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Memorandum

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TO: All Prehospital Personnel and Providers

FROM: Katherine Shafer, M.D., EMS Medical Director
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SUBJ.: EMS Award of Excellence

The purpose of this memo is to solicit nominations for the 2026 San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SJCEMSA) Award of Excellence. Nominations will be reviewed by SJCEMSA and awarded during EMS Week 2026, May 17-23, 2026.

Recipients of this award are recognized for their efforts and dedication to improving the EMS system in San Joaquin County, being a mentor and supporter of other EMS system participants, providing valuable education and feedback to the EMS system, and a commitment to helping others in our community.

Please submit nominations no later than April 1, 2026, by email to pharper@sjgov.org with a brief narrative of the nominee describing why they should receive the EMS Award of Excellence.