



Mendocino County EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

EMS System and History

1980

Health and Safety Code Div. 2.5

“EMS Act”

California EMS Authority established as the state regulator.

California Code of Regulations Title 22 amended to include EMS Agency mandates.

Local EMS Agencies designated as the county-level body to direct the local systems.

EMS Today

State Authority California EMS Authority

Promulgates regulations governing provision and oversight of EMS statewide.

Approves EMS plans submitted by Local EMS Agencies for the county or regional EMS system.

Coordinates statewide EMS disaster response.

Licensing body for paramedics.

EMS Today

Local Authority

Local EMS Authority (LEMSA)

Required by California Health and Safety Code Div. 2.5 for implementation of an Advanced Life Support (paramedic level) EMS System.

Sonoma County Department of Health Services has been designated as the LEMSA for Sonoma and (through contract) Mendocino Counties.

Functioning under the identity **Coastal Valleys EMS Agency**, the LEMSA has EMS administrative and regulatory oversight responsibilities for both counties.

EMS Function

Local Authority

The primary function of the LEMSA is to plan, implement, and evaluate the local EMS system and its various components.

Certifying entity for EMTs

Coordination and monitoring of air and ground ambulances

Permitting of ambulance providers

Accrediting body for paramedics

Designation of specialty care hospitals

Policy development and implementation

Medical control

Quality improvement

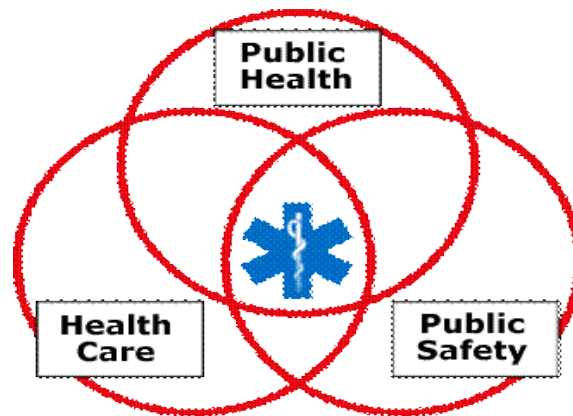
Disaster medical response preparedness

Ensures local system meets industry standards and best practices

Coastal Valleys EMS Agency

The Coastal Valleys EMS Agency Mission Statement:

To ensure a high quality EMS system of pre-hospital medical care for all Mendocino County residents and visitors.



EMS ALS Enhancement Project

- ▶ On June 3, 2014 the Board approved a Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health request for Coastal Valleys EMS Agency to receive funding support for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 totaling \$200,000.
- ▶ This funding was allocated for the enhancement of ALS emergency medical services in rural areas of Mendocino County.
- ▶ Funds were proposed to support innovative pilot projects that enhance ALS services and provide data to the EMS Agency of the long-term sustainability of service or to define the gap in maintaining the enhanced level of EMS services.
- ▶ On November 19, 2014 Coastal Valleys EMS released a notification to serve as a formal request for letters of intent to bid.

EMS ALS Enhancement Project

- ▶ Three programs were supported with the EMS funds:
 - ▶ Falck Northern California in partnership with Covelo Ambulance and Fire Department.
 - ▶ Medstar Ambulance of Mendocino County in partnership with Anderson Valley Ambulance.
 - ▶ Long Valley Fire Protection District to receive funding to maintain currently threatened daily operations.

Two departments working together to build a stronger community



EMT & Paramedic services in Covelo



ALS Enhancement Project

Covelo Ambulance in Partnership with Falck/Northern California

- ▶ Verihealth/Falck has employed three full-time ALS Paramedics to be staffed in Covelo 24/7
- ▶ Verihealth Paramedic has provided training for ALS and EMT's
- ▶ Over-utilization of medical air transportation has been reduced
- ▶ Covelo still has challenges of getting volunteer staffing and support
- ▶ Volunteers are given a \$25 per call stipend that pays for their transportation to the Fire Department and for food during the call. Most calls involving transport can take up to 5 hours due to rural geographical location

Anderson Valley Ambulance in partnership with Medstar Ambulance



Annual Events:
Boonville Beer Festival
Pinot Noir Festival
Sierra Nevada World Music Festival
Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show

Strong community with tourist growth

Anderson Valley Ambulance in Partnership with Medstar Ambulance of Mendocino County

- ▶ ALS Paramedic is provided to the community two, 24-hour shifts a week
- ▶ Paramedic typically staffs up for weekends and big community events
- ▶ The BLS agency acceptance of the ALS support is growing compared to the preliminary feelings.
- ▶ A big win for AVA service was billing for five-full ALS transports instead of only being reimbursed for partial transports with rendezvous fees with ground ALS support
- ▶ Department training is supported by partnership

Long Valley Fire Protection District



Long Valley Fire Protection District

- ▶ In addition to fire response, manages an ALS EMS transport service to rural northern Mendocino County
- ▶ Laytonville continues to have challenges with volunteer drivers to sign up for on-call time
- ▶ The county funding project paid for one-full time driver employee, on-call fees and stipends
- ▶ Laytonville has one-full time & two-part time Paramedics
- ▶ Laytonville can not maintain 24/7 ALS service without county support
- ▶ Exploring IGT funding capabilities

EMS Projects Timeframe



New tentative EMS
EOA RFP release date
August 1, 2016

The End

THANK YOU

