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**TRAUMA SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT**

- I. **AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5,  
California Code of Regulations § 100255
- II. **PURPOSE:** To identify the role and responsibilities of Stanislaus County Emergency  
Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) as they relate to the trauma care system.
- III. **DEFINITIONS:**
- A. "Local EMS agency" means the agency, department, or office having primary  
responsibility for administration of emergency medical services in a county and which is  
designated pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code.
- B. "Trauma care system" or "trauma system" or "inclusive trauma care system" means a  
system that is designed to meet the needs of all injured patients. The system shall be  
defined by the local EMS agency in its trauma care system plan in accordance with  
California Trauma Care System Regulations.
- IV. **POLICY**
- A. As the lead agency for the Stanislaus County emergency medical services system,  
SCEMSA is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing the trauma care  
system. These responsibilities include:
1. Assessing needs and resource requirements;
  2. Developing the system design, including the number of trauma center(s) and  
determining patient flow patterns;
  3. Assigning roles to system participants, including designation of the trauma  
center(s);
  4. Working with the designated trauma center and other system participants, and  
with neighboring EMS systems on outreach and mutual aid services;
  5. Development of a regional trauma data system, including a trauma registry at the  
trauma centers, regional trauma data collection from participating non-trauma  
centers, and pre-hospital data collection;
  6. Monitoring of the system to determine compliance with appropriate state laws and  
regulations, local EMS agency policies and procedures, and contracts, and taking  
corrective action as needed;
  7. Evaluating the impact of the system and revising the system design as needed.
- B. To fulfill these responsibilities, SCEMSA will continue to assign staff to the trauma care  
system. Other SCEMSA staff, including the Medical Director, also participate in system  
monitoring, evaluation and problem solving activities. Approximately 15% of the Agency's  
total staff time is devoted to the trauma care system. On a day-to-day basis, SCEMSA will  
oversee the quality assurance processes which are required of the trauma center and will  
investigate problems. SCEMSA will also be responsible for inter-hospital coordinating  
activities. Primary among these is the Regional Trauma Audit Committee which will  
include representatives of the trauma center and non-trauma center receiving hospitals. The  
Trauma Coordinator will attend and participate in injury prevention programs as appropriate.