



**Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
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Re: Stanislaus County EMS Agency Information

Welcome to Stanislaus County EMS Agency!

Emergency services staff are looking forward to the course Stanislaus County has taken by becoming a single county EMS Agency, also known as a Local EMS Agency or LEMSA. The new direction provides staff with opportunities to bring oversight and authority to the Board of Supervisors, who represent the citizens of Stanislaus County. In addition, the new LEMSA provides access to County resources in order to enhance patient standards of care, improve efficiencies and address operational issues, which focus on a single county model. Stanislaus County EMS will reside under Emergency Services, which is a division of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. The new Stanislaus County EMS Agency has hired 5 new full-time staff members who will begin prior to July 1, 2022. The staff members are (The new staff members have an * next to their name):

- Richard Murdock – Chief of Emergency Services
- Erik Klevmyr – Assistant Chief of Emergency Services
- *Chad Braner – EMS Agency Director
- *Justin Murdock – EMS Coordinator I (STEMI/Stroke Coordinator)
- Dr. Greg Kann – Medical Director
- Mark Roberts – (Contractor working on Data Management)
- EMS Coordinator II (Vacant) (QI Coordinator)
- Jamie Gonzales, RN, TRN (Consultant helping with Trauma Systems of Care)
- *Staff Services Analyst (Backgrounds in progress)
- *Staff Services Technician (Background in progress)
- *Brittany Gregory - Administrative Assistant III

A newsletter will be published in the months to come introducing each new staff member and providing a brief bio

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will my certification/accreditation with MVEMSA be grandfathered into Stanislaus County?

A: Yes. Stanislaus County EMS will honor all certifications/accreditations processed through MVEMSA. All paramedic certifications expiring on or after July 1st 2022 will be required to certify with Stanislaus County EMS Agency upon expiration of current MVEMSA certification.

Q: I hear the requirement to take the online MCI modules for certification/recertification/accreditation is no longer a requirement beginning July 1, 2022?

A: Correct. The online MCI modules will no longer be a requirement effective July 1, 2022. However, Enhancing MCI knowledge and MCI training is extremely important to our system. Stanislaus County EMS agency staff will be working on developing a future MCI training module for all certified or licensed professionals working in Stanislaus County. *This applies to all initial and recertifying applicants for all disciplines required.*

Q: What if I expire on June 30, 2022 – what are my options?

A: If you expire on June 30, 2022, you have 2 options:

1. Recertify with MVEMSA prior to your expiration date, following their process. This will then be grandfathered and honored at Stanislaus County EMS Agency until the new expiration date.
2. Let your certification expire, and certify with Stanislaus County, but in doing so, will cause:
 - a. A late fee, which will be incurred, in addition to you recertification fee:
 - i. EMR - \$34.00 recertification, plus \$17.00 late fee
 - ii. EMT - \$56.00 recertification, plus \$17.00 late fee
 - iii. Paramedic - \$17.00 late fee
 - iv. MICN - \$56.00 recertification, plus \$17.00 late fee
 - b. You WON'T have to complete the online MCI modules, prior to recertification.
 - c. You will then possess a Stanislaus County EMS card, vs a MVEMSA card till June of 2024.
 - d. Recertifications will eventually be able to be completed online, no photo needed.

Q: Will the MVEMSA policies be terminated?

A: *All Stanislaus County relevant MVEMSA policies will be grandfathered into Stanislaus County. The policies will have the same name and numbering system. Minor changes will be made to the policy reflecting Stanislaus County EMS Agency in the header and within the language of the policy. Staff will be working on a process and timeline to update or change all policies after July 1, 2022.*

Q: Will the ambulance provider or fire first responder contracts be terminated?

A: *No. The ambulance provider and fire first responder contracts will be assigned to Stanislaus County.*

Q: Has Stanislaus County's EMS Agency's website gone live?

A: *Yes – Go to <http://stanems.com/>. Staff will continuously be working to develop and upload the website.*

Q: Will the paramedic accreditation orientation and high-fidelity testing continue as scheduled?

A: *Stanislaus County EMS Agency Staff will start scheduling the paramedic orientation and testing prior to July 1, 2022. The schedule will be posted on our website. Registration will be done online through the website.*

Q: Will there be any changes to the accreditation process for paramedics, outside of the orientation?

A: *At this moment there has been no official change to the accreditation process for newly accrediting paramedics. This process is under review and subject to change.*

Q: Will the MICN class continue?

A: *Yes. The MICN classes will continue, and the schedule/registration will be done through the Stanislaus County EMS Agency website.*

Q: What requirements will the MICN certification/re-certification have? How many CE's will be required for initial cert or re-cert?

A: *At this moment there has been no official change to the accreditation process for newly accrediting MICN's. This process is under review and subject to change.*

Q: I hear the application fees have gone up for certification/recertification and accreditation?

A: *Yes. The fee schedule is located on our website and all application fees for certification/recertification and accreditation have increased by 12%.*

Q: Will the regularly scheduled EMS meetings continue?

A: *We will be continuing ALL meetings, with dates to come as we get more settled in the next couple weeks – followed by regular, quarterly, and annual meeting schedule, as it appropriately pertains to each group.*

Q: Where/who will providers send in things like code-stat, base hospital logs, base hospital QI plans, ambulance provider QI reports, etc.

A: *We will eventually have a place on our website to send this information. In the meantime, please send these items to both Chad Braner and Justin Murdock:*

cbraner@stanoes.com
jmurdock@stanoes.com

Q: Will there be any changes in Hospital designations?

A: *There will be no changes in hospital designation, from previous set forth requirements/policy, regarding specialty center designations.*

Q: How can I submit an Unusual Occurrence Report (UOR)?

A: *Unusual Occurrence Reports can be found on our website at <http://stanems.com/>. Once completed, UOR's can be sent to emsuor@stanoes.com.*

Q: Will Hospital Round Robin, and 5150 Round Robin continue?

A: *No! Stanislaus County will not be placing any hospital in the county on 'Round Robin'.*

Q: Will EMS Duty Officer notification process change?

A: *No, EMS Duty Officer will still be contacted by first calling VRECC, who will send notification to the on-call EMS Duty Officer.*