



EMS Stakeholder Engagement Process

Stakeholder Proposal and LEMSA response; Student Placement

CVEMSA is offering the following response to a stakeholder-submitted proposal for ordinance content:

Stakeholder Proposal:

“ALS transport provider agencies that provide emergency response shall provide annual opportunities for Santa Rosa Junior College paramedic students to perform their field internships. SRJC will provide sufficient notification to schedule these internships as to minimize conflict with other provider agency operational needs.”

LEMSA Comment:

Current California Code of Regulations require that a Paramedic Training Program, as a condition of LEMSA-issued training program approval, enter in to agreements with provider agencies and hospitals sufficient to meet the demand their students have for clinical sites. The regulations do not address provider agency requirements relative to student placement.

The paramedic internship is an integral part of the training program. It is typically the phase where individuals make the transition from student to beginning paramedic. Without host agencies, this does not happen. Inability to place students locally puts the program at risk.

The training program is a local nexus of education and key keeper of the body of knowledge needed to provide EMTs and Paramedics to the community. Although people can and do receive training elsewhere, there are a number of benefits to maintaining a strong local program.

Although these are serious concerns for the local institution and can cause downstream problems for employers, it is unclear if specific requirements are appropriate for inclusion into the ordinance, or if the issues raised would be better addressed via agreements between the training institution and the provider agencies needed to host the students.

CVEMSA is in favor of supporting the local program and looking forward to discussion on the issue.