



EMS DIVISION SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 - *Absent*
Colton Fire Department – B.C. David Santos
Loma Linda Fire Department – B.C. Mike Atchison
Montclair Fire Department – Chief Ryon Dierck - *Absent*
Ontario Fire Department – **Chair**, Chief Mike Wedell
Rancho Cucamonga Fire District – **Vice Chair**, Chief Augie Barreda
Redlands Fire Department – B.C. Nathan Bristol - *Absent*
Rialto Fire Department – D.C. Ryan Cathey - *Absent*
San Bernardino County Fire District – D.C. Mike O'bier
Victorville Fire Department – EMS Manager David Vega - *Absent*
City of Yucaipa – B.C. Mark Walsh - *Absent*

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 July 14, 2026.

**No action taken; we did not have a quorum. This item will be moved to the September agenda.*

CHAIR REPORT

- a. Operation Section Update

The committee discussed surge ambulance units in depth. The final count of surge units both Priority units and local agency units. Talk on modification to thresholds on when to activate a unit. The group was advised that notification will be given at level 2 within each region. If a level one occurs in a region they would be asked to stand up. The implementation team will continue to develop and refine the final policy.

Discussion ensued on unit numbering and staffing. Upstaffing in the field, CONFIRE dispatch, and Priority Ambulance will start on 9/30. The implementation team is currently working thru all options, including overlapping shifts, to create resiliency and a smooth transition.

NEW BUSINESS

2. ICEMA Policy 4100 Response Standards – Dean Smith – **RECEIVE AND FILE**

- *On implementation of the Ground Ambulance Service Contract on October 1, 2026, CONFIRE will incorporate ICEMA Policy 4100 and its determinant-level assignments into the ambulance deployment and dispatch plan.*
- *Emergency Medical Dispatch will determine two separate elements: Clinical resource level and response mode. Unit type establishes clinical capability; Code 2 or Code 3 establishes the response method and contract time standard.*
- *ALS will no longer automatically mean Code 3. Under the contract, Code 3 ambulance responses are ALS; Code 2 responses may use ALS or BLS and operate without lights and siren.*
- *Both Code 2 and Code 3 require immediate dispatch. The longer Code 2 standard is a performance benchmark, not permission to hold or delay the call.*
- *This replaces the decades-long all-Code-3 model and implements the RFP commitment to send the right resource to the right patient at the right time.*

The RFP called for a modernized system using Medical Priority Dispatch and appropriate ALS or BLS response. The agreement authorizes BLS use under ICEMA Emergency Medical Dispatch requirements, establishes separate Code 2 and Code 3 standards, and requires BLS responses to conform to Policy 4100. Policy 4100 assigns responses by determinant and directs first-response and ambulance resources to follow Emergency Medical Dispatch instructions to upgrade, cancel, or reduce response mode.

This is a material operating-model change. It ends the assumption that an ALS designation requires Code 3, preserves immediate dispatch and ALS response for higher-acuity calls, and

allows lower-acuity calls to receive the appropriate response without unnecessary Code 3 travel.

There is no separate fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing this report.

Staff recommends receiving and filing this report. No formal action is requested.

ROUND TABLE

Joe Barna discussed a draft Rate Setting Policy that will go before the Administrative Committee at the end of the month.

A Resolution that establishes the rates for the year will be forthcoming.

Chino Valley has reassessed its public-agency ambulance involvement, changing from three front-line units to two surge units. CONFIRE has pivoted, and Priority Ambulance is taking steps to mitigate any impact.

CLOSED SESSION

**The EMS Subsidiary Committee did not enter Closed Session.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the EMS Division Subsidiary Committee Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Meeting: September 8, 2026.

 /s/ Liz Berry

Liz Berry
Clerk of the Board