



I. PURPOSE

To establish standards for County of San Diego Trauma System's injury prevention activities/programs

II. **AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1798.163.

III. POLICY

County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) will provide epidemiological injury information in support of efforts by trauma centers, injury prevention coalitions, and public health initiatives to implement targeted injury prevention goals to the local community. The County of San Diego Trauma System's injury prevention program includes:

A. Participation of each designated trauma center in injury prevention activities.

1. Prevention activities may be autonomous or collaborative with existing organizations/agencies and/or other designated trauma centers (individually or as a system).

B. Injury prevention topics will be based upon:

1. Identification of injury trends through utilization of the trauma registry.
2. Community mortality data provided by the Medical Examiner's office.
3. Community identified injury risks (may be seasonal).

C. Prevention activities/programs will be based upon identified need and includes objective goals and outcome evaluation.

D. CoSD EMS will develop and publish epidemiological data on an annual basis, providing injury information and the etiology of injury based on trauma registry and other data sources.