



MONO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

2007

ANNUAL REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

The California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 (Emergency Medical Services) requires emergency medical care committees (EMCC) to, at least annually, report to the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) through the county Board of Supervisors, on their observations and recommendations regarding ambulance services, emergency medical care, programs for training people in CPR and first aid and public participation in such programs.

The EMCC and the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) system must continually adapt to changes in pre-hospital care standards, review and adopt new clinical and research information, use universal healthcare practices, meet local government and community needs, and respond to modifications in revenue streams.

For the local system to be successful, in addition to the compliance with mandated regulations, there must be a good operations director, a good fiscal manager, good clinicians and good visionaries.

MEMBERSHIP

The Mono County EMCC, according to its Bylaws, is comprised of the following five (5) voting members, each appointed for a period of two (2) years:

- Mono County Fire Chief's Association representative
- Mono County Health Officer
- Mono County Fire/Rescue Chief
- Mammoth Hospital Paramedic Liaison Nurse
- Mammoth Hospital Emergency Department Manager

PURPOSE

The Committee shall:

1. Function in an advisory manner to the local EMS Agency known as the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), and report directly to the Mono County Board of Supervisors.
2. Participate in the planning process for the establishment of goals, objectives, policies and procedures for the local EMS agency.
3. Assist in the establishment and offer advice on policies and procedures governing pre-hospital care in Mono County.
4. Encourage and educate the public to understand the nature of pre-hospital emergency medical care and encourage support throughout the County for development and implementation of effective EMS plans.
5. Review and periodically evaluate the County's EMS program needs, services, facilities and special programs.
6. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process leading to the formation and adoption of the County EMS programs.
7. Fulfill its reporting requirements of the California Health and Safety Code, (Division 2.5, Emergency Medical Services)

2007 MEETINGS

Meetings were held on Jan 23, Mar 20, May 24, Jul 31, Sep 25 and Nov 28. Mark Mikulicich served as the Chair and Clerk.

2007 EMCC MEMBERSHIP

NAME	AFFILIATION
Mark Mikulicich	Mono County Fire & Rescue Chief
Dr. Richard Johnson	Mono County Health Officer
Bob Rooks	Mono County Fire Chief's Association
Lori Baitx	Mammoth Hospital Emergency Department Manager
Rosemary Sachs	Mammoth Hospital Paramedic Liaison Nurse

GEOGRAPHICS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Mono County was created by an act of the Legislature on April 21, 1861 and was the first of the mining counties to be organized as such on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the state of California. The county seat is in the town of Bridgeport, located about 60 miles north of the main population center of Mammoth Lakes, where about 50% of the permanent residents reside.

Located in the east-central section of California, Mono County averages 108 miles in length, reaching from the Alpine County and state of Nevada border in the north to the Inyo County border to the south. The average width of the county is 38 miles from the crest of the mighty Sierras to the Nevada state line on the east. Its land area is 3,030 square miles, 80% of which is Federally owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. The summer and fall visitors enjoy many varied activities such as fishing, hunting, camping, hiking and some of the most spectacular scenery found in the Sierra Nevada mountains. It is a land rich in the history of the early days of the state and the west. Winter visitors engage in skiing, snowmobiling and various other winter sports at two of the finest winter sports and skiing areas to be found in the entire country. These areas are located at Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain.

The land is rough, mountainous and spectacular. In a general way, Mono is a large plateau, 5,500 to 7,000 feet above sea level bordered on the west by the Sierra Nevada Mountains and on the east by the Bodie Hills and the White Mountains.

The Sweetwater Mountains lie along the northeastern border and the rugged White Mountains are located on the extreme southeastern corner of the county. Lying between these high mountain boundaries are precipitous canyons, broad valleys, many crystal clear lakes of glacial formation and sage brush covered semi-desert land. The Sierra Nevada boundary along the western edge of Mono County is dominated by towering peaks which rise to an elevation of over 13,000 feet: Red Slate Mt., Mt. Ritter, Mt. Dana and Mt. Lyell. Land drainage in the county is accomplished by the East and West Walker Rivers to the north and by the Owens River to the south, and also by innumerable Sierra streams. Mono County lies on the western edge of the Great Basin Region of the western United States.

