

TITLE: **Trauma System Organization and Management**

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I. **AUTHORITY:**

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.222, 1798.162, 1798.163  
California Code of Regulations Section 100255.

II. **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.

III. **PURPOSE:**

To identify the role and responsibilities of Mountain-Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency (MVEMSA) as they relate to the trauma care system.

IV. **POLICY**

- A. As the lead agency for the Mountain-Valley emergency medical services system, MVEMSA 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, MVEMSA will continue to assign staff to the trauma care system. Other MVEMSA 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, MVEMSA will oversee the quality assurance processes which are required of the trauma center and will investigate problems. MVEMSA 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.