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To San Diego County EMS Community Stakeholders

Dear EMS Community:

CHANGE IN CERTIFICATION HOURS

Because of the economic times, revenue reductions are affecting many programs and are posing challenges for public and private sector services alike. The County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Branch is no exception. Keeping core services functioning during the economic downturn required a thorough analysis of programs and services. Additionally, cross training of EMS staff to cover programs and services where staffing has been reduced was planned and implemented. In an effort to keep EMS programs running efficiently, a reorganization of staffing and work flow has been initiated. The next step is to inform our community partners of an important change in the prehospital workforce certification/recertification hours.

Effective March 30, 2009 certification/recertification/licensure/relicensure hours will be:

Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

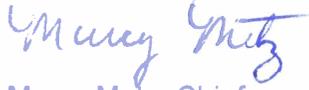
To expedite the certification process:

- Applications for the actions can be found on the County EMS website:
www.sandiegocountyems.com
 - If an individual would like to submit items such as a scanned photo or applications to EMS electronically for re-licensure or re-certification, they can be sent to: Rowena.Juan@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Continuing Education Units (CEU) required for recertification or relicensure:
- EMT-B – 24 hours
 - EMT-P – 48 hours
 - MICN – 24 hours
- Livescans are performed only upon initial certification or licensure. The information for this and the application can also be found on the County EMS website.

EMS staff will work to ensure the prehospital work force receives the necessary County Identification Cards during the office hours as listed above. Please share this information with your front line personnel. It is important they know there will not be staff available for front desk assistance/certifications on Fridays.

If you have any questions, please contact the EMS Office at 619-285-6429. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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