



**County of Contra Costa
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Memorandum**

DATE: September 5, 2014

To: Contra Costa EMS System Stakeholders

FROM: Patricia Frost, EMS Director 

SUBJECT: **Contra Costa EMS Agency Position on Level of Service for Fire First Medical Response**

It has come to my attention that confusion exists on the Contra Costa EMS Agency's position on the level of service for First Medical Response. At this time I would like to clarify any misinterpretations.

**Contra Costa EMS Agency
Official Position on Fire First Medical Response**

The EMS Agency recognizes and supports the vital role of First Responders in the continuum of care of EMS patients.

The Agency's position is that Medical First Response may be provided at multiple training levels and that the minimum level of care must include automated defibrillation capability.

The EMS Agency supports communities and agencies that are able to implement and assume the responsibilities of providing higher levels of care for the benefit of their constituents.

The two service levels that currently exist within the county include Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) providing basic life support and Paramedic providing advanced life support.

The new Advanced EMT (AEMT) scope of practice service level does not exist within the county at the present time but would represent an enhancement for communities who wish to upgrade from EMT.