



**NEVADA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE Minutes
June 11, 2025**

Location: in person at the Nevada County Government Building, upstairs in the Empire Room, 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959 and at the Joseph Center, upstairs in the Hobart Mill Room, 10075 Levon Ave, Truckee, CA 96161 and through “Teams”.

“The purpose of the EMCC is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Medical Services Agency on all matters relating to ambulance services, emergency medical care, and first aid practices in Nevada County.”

1) Call to Order– Chairman 9:05

In attendance:

Clayton Thomas, Penn Valley Fire, West County Advanced Life Support
Sherilynn Cooke, MD Nevada County Public Health (Remote)
Sarah Woolheater, Nevada County Health and Human Services
Ricky Hurtado, Sierra Nevada Ambulance
Josh Sher, SNMH Ambulance
Patrick Comstock, S-SV EMS Agency
Andrew Lillier, Sheriff’s Office, OES
Paul Cummings, OES
Ryan Ochoa, Truckee Fire Protection District (Remote)
Dave Bookout, Grass Valley Emergency Center CAL FIRE
Dane Meredith, EMS Coordinator Grass Valley City Fire (Remote)
Katie Lamb, Tahoe Forest Hospital Representative (Remote)
Clint Bates, Incorporated Police Department Representative (Remote)

2) Introductions

3) Approval of March 19, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve- Josh Sher

Motion to second- Paul Cummings

4) Tactical Active Shooter/MCI –Andrew Lillier

Nevada County law enforcement: Grass Valley Police Department, Nevada City Police Department, the Sheriff’s Office and Probation attended a local training put on by some members of the San Francisco SWAT team. They used the old Telestream building and we would like to have them again.

Putting together a group for EMS/MCI training under the umbrella of the Instant Command System. Currently it is Penn Valley Fire, Grass Valley Fire, and they are waiting to hear back from their rep at Consolidated Fire. They will be practicing their various roles within the MCI plan that S-SV has created, and building up their skill sets. They have a tentative date of early November.

5) Public Health Update – Sherilynn Cooke, MD.

Measles is still the largest public concern. Nationwide there are over 1100 confirmed

measles cases now. There are 744 confirmed measles cases in Texas. We believe the real rate to be closer to 2000 plus cases. There are currently 13 cases in California. The most recent, in West Sacramento, showed up at the Emergency Department over a few days before being diagnosed with measles. This is problematic because it created a large number of people who had to be contact traced for potential exposure, including an infant. No Nevada County residents were exposed. We have been communicating with the schools and childcare providers about educating residents on whether or not they have the vaccine. If you have had the vaccine, you shouldn't need another one.

Shady Creek, a camp on the ridge, has had a series of Norovirus outbreaks. Sutter Schools sends kids and families to camp there. It is not deadly but can be very uncomfortable. We are trying to help them make sure they don't have any outbreaks next year. Historically they used to have outbreaks, but this is the first since the pandemic.

6) OES Update-Paul Cummings

Emergency Operation Center (EOC) recruitment is open. There is some training if you join the EOC. CAL OES says that we have one of the best EOC teams in the state. We are one of the few counties that offers our staff a stipend and that seems to help with team longevity.

Currently busy with fire season prep. We anticipate a slightly above average fire season based on the weather predictions and grass fuels crops.

They still have money in the Homeland Security grant, where the spend has to have a nexus to terrorism. If you have training or items that may meet this requirement in this area please reach out to your police or fire chief.

Wolf Mountain radio legacy contract. Discussion over if the radios work and why we have to pay for it 15k. It comes up every year at budget time. Clayton says they do work. A few OES Directors ago Clayton remembers they did find a paper trail to support.

7) Sierra Sacramento Valley EMS Agency (SSV) Updates- Patrick Comstock

- The 2025 Regional Training Module, which will be focused on airway matters, is being finalized and will hopefully be out by the end of June. We gathered input from the providers this year on what they want to focus on.
- July 22nd is the next REMAC meeting and everyone is welcome. We've been working on a much needed policy for unsafe scenes that also encompasses behavioral emergencies and will send it out to everyone.
- S-SV EMS has developed a new Temporary Recognition of EMS Personnel policy (462) to establish a consistent method to authorize EMS personnel from other states to provide temporary EMS care in California during fire season.
- Chapter 1.2 from EMS regulations, Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT). Will be open for public comment on EMSA's website. S-SV EMS is part of the pilot program for EMSA of auditing APOT times with Sutter Roseville.
- AB 645 requires all public safety dispatchers to complete EMD training whether or not they provide those services. This can be difficult and costly for rural counties.
- S-SV EMS has a meeting with Global Medical Response (GMR) regarding their Asset Request System called Transport.net for air ambulance dispatch. It is a digital request dashboard which shaves time off of this process.

- 8) **New Business**
Western County fire did switch to Tablet Command but Eastern County is still having some connection concerns. There are some small glitches still but Western County likes it.

Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Emergency Manager is evaluating potential evacuation exercises.

Penn Valley Fire and Rough & Ready Fire are still merging, though Ophir Hill and Consolidated have dropped out of the project. They have also purchased a new ambulance to add to Nevada County.

- 9) **Next Committee Meeting – December 17, 2025, Meeting Room- **Providence Room****
(Upstairs, Nevada County Government Building) Please remember it is important to come to the meetings.
- 10) Adjournment at 10:38 am.