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## **EMS ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Emergency Medical Services Community,

Today, we are excited to announce the appointment of our new County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administrator, Andrew (Andy) Parr. Andy Parr was previously a Temporary Expert Professional serving in the role of the County Health and Human Services Agency's EMS/Fire Liaison.

Andy Parr was formerly the Fire Chief / CEO of the Lakeside Fire Protection District. Andy served the community of Lakeside for 37 years and rose through the ranks to become the Fire Chief for 6 years before his retirement early last year. He is no stranger to the EMS community as he was an early Paramedic, a full time EMS Coordinator, on the Charter Board of the County Fire Chiefs Association EMS Section, a Member of the FIRESCOPE Task Force and Liaison to the FIRESCOPE EMS Specialist Group. FIRESCOPE EMS Specialists and the Task Force were instrumental in EMSA's approval of the Fireline Paramedic regulations and ICS position description. Andy has participated in the County EMS's Protocol Review Committees, interacted with hospitals for multi-casualty incident (MCI) and Annex D exercises and was a frequent instructor at EMSTO and other Paramedic programs on the subject of Smoke and Gas Inhalation. Andy is also an experienced Emergency Manager serving in many capacities on large scale incidents all over the western US. Of particular note was Andy's experience during the Cedar Fire of 2003, where he was one of the initial attack fire officers, and the Witch Creek Fire of 2007, during which Chief Parr served as a Liaison Officer to the Incident Management Team. As Lakeside's Fire Chief, Andy continued his participation with the County Chiefs EMS Section, and served as the Zone Chief of the Central Zone made up of the 8 Fire Agencies in San Diego's East County Region.

As the County EMS Administrator, Andy will oversee EMS, part of Health and Human Service Agency's newest Division called Medical Care Services. County EMS is a tight knit group of Medical Care Professionals who work very hard to manage the many policies, procedures and protocols used by EMS providers as well as administering the many agreements and contracts that make up San Diego County's complicated EMS delivery system.

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Andy's work will span across pre-hospital, hospitals, Base Hospitals, and specialty care such as STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma. Andy sees Base Hospitals as a critical link between the 911 patient and the emergency department. Base Hospitals and their often unseen but expertly trained Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) in the hospital work seamlessly with the Paramedics in the field to complete the true EMS prehospital team.

Andy will also be responsible to complete the roll out of the CoSD LEMSIS project which is a robust data collection system designed to give EMS providers, cities and other agencies data on their service as well as providing required data elements to the State EMS Authority. The system integrates the many certifications, licenses and authorizations held by the County's more than 10,000 credentialed EMS providers working for more than 50 different agencies in the County.

Please join us in welcoming the County of San Diego's new EMS Administrator!

Sincerely,



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