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	A Division of the Merced County Department of Public Health		
SUBJECT: TRAUMA SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT		Effective Date	05/2005
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Trauma System Organization and Management Policy is to establish the roles and responsibilities of the Merced County EMS Agency (MCEMSA) in the planning, implementation and on-going evaluation of an inclusive trauma system.

II. POLICY

MCEMSA shall be responsible for the planning, implementation, evaluation, and revision of the Merced County Trauma System. Currently the designated Trauma Centers for Adult Trauma in Merced County are in Stanislaus or Fresno County depending on the closest and most appropriate destination. Pediatric Trauma is designated for transport to Madera County or the closest and most appropriate destination. Burn patients shall go to the appropriate Burn Center. It shall also be the responsibility of the MCEMSA to coordinate and collaborate with the Stanislaus EMS Agency and Central California EMS Agency in the on-going oversight of those Level I and II Trauma Centers and the related activities of our respective trauma systems.

III. DEFINITIONS

Trauma Audit Committee (TAC) - Shall mean a quality improvement body made up of participant hospital ED physicians, surgeons and subject matter experts organized to review and provide the EMS agencies and participant hospitals with recommendations regarding the quality of services provided.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. As the lead agency for the Merced County EMS System, MCEMSA is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing the trauma care system. These responsibilities include:
 1. Assessing trauma system needs;
 2. Developing the system design, including the number of trauma centers;
 3. Assigning roles to system participants, including the designation of local trauma center(s) and recognition of remote trauma centers, as necessary;
 4. Coordinating system activities with designated trauma center and other system participants, and with neighboring EMS systems on coordination and mutual aid issues;
 5. Coordination for the collection of trauma data, including a trauma registry at the trauma centers, trauma data collection from participating non-trauma centers, and

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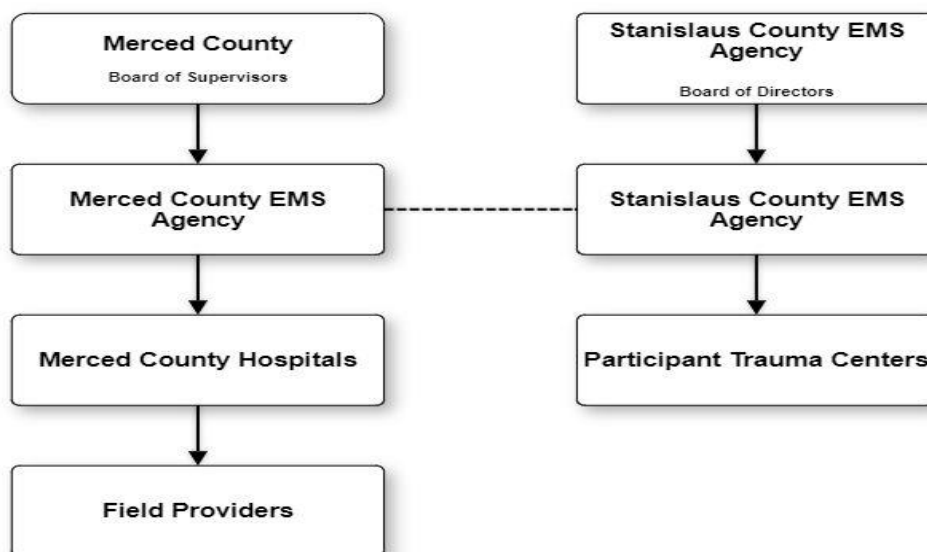
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- pre-hospital data collection;
6. Monitoring of the system to determine compliance with appropriate state laws and regulations, local EMS agency policies and procedures, and contracts, and taking corrective action as needed;
 7. Evaluating the impact of the system and revising the system design as needed.

B. To accomplish these various tasks, the MCEMSA Trauma System shall be organized as follows:

Merced County Trauma System System Organizational Structure



Merced County Trauma System Agency Organizational Structure