Mono Lake, "The Dead Sea of Mono" aptly called by poets and writers alike, "Mono's Mountains of the Moon", is vividly described in the famous book "Roughing It" by Mark Twain. The lake is a fascinating and unusual body of water lying at the beginning of a chain of 21 extinct volcanic cones. The lake nestles in a basin created by massive volcanic action. Extensive thermal activity still exists in the area surrounding the lake itself. In the center of this lake lie two islands, Negit and Paoha, that were formed by ancient

volcanic action. Mono Lake and the surrounding area are famous for its water fowl population and thousands of seagulls use the locality for one of the largest rookeries in the west.

The county frequently accommodates a much larger visitor population that exceeds its permanent resident population. It is strategically positioned in the center of a vast scenic area along U.S. Highway 395, between the populous areas of Southern California and the cities of South Lake Tahoe in California, and Gardnerville/Minden, Carson City and Reno/Sparks in Nevada. Mono County is attracting an increasingly large number of permanent residents who recognize its healthful and pleasant advantages.

Mono is known as the eastern gateway to Yosemite National Park. Over the famed Tioga Pass leading from the Mono Lake area to the floor of the famous valley of Yosemite may be found some of the most spectacular scenery to be found in the western United States.

The western end of Highway 6 also crosses the southern portion of Mono County through the agricultural and historical areas of Benton and Chalfant Valley. This highway connects with U.S. Highway 395 at the town of Bishop, thereby affording an excellent opportunity for persons traveling to California from the east to visit Mono County by turning north on U.S. Highway 395.

- ◆ The population of the **U.S.** on April 1, 2000 was **281,421,906**
- ◆ The population of **California** on April 1, 2000 was **33,871,648**
- ◆ The population of **Mono County** on April 1, 2000 was **12,853**

	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Mono County	12,853	11,757	3,131.80	87.40	3,044.40	4.2	3.9

Non-Incorporated Areas Population Information

*Populations tallied by census blocks

Benton	196	Mono City	177
Bridgeport	794	Oasis	22
Chalfant Valley	530	Sonora Junction Area	217
Coleville	77	Swager Creek	221
Hammil Valley	102	Topaz	530
June Lake	608	Twin Lakes	52
Lee Vining	250	Walker	558
Long Valley	1,108	Wheeler Crest / Paradise	324

Mammoth Lakes - 7087

County-Wide Population Sorted by Ethnicity

	Total Population	White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
Number	12,853	10,818	61	309	143	11	1,222	289	2,274
Percent	100	84.2	.5	2.4	1.1	.1	9.5	2.2	17.7
18 years and over: Number	9,900	8,583	53	217	120	10	752	165	1,428

