



EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 – 1:00 PM

LOMA LINDA EOC – 25541 BARTON RD. LOMA LINDA

MINUTES

EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Apple Valley Fire Protection District – B.C. Matthew Dowland
Chino Valley Independent Fire District – Leslie Parham
Colton Fire Department – D.C. Jon Boggs
Loma Linda Fire Department – B.C. Jeff Gillette - *Absent*
Montclair Fire Department – Chief Ryon Dierck - *Absent*
Ontario Fire Department – **Vice Chair**, Chief Mike Gerken
Rancho Cucamonga Fire District – Chief Augie Barreda
Redlands Fire Department – B.C. Nathan Bristol - *Absent*
Rialto Fire Department – D.C. Ryan Cathey
San Bernardino County Fire District – **Chair**, Chief Joe Barna
Victorville Fire Department – EMS Manager David Vega
City of Yucaipa – Chief Grant Malinowski

CALL TO ORDER

- a. Flag Salute
- b. Roll call/Introductions

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity provided for persons in the audience to make brief statements to the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee. (Limited to 3 minutes for each speaker)

There were no requests to speak.

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Agenda items may require committee member abstentions due to conflict of interests and financial interests. EMS Division Subsidiary Committee member abstentions shall be stated under this item for recordation on the appropriate item.

No conflicts were announced.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be voted upon at one time by the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee. An item may be removed by a Committee Member or member of the public for discussion and appropriate action.

1. Approve EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Minutes of May 12, 2026.

Motion to accept Consent item.

Motion by: Chief Grant Malinowski

Second by: D.C. Matthew Dowland

Yes –9

No – 0

Abstain –0

Absent – 3, Loma Linda, Montclair, and Redlands

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

2. Implementation Team – Chief Joe Barna – **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Chief Barna gave an overview of where the implementation team sits at this time.

Much of the work has already been done and the focus is currently on the Priority side.

Joe Barna, Josh Stapleton, and Dean Smith will be leading the team, with Pam Martinez handling training oversight and B.C. Mark Walsh overseeing ambulance stock and oversight. Chief Barna foresees a seamless transition on October 1st.

Priority's first operation center location is being secured this week and the Operations Manager has been hired. The first ambulances should arrive in the county next week, they are coming back fully outfitted, although inspections will still need to be performed. The team continues to meet with ICEMA weekly, the hope is that AMR will start attending meetings by August.

3. Ontario Loan Modification – Chief Joe Barna – **DISCUSSION ITEM**

The loan terms were refreshed. The 1st draw will be July 1st and the 1st payment will be due April of 2027 (9 months). System revenue should start in January.

4. EMS Subcommittee Chair – Chief Joe Barna – **ACTION ITEM**

Joe Barna is resigning his position as Chair for the EMS Subcommittee, furthermore Division Chief Mike O'Bier will be stepping up as the primary member representing San Bernardino County Fire, his alternate is yet to be named.

After discussion, the group agreed that Chief Mike Gerkin would serve as Chair and Chief Augie Barreda would serve as Vice-Chair.

Motion to appoint Chief Mike Gerkin as Chair to the CONFIRE EMS Division Subsidiary Committee and Chief Augie Barreda as Vice Chair.

Motion by: Chief Grant Malinowski

Second by: Leslie Parham

Yes –9

No –0

Abstain –0

Absent – 3, Loma Linda, Montclair, and Redlands

Motion Passed

ROUND TABLE

Executive Director Nathan Cooke invited all in attendance to the upcoming stakeholder meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 10th @ at 10 a.m. at the Rancho Cucamonga Training Center.

CLOSED SESSION

**The EMS Subsidiary Committee entered Closed Session at 1:37 p.m.*

5. Review and update existing Litigation – Government Code section 54956.9: AMR Lawsuit

**The EMS Subsidiary Committee came out of Closed Session at 2:08 p.m.*

**No reportable outcome from Closed Session.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Meeting: July 14, 2026.

/s/ Liz Berry
Liz Berry
Clerk of the Board