

# **Progress Report – April 2012**

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 group recently met on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00am and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis until the system is fully implemented.

- The ePCR software is continuously being improved to meet the dynamic needs of the Orange County EMS system. The latest version of the software, v5.2.4.3 has been released and is available for download from within Field Bridge.
- One Ambulance Company and ten Fire Departments have been issued LIVE OC-MEDS accounts and have been configuring and testing their own systems to meet their individual operational needs.

### ePCR Software

- OCEMS is continuing to work with Orange County ambulance providers to encourage use of the system. Doctor's Ambulance Service
  has expanded their pilot test of the Field Bridge ePCR in South OC and is working with OCFA to test the transfer capabilities of the
  software. In addition, OCEMS is continuing to work with both Care Ambulance and Lynch Ambulance to test and eventually integrate
  data to / from their Zoll ePCR systems with OC-MEDS.
- Both Costa Mesa and Orange City Fire Departments are conducting live field testing of the system on select units and/or select stations in which the ePCR is the only form of documentation.
- ePCR Integration with new OCEMS Protocols All new Orange County Protocols (effective April 2012) have been added to the OCMEDS ePCR. The "Active Protocol" section of the ePCR has been designed to allow documentation workflow that is consistent with the new protocols. Field Bridge ePCR users should review the "Active Protocols" sections and provide feedback to OCEMS at their earliest convenience. Feedback is needed to ensure that the "Active Protocols" are configured to best meet needs for field use.
- OC-MEDS specific Field Bridge and Service Bridge User Guides have been posted on the OCEMS website for download. Go to: http://ochealthinfo.com/ems/ocmeds

### ePCR Hardware

- HCA / OCEMS have received UASI funded Mobile Data Collection Devices on behalf of <u>Anaheim Fire</u>. HCA / OCEMS is working with them to finalize the MOU that will be needed to transfer the equipment.
- HCA / OCEMS has been awarded a third and final year of UASI funding, \$500,000.
   The primary objective of this funding is to provide public safety based EMS providers with additional Mobile Data Collection Devices to aid with completing their equipment needs.
- HCA / OCEMS will be reconvening the ePCR Hardware Selection Taskforce soon so that the group can begin to plan for the next round of equipment purchases. Stay tuned for more information.

# Training / Collaboration

- HCA / OCEMS is continuing to provide <u>onsite and online Field Bridge ePCR and Service Bridge training</u> for EMS provider agencies.
   Contact Ruth Grubb directly to schedule training. She may be reached at: (714) 296-6406 or via email at <a href="mailto:rsg@ca.rr.com">rsg@ca.rr.com</a>.
- A Google Group called the OC-MEDS Community Forum has been created. The "forum" is intended to encourage community feedback and open discussion between system participants and will function as an information clearinghouse to aid with system development. To join the group, go to: http://groups.google.com/group/oc-meds?hl=en.
- The OC-MEDS Office Hour is scheduled every Wednesday from 10am 11am in which you can share your screen with one of the System Administrators to answer your questions. The webinar style opportunity may be accessed at: <a href="https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/731839385">https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/731839385</a> and by calling the OC Conf. line at 714-834-7400, agent ID 39, Password 102404#

# CAD Integration

- HCA / OCEMS has partnered with the regional CAD 2 CAD project to provide a countywide OC-MEDS CAD data integration and
  continues to work with representatives from Brea, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, MetroNet, OCFA, and Santa Ana to define how the
  information will be utilized.
- <u>To date, CAD integrations have been completed for the following agencies</u>: Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Orange City, Orange County, Newport Beach, and Santa Ana.
- As of April 2, 2012, Brea Fire is being dispatched by MetroNet. Their integration was rolled into the existing CAD integration.

### Base Hospital Data and Digital Audio Recorders

- HCA / OCEMS and Orange County Communications (OCC) will be implementing digital audio recorders which will replace the audio
  cassette records used today to record voice communications between paramedics and MICNs during base hospital contacted calls
  and MCIs. The equipment is in the final stages of procurement and will likely be installed by late spring to early summer 2012.
- HCA / OCEMS with the Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators have formed an <u>electronic Base Hospital Report (eBHR) taskforce</u>.
   The group has been meeting since Feb. 9, 2012 to design the future eBHR which will replace the existing paper based forms and will be interoperable with the OC-MEDS ePCR.

# Hospital Dashboard

- HCA / OCEMS is rolling out the OC-MEDS Hospital Dashboard. The "dashboard" is a component of the OC-MEDS software which
  provides an online method for Paramedic Receiving Centers (PRC) to receive electronic copies of prehospital care reports that have
  been completed by EMS providers.
- HCA / OCEMS has added accounts for and trained several hundred hospital staff members. In addition, a new module has been added that enables hospitals to manage their own staff. HCA / OCEMS is rolling out this new module and has asked that every emergency department name at least one person and up to two alternates to serve as Hospital Dashboard Administrators. These individuals will serve as the primary points of contact for everything OC-MEDS and Hospital Dashboard related and will be able to add, modify, or inactivate their own staff in the system. Updated "Dashboard" user guides have been posted in the OCEMS website at: http://ochealthinfo.com/ems/ocmeds

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