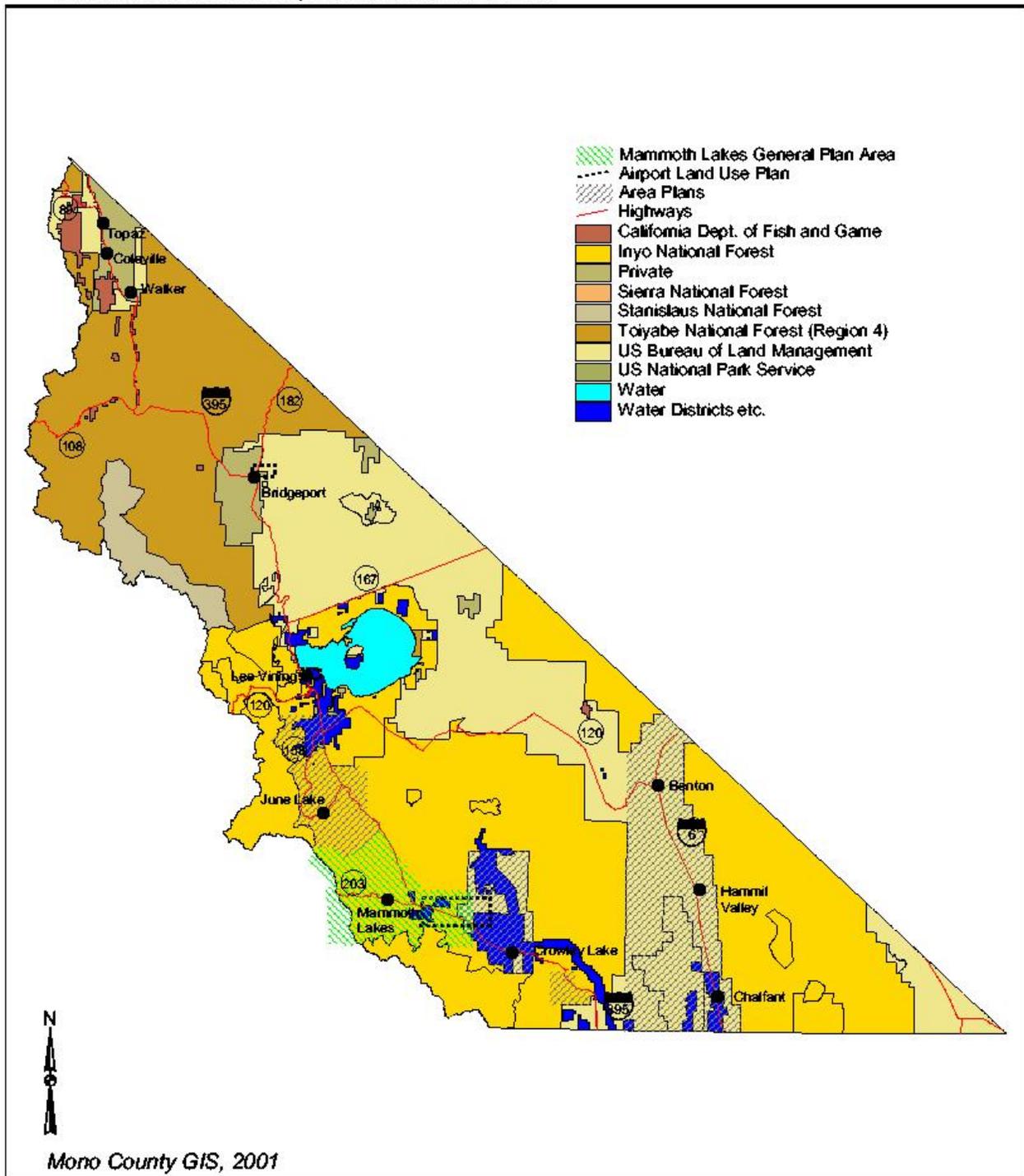
More than 50% of the permanent population lives in Mammoth Lakes. Most of the births occur to residents of Mammoth Lakes/Crowley.

POPULATION BY AGE (2000 CENSUS)

