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MEMORANDUM

DATE: **May 16, 2008**

TO: **Fire Chief**
Each ALS Provider

CEO
Each Ambulance Provider

FROM: **Reza Vaezazizi MD**
Medical Director

SUBJECT: **12 Lead ECG Requirements**

As a reminder, the requirement for 12-lead ECG capabilities for all ALS providers will go into effect on July 1st, 2008. Under this requirement, all ALS providers must have the necessary equipment as well as staff competency to perform 12-lead ECGs in compliance with ICEMA 12-lead ECG protocol. A well-developed and dependable 12-lead ECG program will be an important and integral part of our upcoming STEMI program. Agencies that anticipate difficulty meeting this requirement must contact ICEMA immediately.

Additionally, the required 12-lead training program has been revised to a competency-based curriculum, with a minimum six-hour training requirement. ICEMA has requested four EMS/fire nurses to assist us in adopting testing and performance measurements for each identified competency. This group is scheduled to meet the first week in June.

I want to thank you for your commitment to improve our EMS system and the quality of care we provide our patients. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sherri Shimshy at 909-388-5816 or SShimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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cc: ICEMA Executive Director
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