim Clark
County EMS Medical Director	Kent Benedict, M.D.
County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Sam Perez

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

Aromas Fire Department	Phillip Matteson
Calstar Air Ambulance	David Wiebe
San Juan Bautista Fire Department	Scott Freels
Member At Large	Unfilled

##### **Others Present:**

HHSA - EMS	Joseph Alvarado
HHSA – EMS	Efren Gomez
AMR Ambulance	Rob Aranda
AMR Ambulance	Jimmy Holguin
AMR Ambulance	Samantha Tennison

**II. Approval of EMCC Minutes of March 19, 2008**

Changes to the minutes were corrected to remove the sentence informing Ken French retirement. He has not retired.  
The minutes of March 19, 2008 were approved.

**III. Public Comment:**

None

**IV. Public Information/Education:**

Joseph announced the Board of Supervisors has proclaimed the week of May 18-24, 2008 as Emergency Medical Services Week. He read the EMS Proclamation to the group.  
Joseph presented plaques to Samantha Tennison, AMR, Rob Aranda, AMR, Jimmy Holguin, AMR, Kris Mangano, AMR and Vince Grewohl for being nominated by their peers for dedication, skills and judgment while performing their job duties.

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

Dr. Benedict stated it has been two months since Hazel Hawkins Hospital broke ground on the new emergency department. Upon hearing the possibility of having some difficulty in interfacility transports; he is pleased that only 3 transfers occurred. It would be a great benefit for San Benito County to have Calstar based here.  
He mentioned CAD issues that were brought up at the PAC meeting and will go over this with Sheriff Hill.

**VI. Old Business**

ePCR Update

The ePCR has been in effect for two and a half months now and is working out well.  
First studies Dr. Benedict would like to see is tracking trauma cases and where they are being transported.  
Jim Clark stated this is a fantastic tool. Working with the hospital they came across a treatment that he will amend in one of the protocols.

Approved 2008 Bylaws

The new, Board approved, 2008 EMCC Bylaws were handed out to the group and was asked how often the bylaws have to be updated. Jim stated every year he is asked to review the EMCC member list and he likes to examine the bylaws at that time.

**VII. New Business:**

SNS Drill

Efren Gomez talked about the SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) drill, also referred as a functional exercise, will be held on May 22, 2008. This is the second one to be held. The first one was held on a larger scale in 2007. It involves various county agencies, law enforcement, public works and a local volunteer Pharmacist.

Dr. Falade stated a meeting was held in Santa Clara with the CDC and Postal Service to discuss prophylaxis medications. The Postal Service agreed to forward package medications to each household with an armed person at their side. She would like to know how many armed personnel are available in the county. A discussion followed who would qualify to provide armed service and how distribution would take place with various POD (points of distribution) sites.

New Hospital Staff

Mandy Lopez will replace Trish Rovere as the PLN.

Hollister Airport - Calstar

There is no date set yet when Calstar will move to Hollister Airport. They hope it to be in the very near future.

New EMCC Meeting Location

Due to the larger turnout of the EMCC meetings, we have over crowding issues at the CALFire site on Fairview Road. Chief Miller has offered the use of his training room at the police department for the EMCC meetings.

Thank-you CALFIRE for holding all previous meetings.

**VIII.** Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.