

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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San Joaquin County
Dan Burch, EMS Administrator
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Dear Dan:

As we have discussed, the EMS Authority is aware of the status of the disagreement between the County of San Joaquin (County) and the City of Stockton (City) regarding the provision of advanced life support services (ALS) provided by paramedics and that the disagreements are currently in litigation. You have informed us of the possibility that the County may withdraw the ALS authorization of the City on October 1, 2008.

It is our recommendation that the County continue to seek at least an interim solution with the City that maintains the authorization to provide ALS services by the City until an agreement is reached or the litigation is resolved.

It appears that the City has been an integrated part of San Joaquin's EMS system since 1986. The EMS Authority's assessment is that the City requires County authorization to provide ALS. It is our expectation that the City will abide by any ALS authorization decisions made by the County.

The Authority is prepared to assist the City and County to achieve a resolution that maintains the integrity of a coordinated EMS system for the County of San Joaquin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Steven Tharratt".

R. Steven Tharratt, MD, MPVM
Director

cc Kenneth B. Cohen, Director of Health, San Joaquin County
J. Gordon Palmer, Jr., City of Stockton, City Manager
Ron Hittle, Fire Chief, City of Stockton