Progress Report – February 2012

Steering Committee	• The OC-MEDS Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from the OC Ambulance Association, OC Fire Chiefs Association, OC Communications, and the Hospital Association of Southern California. The group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis until the system is fully implemented. Planning for the next meeting is underway and will take place in February or March 2012.
ePCR Software	• Based on feedback that is being received by provider agencies, several changes and additions have already been made to the Field Bridge ePCR layout. **Feedback is vital to ensure that the software is modified so that it will meet all our needs. Keep it coming!** • An Inventory Module has been added to the system that allows agencies that transport/bill to document the usage of consumables. If you are interested in this module, please contact Laurent Repass for more information. • **10 agencies have been issued *LIVE* OC-MEDS accounts and are beginning to configure their own systems to meet their individual operational needs.** OCEMS has been assisting many of these agencies with creating user accounts and with general configuration. • The **OC-MEDS ePCR Taskforce** will resume meeting regularly. Their next meeting is set for **Feb. 8th, 2012 at 1000am** at OCFA Headquarters. • **Automated EMS and NFIRS Data Exports** – OCEMS has obtained a quote from ImageTrend and is gaining UASI 2010 support to enable an automated data export. These processes will allow for the automated exchange of EMS/Billing and NFIRS data to aid with populating data systems external to OC-MEDS. The estimated cost for this integration is **$56,000** which will benefit all fire / EMS providers. • **ePCR Integration with new OCEMS Protocols** – All new Orange County Protocols (effective April 2012) are being added to the OC-MEDS ePCR. The ePCR is being designed to allow documentation workflow that is consistent with the new protocols. • **OC-MEDS specific Field Bridge and Service Bridge User Guides have been posted on the OCEMS website for download. Go to: http://ochealthinfo.com/ems/ocmeds**
ePCR Hardware	• HCA / OCEMS has completed the purchase of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funded devices. Seventy-one (71) Motion Computing J3500s, twelve (12) Panasonic CF-H2s, and seven (7) HP Slate 500s have been received and **have all been distributed**. • **10 agencies have completely executed MOUs and have received their devices:** Brea Fire, Costa Mesa Fire, Fountain Valley Fire, Fullerton Fire, Garden Grove Fire, Huntington Beach Fire, Newport Beach Fire, Orange City Fire, Orange County Fire, and Santa Ana Fire. • HCA / OCEMS is working to complete the purchase of UASI funded devices on behalf of Anaheim Fire. It is anticipated that the procurement process will be completed and the devices will be ready for distribution by mid to late Feb. 2012. • **HCA / OCEMS has been awarded a third and final year of UASI funding, $500,000.** The primary objective of this funding is to provide public safety based EMS providers with additional Mobile Data Collection Devices to aid with completing their equipment needs.
EMS Provider Training	• HCA / OCEMS has contracted with a Professional EMS Educator to provide direct delivery OC-MEDS Training Courses. EMS Provider Agencies and hospitals who use the OC-MEDS system may contact Ruth Grubb directly to schedule training. She may be reached at: (714) 296-6406 or via email at rsg@ca.rr.com. • To date, OCEMS has provided on-site training several EMS provider agencies, including: Brea/Fullerton Fire, Fountain Valley Fire, Orange City Fire, OCFA, and Santa Ana Fire just to name a few.
CAD Integration	• HCA / OCEMS has partnered with the regional CAD 2 CAD project to provide a countywide OC-MEDS CAD data integration and continues to work with representatives from Brea, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, MetroNet, OCFA, and Santa Ana to define how the information will be utilized. • **To date, CAD integrations have been completed for the following agencies**: Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Orange City, Orange County, Newport Beach, Santa Ana. • **Costa Mesa CAD is nearly complete. It is projected that data will begin being sent live to OC-MEDS very soon.** • **Brea Fire will soon be dispatched by MetroNet; therefore their CAD data will be included in the existing MetroNet CAD Integration.**
Base Hospital Data and Digital Audio Recorders	• HCA / OCEMS and Orange County Communications (OCC) are planning to implement digital audio recorders which will replace the audio cassette records used today to record voice communications between paramedics and MICNs during base hospital contacted calls and MCIs. **The equipment is in the final stages of procurement and will likely be installed by mid to late spring 2012.** • HCA / OCEMS is working with the Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators to form an **electronic Base Hospital Report (eBHR) taskforce**. The group is being formed to design the future eBHR which will replace the existing paper based forms and will be interoperable with the OC-MEDS ePCR. **The group will begin meeting on Feb.9, 2012.**
Hospital Dashboard	• **HCA / OCEMS is rolling out the OC-MEDS Hospital Dashboard.** The "dashboard" is a component of the OC-MEDS software which provides an online method for Paramedic Receiving Centers (PRC) to receive electronic copies of prehospital care reports that have been completed by EMS providers. • HCA / OCEMS is working with PRCs to add their personnel to the system and has been providing brief 10-15 minute in-services to hospital staff to prepare them to receive PCRs electronically. • **To date, the staff of 22 out of 25 PRCs have added to OC-MEDS so that they may view / print PCRs from the Hospital Dashboard.**
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