ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

DATE: October 31, 2018

TO: Contra Costa County Pre-hospital First Responders and EMS Providers

FROM: Dr. David Goldstein, EMS Medical Director

SUBJECT: 4th Quarter Training Compliance (18-BUL-005)

EMTs and Paramedics working in Contra Costa County are practicing medicine under the supervision and direction of the LEMSA Medical Director. That requires demonstrated knowledge of the training material as evidence of a more general knowledge of the treatment algorithms and policies.

Individuals who have not completed the 2018 Annual 4th Quarter Training by December 14, 2018 will receive a letter from the LEMSA Medical Director precluding them from practicing as either EMTs or Paramedics in Contra Costa County effective January 1, 2019.

- Paramedics must complete the mandatory training; otherwise, their Contra Costa County paramedic accreditation will be cancelled and they will no longer be authorized to practice as a paramedic in Contra Costa County. If their paramedic accreditation is cancelled, he or she will be required to reapply for accreditation and meet any pre-established eligibility requirements, in addition to paying any required fees.

- EMTs must complete the mandatory training or they will not be in compliance with the County EMS QI Plan and may be considered in violation of local medical control, resulting in disciplinary action, which may include suspension of their EMT certificate (Health and Safety Code §§ 1797.220, 1798.200(c)(10)). If their EMT certificate is suspended, he or she will not be authorized to work as an EMT in Contra Costa County or any other county within California.

In the event your agency has employee(s) on administrative leave, injury, or other, and they are unable to complete the training within the prescribed timeframe:

- ***Prior to December 14th, your agency is responsible for providing Contra Costa EMS Agency a list of those employees. These employees will not be able to return to work until
they have completed the mandatory training and records of their training completion have been sent and acknowledged by Contra Costa EMS.

Questions regarding this bulletin and documentation of employees on leave should be directed to ContraCostaEMS@hsd.cccounty.us.