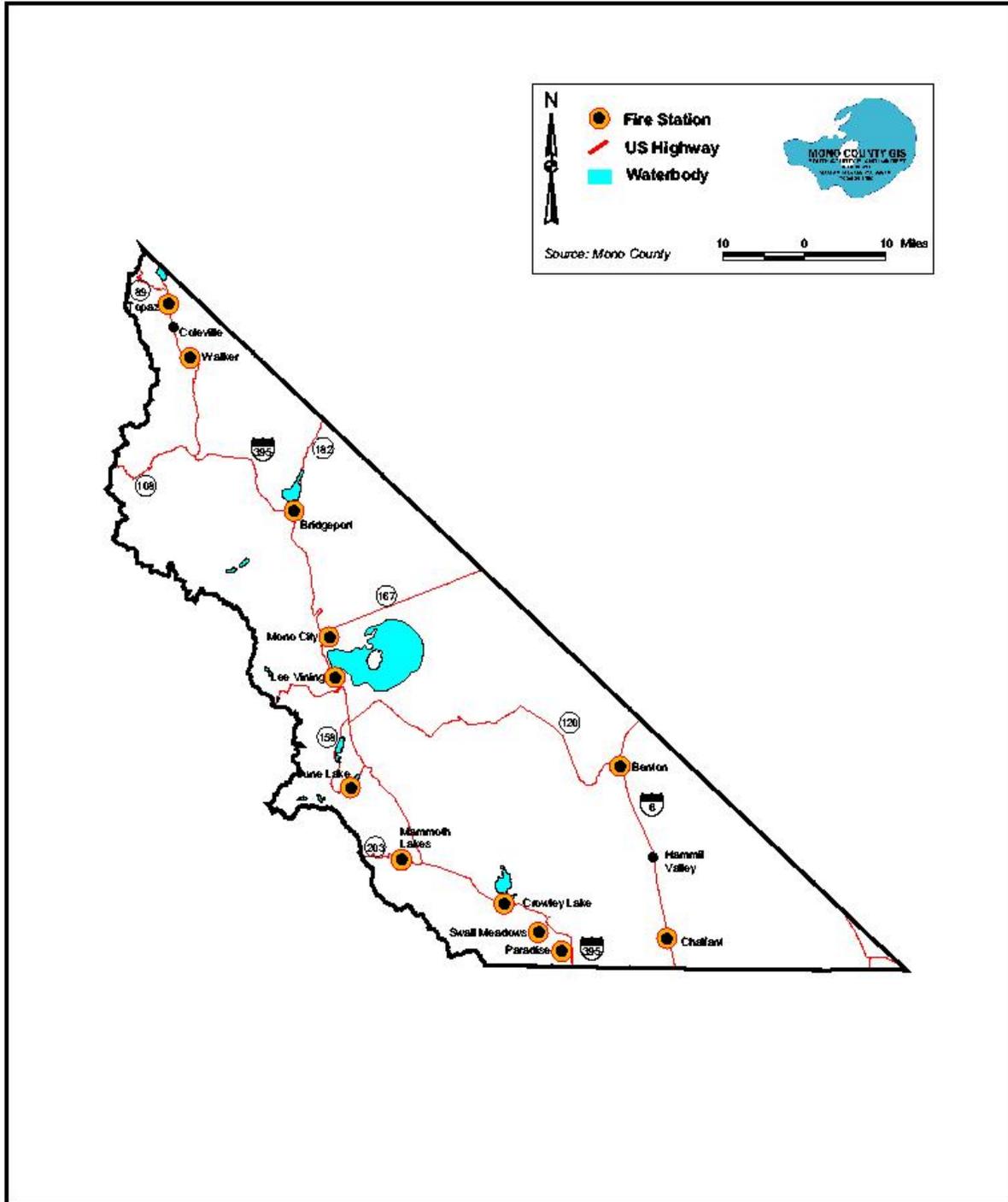
<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
<5	727	5.7
5-9	836	6.5
10-19	1722	13.4
20-29	1977	15.5
30-49	4445	34.6
50-64	2150	16.7
65-74	668	5.3
75-79	174	1.4
80-84	74	0.6
>84	60	0.5
>65	976	7.6

Median age – 36 years

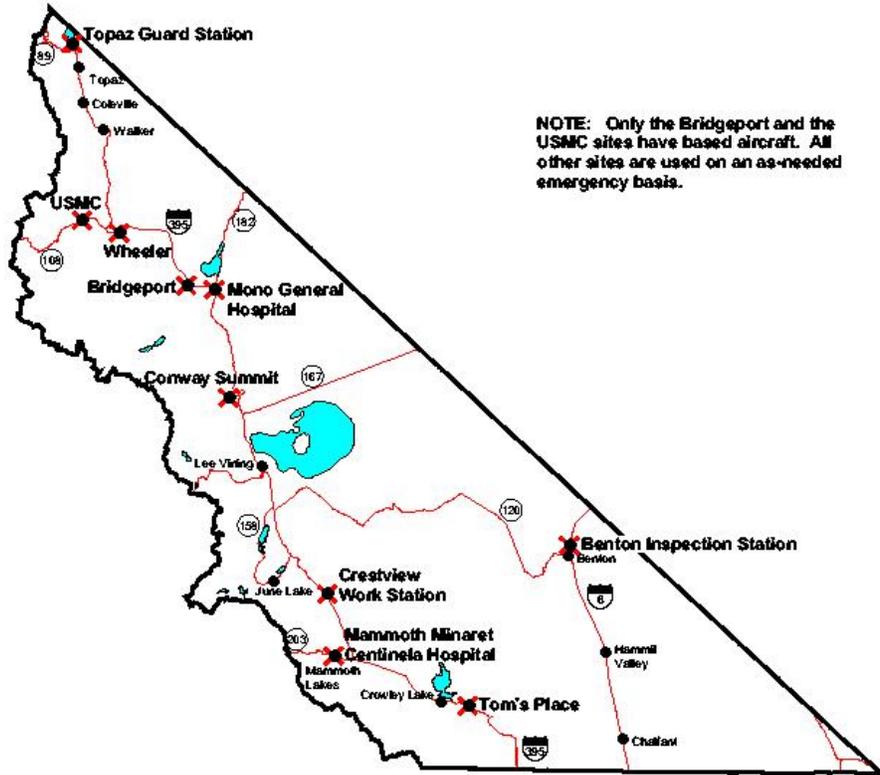
FIGURE 4: LAND OWNERSHIP/JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES



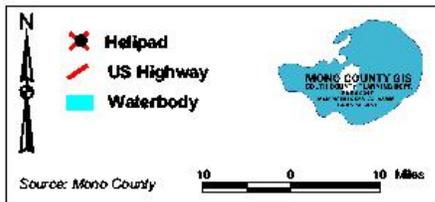
**FIGURE 5D
COMMUNITY FACILITIES—FIRE STATIONS**



HELIPADS



NOTE: Only the Bridgeport and the USMC sites have based aircraft. All other sites are used on an as-needed emergency basis.



VISITOR POPULATIONS

Although the permanent resident population is about 13,000, the average daily population is about 17,000, with peaks of 40,000 during holiday periods, and projected peaks at build out within 20 years of 60,000. A significant percent of the hospital and pre-hospital care is delivered to out-of-town visitors. A typical patient brought to the hospital in the winter is a young snowboarder with a traumatic injury, and in the summer, an older fisherman with chest pain!

MEDICAL RESOURCES

There is a single eighteen (18) bed hospital serving the population. The Southern Mono Healthcare District administers Mammoth Hospital, located in Mammoth Lakes. It has a 24-hour Emergency Room, with on-call availability of general surgery and orthopedics. There is no neurosurgical capability. There are a number of primary and specialty care clinics affiliated with the hospital, called Sierra Park Clinics, located in Mammoth Lakes. In Bridgeport, there is a four (4) day per week clinic staffed by a Physician's Assistant, who also provides the primary jail medical coverage. It should be noted that any emergency medical requests at the jail are serviced by the County paramedics. There is a clinic at the Marine Warfare Training Center for their personnel and families, with a physician, and a number of support personnel including EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians).

Mono County has four (4) ALS (Advanced Life Support) paramedic units. The County Fire/Rescue Department employs twenty-three (23) paramedics (including the Chief) and two (2) EMTs to staff four (4) stations with ambulances along the Hwy. 395 corridor in Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, Bridgeport and Walker. Ambulances provide service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Requests for emergency medical services are made through the public 911 system, although still alarms do occur (request for help made directly at the station or directly to the station phone). Advanced life support services are provided to most of the county, with response times comparable to the standards for rural communities.

The Hwy. 6 corridor in the Tri-Valley, receives very limited ALS services, with the nearest paramedic unit in June Lake or Mammoth Lakes (Mono County) or Bishop (Symons Ambulance), depending on availability, the weather and road closures. BLS services and transportation are provided by the volunteer Fire Districts, and as of this writing, there is a plan by Mono County to assist the District Volunteers with a paid-per-call incentive for servicing emergency medical requests in the area. Symons Emergency Specialties, a for-profit private company that provides the paramedic services for Inyo County, also services the Highway 6 corridor in the southeastern part of Mono County on an as available basis. There is no MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Symons; they respond when requested and available.

