



Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center

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EMC and Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting

October 13th, 2025

12:00am @ PSTC

Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Banks
Ken Bradford
Cathy Dooyes
Maria Marino
Erin Olson
Karri Pierson
David Bynum
Tina Daniels
Brian Smith
Mark LaGrave
Josh Zaret
Gina Mitchell

Coastal Valleys EMSA
Lifewest Ambulance
Petaluma Fire Department
Community Representative, Northbay Regional Center
Providence St. Joseph
Sonoma Valley Fire Department
Sonoma County Fire Protection District
Coast Life Support District
Medic Ambulance
Medical Director/Kaiser Permanente
Santa Rosa Fire Department
Proxy for Brian Trotter, Sutter Santa Rosa

Members Absent:

Tracy McDowell
Carissa Pisors
Caitlyn O'Shei

Kaiser Permanente
SRJC Graduate, Sonoma Valley Fire District
SRJC Paramedic Student Rep

Others:

Jason Clopton

Sonoma County Fire Department

Staff in Attendance:

Josh Adams
Art Hsieh
Jackson Deziel
Scott Snyder
Sam Crenshaw
Amy Merkel
Georgia Pedgrift
Justin Vines
Rachel Smith
Beatriz Camargo
Lauralynn Larsen

Dean, PSTC
Director, Paramedic Academy, SRJC
FT Faculty
FT Faculty
Associate Faculty
Faculty, Counseling & EOPS
EMC Administrative Assistant
PSTC Coordinator
Director, Workforce Programs & CTE Grants
School Relations & Outreach Coordinator
Internship Coordinator

Quorum: YES

Called to order: Cathy Dooyes called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

1. **Welcome and introduction**-Roll call. Introduction of attendees.
2. **Call to Order**- 12:07pm by Chair Cathy Dooyes.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Karri Pierson. Second by Dr. LaGrave. Unanimous approval.
4. **Announcements** – Introduction of new FT faculty, Dr. Jackson Deziel from North Carolina.
5. **Public/Industry Comment** – None
6. **Unfinished Committee Business** - Please go to the Fall resource survey which is required for accreditation. Solicits feedback from faculty, students, and Advisory Committee.
7. **Dean's Report**- Halfway toward recovering student losses from fires/pandemic. EMC has a 14% increase in students. The college is trying to expand into dual enrollment in high schools. EMC 100 being offered during high school and EMT being offered over summer is one way to help expedite the process of becoming a paramedic.

New Business/Discussion

8. **Internship Season** - We are preparing to place students in next month or two and need spots for as many students as possible. Last group had some late placements and we just graduated the last person. There were 22 who finished.
9. **EMC 109 Testing** - Total 103 applications. We can't afford to have two academies. The largest class we can hold is 35 students which adds an extra squad. That means the next internship season will require a lot of resources. Trying to get internships in Marin County. Alameda County ambulance company will take more students. California regulations require students must complete classroom portion before they can begin internships. Clinical spaces are maxed out right now. Does demand for paramedics still exist? Discussion confirmed ongoing demand. Staff prefers a smaller cohort, but wants to meet the demands of the local workforce. Employers want quality employees, not more who are not as well trained.
10. **Grant Equipment** – We were approved for replacing CPR equipment and adding iSimulator and updating equipment. We requested ultrasound equipment for medics. We were approved, but received \$0 because of federal changes. We had some money left over and got adult and pediatric CPR manikins. We will apply again in Spring 2026.

Updates

11. **Summer EMT Class**- Approximately 14 out of 22 students completed the first summer EMT class. The majority have passed the registry on their first attempt. Students didn't realize the large time commitment so we hope to inform them fully this upcoming summer. Many students had just completed EMR and this helped them move forward faster.
12. **Fall Weekend EMT Class**- Saturday 8 hour class being piloted now. There are currently approximately 17 students in the class.
13. **EMC Career Fair** - December 3 @ 12:00pm. This is the best fair specific for medics.
14. **EMC 170/ 171 Community Health Worker Certificate Courses** – Community health worker class has 9 students. Emergency Preparedness to Climate Change started with 14 students. They are online courses. We are increasing the number of clinical shadowing partnerships for 24 hours of job shadowing. There are still no state level requirements for becoming a CHW. These classes are specifically targeted toward Native American communities. We would like this to become an introduction to EMC overall and possibly hold an online EMR class for people from Native American communities. That would help with great need for first responders in remote communities.

Paramedic Academy

15. **Academy 30** - 96% first time pass rate with 1 left to test.
16. **Academy 31** - Current class finishing in December with 22 current students. Class sequence changed and they are currently in trauma training.
17. **Academy 32** - We have enough people for EMC 109 testing with about 45 students per day. Agencies approved overtime to help us. The students will no longer have essay required before the exam because AI was making it too easy to cheat. They will now do a PCR report during the test.

EMC Department

18. **EMT Program** - 92% first pass rate for 2025 and 97% overall pass rate for NREMT exam. Instructors no longer sharing online common CANVAS shell for courses.
19. **EMS Academy** - This is Sam Crenshaw's second semester in charge and he is focusing on outside experiences and professional development. Students recently had guest speaker talk about background investigations and students learned about the importance of their online footprint with hiring. Enrollment numbers have been increasing. Needs more volunteers for mock interviews and final interviews on December 12. It can help with finding new employees as well.
20. **EVOC** - Holding class every 45 days and usually don't have to cancel.

21. **AHA Classes** - Nursing students are the ones mostly requesting classes.

22. **Department Trends** - None.

23. **Roundtable: Issues, Concerns, Suggestions, Recommendations**- None.

Next Steps/Comments/Wrap up:

Adjournment- Cathy Dooyes adjourned meeting at 1:19 pm.

Next EMC and Paramedic Advisory Meeting Date: Monday, April 13th, 2026 at 12:00pm.