

# POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS

Upcoming Policy Revisions and Protocol Coming Attractions

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# POLICY REVISIONS

## All Policies (000-1000 series)

- State regulation re-chaptering updates

## System Policies (000 series)

- Creating uniformity among critical care system policies (e.g., STEMI, stroke, trauma)
- Updating references to an accreditation bodies (e.g., HFAP became ACHC)
- Updating contact information for County departments

## Service Policies (800 series)

- Updates to mirror Ambulance Ordinance changes



# POLICY REVISIONS

## Education Policies (300 series)

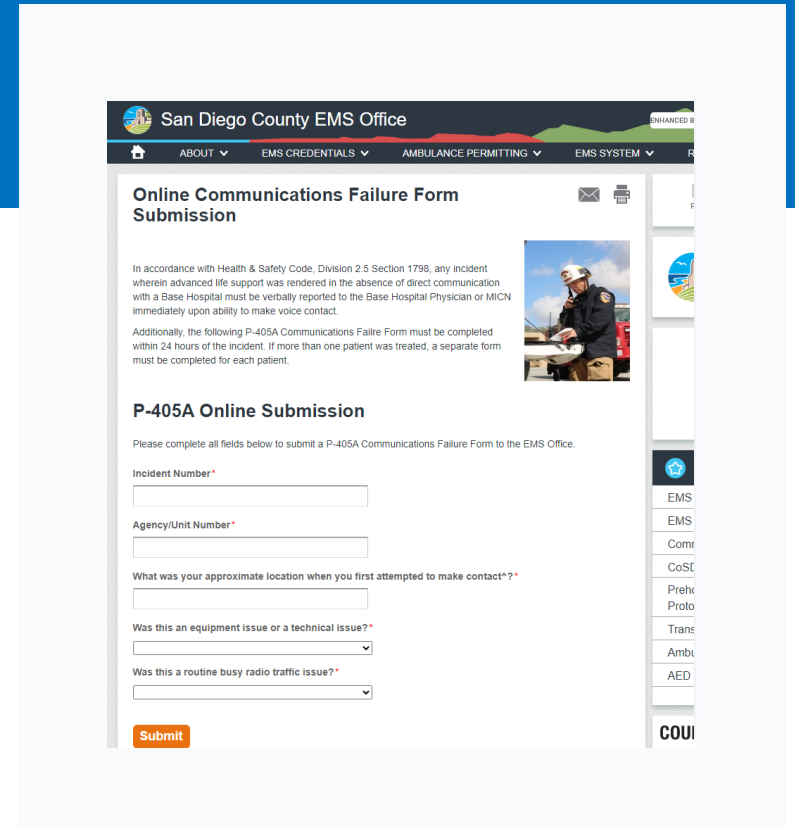
- Ensuring uniformity among PS-FA, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic training program policies
- Removing references to paper applications; applications will be available online
- Updating training facility requirements and standards
- Clarifying training program director responsibilities and expectations



# POLICY P-405A

## P-405A Communications Failure Form

- Can be submitted online
  - EMS System > Communication Failure Report



The screenshot displays the San Diego County EMS Office website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: ABOUT, EMS CREDENTIALS, AMBULANCE PERMITTING, and EMS SYSTEM. The main content area is titled "Online Communications Failure Form Submission". It contains the following text:

In accordance with Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5 Section 1798, any incident wherein advanced life support was rendered in the absence of direct communication with a Base Hospital must be verbally reported to the Base Hospital Physician or MICN immediately upon ability to make voice contact.

Additionally, the following P-405A Communications Failure Form must be completed within 24 hours of the incident. If more than one patient was treated, a separate form must be completed for each patient.

**P-405A Online Submission**

Please complete all fields below to submit a P-405A Communications Failure Form to the EMS Office.

Incident Number\*

Agency/Unit Number\*

What was your approximate location when you first attempted to make contact\*\*?

Was this an equipment issue or a technical issue?\*

Was this a routine busy radio traffic issue?\*

The right sidebar contains a vertical menu with the following items: EMS, EMS, Comr, CoSC, Preh, Proto, Trans, Ambu, AED, and COUI.



# PROTOCOL COMING ATTRACTIONS

Current and future work consists of:

Reviewing EMT/AEMT/Paramedic scopes of practice

Continuing to align adult and pediatric protocols

Providing focused education on recurring topics (e.g., push-dose epinephrine)

Providing clarification Patient-Centered Care Modification transports

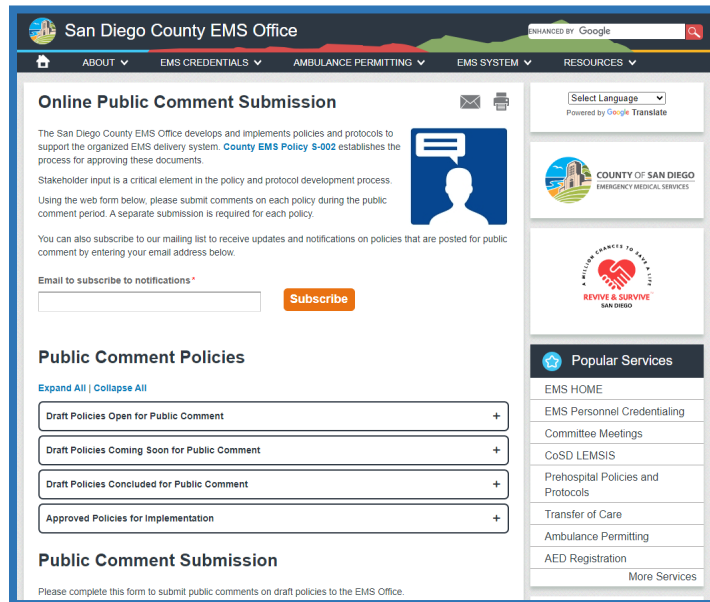
Improving layout and information for P-115 Medication List and S-104 Skills List

Developing a general medical guidelines protocol

# POLICY AND PROTOCOL FEEDBACK

## Policy Feedback Process:

- Policies with revisions are posted to Draft Policy Public Comment webpage
- Subscribe to the notification email group



The screenshot shows the 'Online Public Comment Submission' webpage for the San Diego County EMS Office. The page includes a navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT', 'EMS CREDENTIALS', 'AMBULANCE PERMITTING', 'EMS SYSTEM', and 'RESOURCES'. The main content area features a 'Public Comment Policies' section with a list of draft policies, each with a plus sign to expand details. Below this is a 'Public Comment Submission' section with a form for submitting comments. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Popular Services' menu with links to 'EMS HOME', 'EMS Personnel Credentialing', 'Committee Meetings', 'CoSD LEMSIS', 'Prehospital Policies and Protocols', 'Transfer of Care', 'Ambulance Permitting', and 'AED Registration'. The page also includes a 'Subscribe' button for email notifications and a 'Select Language' dropdown menu.

## Protocol Feedback Process:

- Community input survey distributed via LEMSIS
  - September – October
- Staff review and working drafts created
  - November – January
- BSPC presentations
  - February – March
- Protocols finalized and distributed via LEMSIS
- Comments open year-round via EMS Mobile App



# QUESTIONS?

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