Medical control policies and procedures have been established to assure medical control of the EMS system. The policies and procedures are reviewed and revised as needed.

In Mono County, the Public Health Officer is designated as a professional medical consultant to the county, and is directed to provide medical direction, along with the Base Hospital Physicians, for the paramedic services (Mono County Fire/Rescue).

It is the objective of the Fire/Rescue Department to have all EMS personnel cross-trained as Firefighters to maximize available manpower to assist the local Special Districts with fire prevention and suppression and to assist with the development of the County's Fire Protection Plan. Currently, two-thirds of the Department personnel are trained as Firefighters, with on-going training both in-house and in cooperation with the Special Districts (Fire Departments). Front line supervision of crews, scheduling and daily

operations are managed by four (4) Station Captains, the County Fire/Rescue Chief performs all Administrative functions and oversees all operations.

Volunteer First Responder/EMT BLS services are provided by the eleven (11) Special Districts prior to, or in lieu of, the County paramedics. There are approximately sixty (60) EMTs working for the eleven (11) volunteer Fire Departments in the county. There are approximately thirty (30) other EMTs including Hospital employees, Ski Patrol members and private citizens through out the County.

The Fire Districts provide vehicle extrication and rescue manpower. The Special Districts receive funding from the community tax base, with additional monies from the County General Fund in the form of the First Responders Fund. This Fund (\$100,000 annual) is to be utilized by the Fire Districts to assist with the costs of providing volunteer First Responder emergency medical services within their area, or in mutual aid.

Both the County Fire/Rescue Department and the Special Districts work hand in hand to provide emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors.

An EOA (Exclusive Operating Area) Plan was approved in 2004. This document defines and details the County's authority as the exclusive provider of Advanced Life Support ambulance transportation in certain areas of the County. The EOA Plan is supported by the Mono County EMCC as a necessary function to sustain the feasibility of County provided emergency medical services.

The Mono County Sheriffs Department oversees the County's Search and Rescue (SAR) operations; a volunteer organization of talented, trained individuals. SAR responds into the backcountry and other remote locations to provide tracking, technical rescue, medical treatment, communications and/or evacuation as needed. The Mono County SAR team is a valued key component to the County's field rescue operations. In some instances, Mono County Fire/Rescue paramedics and local Fire District personnel respond with SAR for advanced treatment and additional manpower. SAR operations sometimes involve Helicopter service in which case resources (airships) are provided by the USFS, CHP or the US Armed Forces as the case may be. CAREFLIGHT, out of Minden and Reno Nevada, is also utilized on rare occasions.

FLIGHT SERVICES

Most long distance transports are done by fixed wing aircraft, due to the altitude, weather conditions and long distances. Fixed wing services that are available to the area include Sierra LifeFlight, American MedFlight and Golden State Air Ambulance. In the case of MCI's (Multi-Casualty Incident) located at some distance from the only hospital, the IC (Incident Commander) will sometimes call in helicopter resources for direct transport to facilities outside of the county or state. Helicopters are also utilized, on occasion, for evacuation of patients from the backcountry and other remote locations as dictated by the weather and the patient's condition (see info about SAR). The main "front country" Helicopter medical evacuation service would be CARE FLIGHT, based out of Minden, Nevada and Reno, Nevada.

Mono County is a member of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), which is headquartered in San Bernardino. ICEMA administers the emergency medical system for Mono County as well as for Inyo and San Bernardino counties in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement.

MANPOWER AND TRAINING

Basic training, certification, recertification and continuing education standards have been established for all levels of EMS providers according to state and/or national standards. ICEMA directs effort at assuring availability of training programs, including competent and well-trained instructors. All continuing education and course content is approved by ICEMA. Most local continuing education opportunities are provided by Mammoth and Northern Inyo Hospitals, with some in-house education provided by the Mono County Paramedic staff.

