

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Funding**

**November 2019**

During the Proposed EMS Fees stakeholder processes, stakeholders requested the EMS Advisory Group discuss sustainable funding sources.

**Funding**: EMS Agency funding includes Vehicle Code Fines (VCF) revenue (77 percent), program and personnel fees (18 percent), and County General Fund (five percent).

**VCF Revenue**: is also known as the Maddy/Richie EMS Fund and is the primary revenue source. Unfortunately, VCF revenue is steadily declining and is not anticipated to recover. This is due to legislative changes affecting the Courts’ ability to collect on the vehicle code fines.

Per the Health and Safety Code, the majority of the VCF revenue is distributed to trauma hospitals and emergency service physicians with a small percentage allocated to the EMS Agency. The chart below illustrates the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 final VCF revenue / distributions and the remaining revenue available to the EMS program.

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| **VCF Revenue & Distribution:** | **FY 2018-19****Final** | **Percentage of VCF Allocated**  |
| Total VCF Revenue  | $1,936,102 | 100% |
| Distribution: |
| Trauma Centers and Physicians Distributed per Health and Safety Code | $1,467,468 | 76% |
| Physician Claim Contractor Payment – AMM, Inc. | $168,000 | 9% |
| EMS Program Operations | $300,634 | 16% |

As this revenue continues to decline, the EMS Agency will be required to reduce staff positions unless other sustainable funding sources are located.

**Funding Comparisons**: Sacramento County & Other Counties

Other counties receive the majority of their funding through other sources of revenue such as exclusive operating area (EOA) fees, bonds/measures, or personnel fees as shown in the following charts.

*Funding information data as of December 2018.*

**Revenue Funding Charts**:

Sacramento County has a Non-Exclusive Operating Area for 9-1-1 due to a legal settlement with public fire entities. Other EMS agencies rely primarily on these Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) fees as a source of funding.

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| **Local EMS Agency** | **Ordinance Revenue/ Year** | **EMS Agency Oversight/Monitoring Fee****EOA Provider/Year** | **Dispatch Fee EOA Provider/ Year** | **EMS Information System (Data) Fee/Year** | **First Responder Fees** | **Fines Charged** |
| Alameda County EMS | $7,005,422 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Central California EMS | N/A | N/A | $810,800 | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Contra Costa County EMS | $1,178,607 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) | NA | $903,000 | NA | NA | NA | Y |
| Los Angeles County EMS | $2,700,222 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Mountain Valley EMS | $144,286 | $296,067 | N/A | N/A | $700,000 | Y |
| Orange County EMS | N/A | $50,000\* | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Riverside County EMS | N/A | $485,000 | $325,000 | $420,000 | N/A | Y |
| Sacramento County EMS  | N/A | $151,206\*\* | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| San Diego County EMS | $6,048,897 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| San Joaquin County EMS | N/A | $675,000 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| San Mateo County EMS | N/A | $425,484 | $1,127,559 | N/A | $4,739,669 | Y |
| Santa Clara County EMS | N/A | $984,217 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Solano County EMS | N/A | $500,000 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |
| Yolo County EMS | N/A | $300,000 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y |

\*Orange County – ALS Providers pay the EMS Agency $13.33/patient transport from calls originating in 9-1-1 system/quarter. EOA fee is less than other counties due to $400,000 General Fund support.

\*\*Sacramento County – Medical Control fee is similar to EOA fees in other counties.

**EMS Staffing Comparison**:

Stakeholders requested new programs and additional monitoring/data during the stakeholder meetings. Unfortunately, we were unable to add the additional programs and monitoring due to staffing levels.

The following chart depicts Sacramento County in comparison to other urban counties. The exception is San Joaquin, a smaller neighboring county.

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| **County** | **Alameda** | **Riverside** | **Contra Costa** | **San Joaquin** | **Sacramento** |
| Medical Director | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| EMS Director/Administrator | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Coordinator | 5 | - | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| Specialist | 10 | 8 | - | 2 | 3 |
| Nurse Manager | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Analyst | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| Administrative Support | 7 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| **Total** | **24** | **18** | **15** | **10.3** | **7.5** |