



Monthly Progress Report – March 2011

Steering Committee	- The OC-MEDS Steering Committee met for the first time on Feb. 10, 2011. The group is comprised of representatives from the OC Ambulance Association, OC Fire Chiefs Association, OC Communications, and the Hospital Association of Southern California. - The committee will meet on a quarterly basis to guide the focus and direction of the OC-MEDS project. - During the first meeting, the group identified several key priorities, one of which was to design a method to assist agencies with determining their information needs and initial / on-going costs.
ePCR Design	- The ePCR Design and Implementation Taskforce has met three times since January 2011, and is meeting every 2-3 weeks. - The group has been focusing on the ePCR layout / workflow and has identified some areas (most of which are related to Patient Assessment and Vital Signs) that are not easily configurable. - A formal request has been submitted to ImageTrend to enable “Independent Controls” so that these fields can be manipulated to meet the needs of EMS field personnel.
Hardware Selection	- The Hardware Selection Taskforce has also met three times since January 2011. - The group has been evaluating Mobile Data Collection Devices to determine those that will best function for EMS field use. - Five devices including those manufactured by Getac, Panasonic, and xPlore Technologies have been selected by the group for field testing.
System Awareness and Development	- OCEMS has been engaged in a countywide OC-MEDS awareness campaign to share information about the system. Presentations have been delivered to fire departments, ambulance companies, hospitals, and at various community and association meetings including: RPAC’s, OC Ambulance Association, OC Fire Chief’s Association, and the OC City Managers Association. <u>Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Integration</u> – OCEMS has obtained quotes from both Keystone Public Safety and FATPOT Technologies for transmission of CAD data into the OC-MEDS. Data from Keystone and FATPOT will cover every 9-1-1 Fire EMS Response with the exception of those from Brea and La Habra. <u>OC-MEDS – EMS</u> – Over 50 “Test” accounts have been issued to individuals throughout the county to begin to test the capabilities of the system. <u>OC-MEDS – Patient Registry</u> – As of Feb. 25, OCEMS took delivery of the Trauma, STEMI, and Stroke registries. The Patient Registry is being configured to receive data transmissions from OC Trauma Centers and standard STEMI / Stroke forms are being created to enable electronic submission of STEMI and/or Stroke cases.
Grants / Funding	- On Feb. 25, HCA / OCEMS submitted a grant application to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a second year of funding to continue to support the purchase of Mobile Data Collection Devices and an OC-MEDS System Educator. The application includes a \$500,000 funding request. Award notifications should be received by May or June 2011. - As of Feb. 28, HCA has been awarded another year of UASI funding (\$375,000) and has also been awarded Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) funds (\$200,000) to further support the OC-MEDS System.
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OC-MEDS: a Single Integrated Electronic Data System

- Collaborative four year planning effort
- Competitive procurement process
- Mobile data collection devices are being selected