Initial training at the EMT-1 level is provided by two training centers Cerro Coso College and High Sierra Prehospital Education; recognized by ICEMA and the State Emergency Medical Authority. In an effort to bolster EMT availability, Mono County is currently sponsoring EMT classes through High Sierra Prehospital Education on an annual basis, made available to the volunteer Fire Districts through an outreach program.

Initial training for EMT-Paramedics is sought out of County; from various established schools that teach the Paramedic curriculum. A hospital rotation and subsequent field internship is then completed in a busy urban environment. Once licensed by the State, a paramedic must receive a local accreditation from the regional Medical Authority (ICEMA, in the case of Inyo and Mono Counties), to practice in the area.

Cerro Coso College does not offer training for paramedics, and does not have any outreach programs for EMTs in local volunteer fire departments. Martha Reynolds, MICN (Medical Intensive Care Nurse) provides EMT training at the college site in Mammoth Lakes.

As previously stated, High Sierra Pre-Hospital Education is contracting with Mono County to provide subsidized EMT training for the local Fire Districts. High Sierra Pre-hospital Education (owned and operated by Ray and Anya McGrale) also provides private instruction in CPR/First aid, AED use and EMT as well as CEUs (continuing education units) for providers.

Mono County Fire/Rescue also assists the Fire Districts with CPR/AED instruction, certification and recertification at little to no cost.

Rosemary Sachs (Paramedic Liaison Nurse, Mammoth Hospital) provides base station field care audits on a regular basis, which are available to all EMTs and paramedics from ICEMA counties. Other educational classes for CEU's (continuing education units) are offered thru Mammoth and Northern Inyo Hospitals.

Mammoth Fire also offers EMT level CEU's, with Fire Chief Brent Harper as the Program Director.

With the exception of High Sierra Prehospital Education's out reach ability, training opportunities at the CPR/First Aid/ EMT level are located predominantly in southern Mono County and in Bishop.

Emergency personnel that serve the northern portion of the County sometimes access applicable training and continuing education in Nevada.

COMMUNICATIONS

The region has very challenging communications problems due to the mountainous terrain and vast geographical distance. The Mono County Sheriff's Department takes point on the radio communication infrastructure and operations, with input from the various agencies that utilize radio communications. A

coordinated ALS program, area-wide protocols, and centralized administrative program coordinate the emergency medical communications system.

Emergency Medical Services are activated via telephone/TDD access to the 911 system, located at the Sheriff's Office in Bridgeport. PSAP's (Public Safety Answering Point) request for services is communicated to providers via radio or pager.

Several years ago, significant upgrades to the communications hardware used by the volunteer fire departments, Mono County Fire/Rescue and Mammoth Hospital were obtained through grants: Homeland Security and HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program.

All dispatch personnel are employed by the Mono County Sheriff, and are located in Bridgeport. Dispatch personnel are not currently trained to provide emergency medical instructions prior to the arrival of First Responders or Paramedics.

The Public Health Officer functions as the MHOAC (Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator), and will work with Emergency Medical Services and the local OES (Mono County Sheriff) in obtaining resources from outside of the jurisdiction when required, through the Region 6 RDMHC (Regional Disaster Medical/Health Coordinator – Dr. Eric Frykman) and RDMHS (Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialist – Stuart Long).

MEDICAL CONTROL

Medical control assures that physicians (or MICN in consultation with the Emergency Room physician) provide direction to prehospital Advanced Life Support personnel authorized to provide prehospital emergency medical care at the scene of an emergency and during transport or transfer to a hospital.

Medical control is achieved by direct voice communication between the ALS unit and the base hospital. Protocols have been modified to allow for expanded care to be initiated prior to base hospital contact.

Region-wide written medical control protocols are continually being reviewed and updated. The base hospital, ICEMA and prehospital provider agencies share the responsibility to ensure protocol compliance. The ICEMA Quality Improvement Program and provider agency QI programs provide a systematic process to monitor and evaluate the quality of emergency medical services.

TRANSPORTATION

The ambulance administration program ensures compliance with transportation system regulations. