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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Snowden, Randolph F. - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
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SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Presentations

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests the following regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS):

1. Presentation of a proclamation to Karen Smith, Public Health Officer, declaring May 20-26, 2012 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Napa County;
2. Public Health Officer to provide update on Local Emergency Medical Services Agency, including announcement of Napa County EMS logo contest winner and status of emergency ambulance franchise which became effective January 2, 2012; and
3. City of Napa's Acting Fire Chief, Mike Randolph to present 2011 Emergency Medical Care Committee annual report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County's Public Health Officer, Karen Smith, M.D. will accept a proclamation declaring May 20-26, 2012 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Napa County. Dr Smith will also announce the winner of Napa County's EMS logo contest; update the Board on the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency; and provide a status update on the County's new ambulance franchise. Also included in today's action will be a presentation of the 2011 Emergency Medical Care Committee's annual report by the City of Napa's Acting Fire Chief.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

No Action Required

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

National Emergency Medical Services Week

National EMS Week brings together communities and medical personnel to publicize safety, educate the public about their local EMS system, and honor the dedication of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving services on medicine's front line. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service and the members of the Emergency Medical Services teams of Napa County are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Emergency Medical Services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement, dispatchers, educators, administrators and others. The members of the Emergency Medical Services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

It is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of the emergency medical services providers by proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week.

Local Emergency Medical Services Agency Update

On July 1, 2012, the Public Health Division of the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency will be completing its first full year as the independent Napa County Local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, or LEMSA. Many significant changes followed the LEMSA's separation from the Coastal Valleys Regional EMS Agency.

Among the most significant changes that have occurred over the last year are: (1) contracting with a new LEMSA Medical Director; (2) updates and revisions of all LEMSA treatment guidelines, policies and procedures; (3) establishment of a single exclusive operating area for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service; (4) successful conclusion of the request for proposals process for 911 emergency and ALS transport ambulance service by awarding the franchise to American Medical Response West (AMR); and (5) initiation of emergency and ALS ambulance transport services by AMR.

The attached Napa County Local Emergency Medical Services Agency Annual Report details these and other LEMSA activities over the past year.

Emergency Medical Care Committee Annual Report

Sections 1797.270-1797.270 of the California Health and Safety Code state that a county may establish an Emergency Medical Care Committee, the membership of which is prescribed by and the members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. These sections also state that the Emergency Medical Care Committee shall, at least annually, review the operations of each of the following: (1) ambulance services operating within the county;

(2) emergency medical care offered within the county, including programs for training large numbers of people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifesaving first aid techniques; and (3) first aid practices in the county.

In addition, the Emergency Medical Care Committee shall submit its observations and recommendations to the County Board(s) of Supervisors it serves and shall act in an advisory capacity to the County Board(s) of Supervisors it serves, and to the local EMS agency, on all matters relating to emergency medical services as directed by the Board(s) of Supervisors. The City of Napa Acting Fire Chief, Mike Randolph, Chair of the Napa County Emergency Medical Services Committee, will present the Committee's Annual Report to the Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Proclamation
- B . EMS Annual Report
- C . Emergency Medical Care Committee Annual Report

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins