

Progress Report – February 2013

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 Steering Committee will continue to meet on a quarterly basis until the system is fully implemented. Planning for the next meeting will begin soon.

Paper PCR

HCA / OCEMS has announced that the final order of paper-based PCR forms has been placed. The order will likely last until late summer / early fall 2013 at which time no additional forms will be ordered by HCA / OCEMS. Agencies that use the OCEMS subsidized PCR forms are encouraged to plan ahead.

Who's "Going Live"?

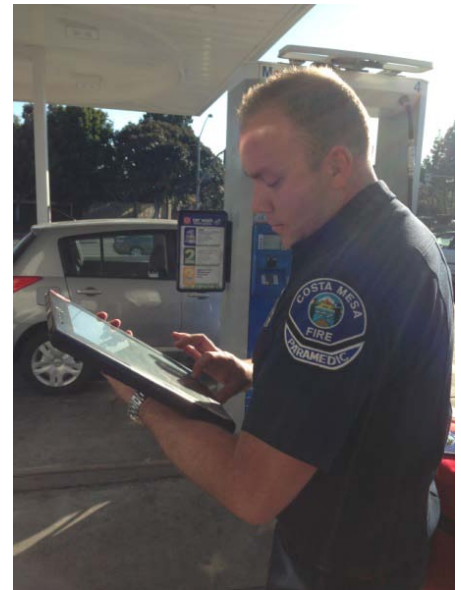
Costa Mesa to become first OC Fire Department to fully transition to the OC-MEDS ePCR

The Costa Mesa Fire Department (CMFD) will soon be "Going Live" with the OC-MEDS ePCR. CMFD has been working in collaboration with OCEMS for over a year to implement the system. The project, led by Captain John Heunemann, will be fully implemented on or about Feb. 15th, 2013.

"We have been working to train staff on every shift and will train the last group on February 15th", stated Captain Heunemann.

OCEMS is also working with most other fire based EMS providers throughout the county who are planning to transition to the OC-MEDS ePCR later this year. Some of the most recent highlights include:

- The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) has expanded its beta test group and is planning to "Go Live" by July 1, 2013.
- The Garden Grove Fire Department has begun working to develop their own OC-MEDS ePCR templates.
- The Huntington Beach Fire Department has been thoroughly testing the ePCR and is planning to begin training staff later this spring.

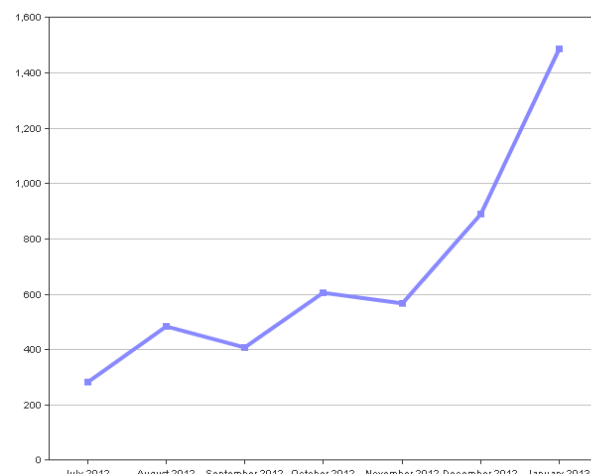


ePCR Utilization

Average use of the OC-MEDS ePCR is increasing

Since the first ePCR was completed and posted by an Orange County Fire Based EMS Provider over a year ago, nearly **7,000** PCRs have been added to the system by fire department field personnel; **approximately 4% of the average countywide monthly 9-1-1 EMS call volume (n = 14,000 calls per month)**. OCEMS will continue to work with fire departments to encourage agency implementation of the ePCR with a target monthly average of at least **10% by spring 2013**.

Number of Records by Date



Incident Date	Count
July 2012	282
August 2012	484
September 2012	407
October 2012	606
November 2012	566
December 2012	891
January 2013	1,486

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ePCR Hardware

OCEMS coordinates Vendor Fair in preparation for multi-agency computer tablets purchase

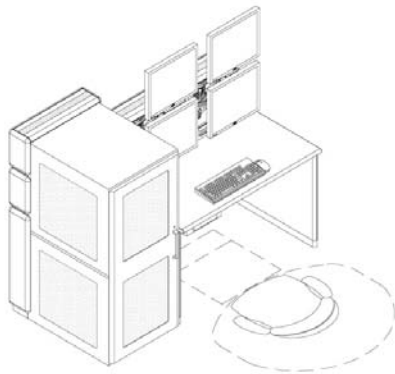
On Jan. 9th, 2013, OCEMS coordinated a vendor fair to provide opportunities for EMS provider agencies to view multiple computer tablets currently available on the market. Several tablet manufacturers were present to display their products. Most public EMS providers sent representatives to attend the fair.

UASI 2011 Grant Update:

OCEMS has been working with most public EMS providers to assist them with finalizing their selection including coordinating information regarding device specifications and price quotes. OCEMS will be initiating a large purchase order soon on behalf of 80% of EMS providers who have chosen to participate now. A second opportunity to participate in this grant funding opportunity will be available in July 2013.



eBHR and Base Hospital Communications Equipment



Base Hospital Communications Consoles will soon be replaced and will be interoperable with OC-MEDS

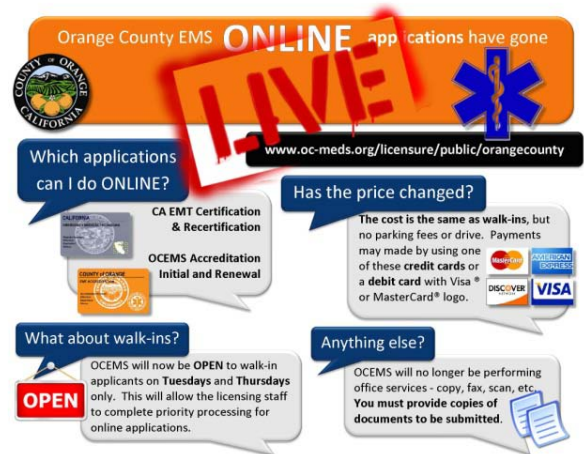
Orange County Communications (OCC) in collaboration with OCEMS will soon fully replace aging communications consoles used by Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICN) at each Base Hospital. The new consoles will include modern radio communication components with computerized touch screen controls. In addition to new communications capabilities, the project will also 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. Implementation will begin in the Spring 2013.

Licensure Management

OCEMS launches online EMT Licensing System

OCEMS is proud to announce the successful implementation of our new online Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification system. The Certification system, a component of the Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS) project, went live on December 17, 2012 and is already being used by over half of the EMT applicants served by OCEMS. Prospective EMT applicants may use the system to apply for California State EMT Certification and/or Orange County EMT Accreditation and pay associated fees entirely online without having to walk into the OCEMS office. 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/>.



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.

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