

Written Comments on EMS Policy No. 6101 SENTINEL EVENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
 30 Day Public Comment Period  
 January 8, 2008

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n/a	Stockton Fire Dept	“Does the EMSA intend to remove the Unusual Occurrence (UO) policy and rename similar events and/or conditions as all Sentinel Events? The SFD would like to recommend that current UO reporting remain the same with addition of more critical and clearly defined occurrences deemed Sentinel Events. This would allow for documentation of common system concerns with the UO format while potentially life threatening events would be reported as sentinel in nature.”	EMS Policy No. 540.01 <u>Unusual Occurrence</u> is under going revision and will be re-designated as EMS Policy No. 6102.
V.	Stockton Fire Dept	“Please be advised, that investigations and or inquires into employment issues of SFD personnel, are confidential in nature and protected by administrative review and due process laws. We assume that EMSA do not wish to enact policies which would cause an inadvertent conflict in other areas. The SFD request [sic] that this be modified accordingly.”	There is no conflict. Providers are required to report sentinel events involving EMS personnel to the EMS Agency.
VI. E.	Stockton Fire Dept.	“There is no feasible reason for the EMSA to be involved with issues pertaining to the other regulatory authorities, outside of the State EMSA, and its removal should be immediate.”	Regulatory compliance and regulatory infractions are key indicators of provider performance.
VII. B.	Stockton Fire Dept.	“Policy No. 6102 is not listed in the policies and procedures section of the EMSA nor is a draft policy available for public comment. The SFD requests Policy No 6102 also be made available for public comment consistent with current EMSA Policy.”	EMS Policy No. 540.01 <u>Unusual Occurrence</u> is under going revision and will be re-designated as EMS Policy No. 6102.
VII. B.	Stockton Fire Dept.	“Until such time as Policy No. 6102 can be made available, the SFD requests that draft Policy No. 6101 and 6102 be suspended from implementation. This will allow all system providers with the needed input in order to accurately evaluate the EMS needs of San Joaquin County.	EMS Policy No. 540.01 <u>Unusual Occurrence</u> is under going revision and will be re-designated as EMS Policy No. 6102.

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Form 6101A	Stockton Fire Dept.	<p>“Under ‘Instructions’ the form states ‘Contact the EMS Agency Duty officer ... and forward written reports to the San Joaquin EMS Agency ... within 24 hours. This direction is in conflict with Draft Policy No. 6101, <u>Sentinel Event Reporting Requirements</u>. Draft Policy No. 6101, Section III states ‘submit ... Form 6101A to the EMS Agency within 48 hours of the event.’ The SFD requests that Form 6101A be modified to reflect clear policy requirements.</p>	<p>The timeline for submission of Form 6101A is 48 hours.</p>
Form 6101A	Stockton Fire Dept.	<p>“Under the ‘Check all appropriate boxes’ section of the form, a box states, ‘Incident resulting in termination or resignation of EMS personnel pending investigation for clinical issues.’ For clarification, investigations and/or official inquiries into employment status of City of Stockton employees are confidential in nature and protected under state and federal labor laws and the individual employee(s) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The SFD asks that the EMSA modify the form requirements.</p>	<p>Providers are required to report sentinel events involving EMS personnel to the EMS Agency.</p>