

Who's "Going Live"?

Huntington Beach Fire Department planning to launch ePCR by September

The Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD), in collaboration with OCEMS, has been working to roll out their ePCR program. Over the last several weeks, HBFD has been training front line personnel and building infrastructure necessary to implement and manage the system to meet their needs. The project has been successfully coordinated by HBFD's ePCR Committee led by EMS Coordinator Patty Gleed, FireMed Coordinator Jane Cameron, IT Analyst Mark Narciso, Firefighter/Paramedic Berkley Northrop, and Firefighter/Paramedic Cody Snyder.

"We will be transitioning to ePCR over the next 4 months as we get devices, do the training, and put them on the apparatus; (we) have September 2nd as the department wide implementation", stated Ms. Gleed.

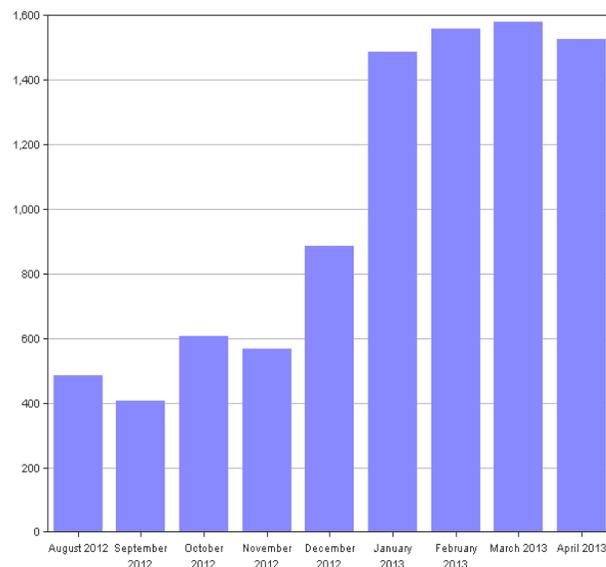


Firefighter/Paramedic Cody Snyder

New Goal for OC-MEDS ePCR Usage By Fire Departments: 25% by Fall 2013

Last Fall, OCEMS set a goal of 10% ePCR utilization by fire departments by Spring 2013. The objective was to measure the countywide monthly average EMS call volume (n = 14,000) and compare it to the number of ePCRs that were completed and posted by fire department personnel. The goal was met with ePCR utilization being consistently over 10% for each of the last four months. OCEMS is committed to the success of the ePCR project and will continue to work with fire departments to encourage agency implementation of the ePCR with a new target monthly average of at least **25% by Fall 2013 and 75% by Winter 2013.**

Number of Records by Date



Incident Date	Count
August 2012	486
September 2012	407
October 2012	606
November 2012	566
December 2012	886
January 2013	1,489
February 2013	1,560
March 2013	1,580
April 2013	1,527

ePCR Utilization

ePCR Hardware

EMS CQI Colloquium Well Attended By Multiple OC EMS Providers

On April 11, 2013, Orange County EMS presented the first countywide EMS CQI Colloquium at Care Ambulance Headquarters in Orange. The event, coordinated by OCEMS CQI Liaison Vicki Sweet, was well attended by multiple EMS providers and hospitals and provided a unique opportunity to discuss the future of EMS CQI in an open collaborative forum. Feedback from participants was largely positive with most stating that they appreciated the guidance and opportunity to discuss issues openly.



eBHR and Base Hospital Communications Equipment



New Base Console at Hoag Newport Beach

Base Hospital Communications Consoles Replacement Project Nearly Complete

Orange County Communications (OCC), in collaboration with OCEMS, is nearing completion of the Base Hospital Communications Console Replacement Project. The project is fully replacing aging communications consoles used by Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICN) at each Base Hospital. The new consoles include modern radio communication components with computerized touch screen controls. In addition to new communications capabilities, the project will soon include new Electronic Base Hospital Report (eBHR) software that will allow each base hospital to be interoperable with the OC-MEDS ePCR software used by paramedics in the field. New consoles have been successfully implemented at Huntington Beach Hospital,

Hoag Newport Beach, Mission Hospital, St. Jude Medical Center, and UCI Medical Center. The Final console replacement will begin May 6th, 2013 at Western Medical Center – Santa Ana.

Licensure Management

Online EMT Certification System A Success: Plans Developing to Add MICN and Paramedic

The online EMT Certification system, a component of the Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS) project, has been fully operational since December 17, 2012 and is being used by nearly all EMT applicants served by OCEMS. The system is operational 24 hours per day / 7 days per week and may be accessed at: <https://www.oc-meds.org/licensure/public/orangecounty/>. Due to the success of the project, OCEMS is confident that other certification processes can be rolled into the system soon. Development is underway to add MICN Authorization, Paramedic Accreditation, and other local EMS personnel certification modules.

Orange County EMS ONLINE applications have gone LIVE!

www.oc-meds.org/licensure/public/orangecounty

Which applications can I do ONLINE?

- CA EMT Certification & Recertification
- OCEMS Accreditation Initial and Renewal

Has the price changed?

The cost is the same as walk-ins, but no parking fees or drive. Payments may be made by using one of these credit cards or a debit card with Visa® or MasterCard® logo.

What about walk-ins?

OCEMS will now be OPEN to walk-in applicants on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. This will allow the licensing staff to complete priority processing for online applications.

Anything else?

OCEMS will no longer be performing office services - copy, fax, scan, etc. You must provide copies of documents to be submitted.