



## Progress Report – November 2011

<b>Steering Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. <u>The group last met on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.</u> The main topics discussed were concerns regarding the establishment of automated data exchange between EMS providers who are using ImageTrend’s software and those who are not; and the establishment of standardized processes that allow Paramedic Receiving Centers the ability to receive electronic copies of PCRs.</li> </ul>
<b>ePCR Software</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The ePCR software, Field Bridge, will be updated to Version 5.1 on 11/09/2011.</b> This is the latest software release and provides for marked improvements to the user interface including improved PowerTools, improved call transfer capabilities, and Validity Compliance. Updated User Guides are being developed and will be posted on the OCEMS website at: <a href="http://ochealthinfo.com/medical/ems/oc-meds.htm">http://ochealthinfo.com/medical/ems/oc-meds.htm</a></li> <li><b>The ePCR Taskforce will have their next meeting on 11/09/2011 from 0800 – 1200 at OCFA Headquarters.</b> The group will be working through operational scenarios to begin to define policy and procedural changes that will be needed to explain how the system functions.</li> </ul>
<b>ePCR Hardware</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCA / OCEMS has completed the procurement process 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 <b>have been received and are awaiting distribution.</b> With the exception of the HP Slate 500, each device will come with up to three (3) year no fault warranties.</li> <li><b>The following agencies will be receiving OTS grant-funded computer hardware equipment:</b> 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.</li> <li>HCA / OCEMS has identified UASI grant funding to purchase some additional devices. These devices will be purchased on behalf of and distributed to <u>Anaheim Fire.</u></li> <li><b>On 10/28/2011, a letter was sent to the fire chiefs of</b> Brea, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Orange City, Orange County, and Santa Ana regarding what will be needed to complete the MOU necessary to transfer OTS funded equipment. The letter also asks agencies to identify a primary contact person or persons, called Service Administrators by OCEMS, which will function as their liaison.</li> </ul>
<b>CAD Integration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MetroNet (Keystone):</b> CAD data integration is fully operational. MetroNet is sending live CAD data for each of the seven (7) agencies that they serve (Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Orange City). The CAD data is sent to the secure OC-MEDS portals for each agency.</li> <li><b>Brea, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, OCFA, Santa Ana (FATPOT):</b> FATPOT has begun sending <b>live CAD data for both OCFA and Santa Ana Fire.</b> HCA / OCEMS is continuing to work with representatives from FATPOT, ImageTrend, OCFA, and Santa Ana to fine tune the CAD integrations to ensure the correct information is being sent and received. The project is being implemented alongside the regional CAD2CAD project; therefore, CAD integrations for Brea, Costa Mesa, and Laguna Beach are contingent upon successful participation in the CAD2CAD project. <b>Update: Costa Mesa CAD data is planned to begin being sent live soon. More concrete information will be reported when it’s available.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Base Hospital Data and Digital Audio Recorders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning in July 2011, OC Base Hospitals began using web-based templates within OC-MEDS to complete retrospective data entry of Base Hospital contacted and ALS No-Contact runs. This information is already producing valuable reporting capabilities for CQI purposes.</li> <li>HCA / OCEMS and Orange County Communications (OCC) are planning to replace the audio cassette recorders currently used to record communications between paramedics and MICNs during base hospital contacted calls. <b>As of Nov. 1, 2011, HCA / OCEMS has received final grant approval so that work may begin to complete this portion of the project. OCC will contact Base Hospitals when the equipment has been purchased and is ready for installation.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Hospital Dashboard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HCA / OCEMS will be rolling out the OC-MEDS Hospital Dashboard this fall.</b> The “dashboard” is a component of the OC-MEDS software which provides an online method for Paramedic Receiving Centers (PCR) to receive electronic copies of prehospital care reports that have been completed by EMS providers.</li> <li>HCA / OCEMS will be sending written communications to each PCR shortly to describe the process and provide hospitals with access to the system.</li> <li>A brief 10-15 minute standard in-service style training is being developed and will be delivered to hospital staff to prepare them to receive PCRs electronically.</li> </ul>
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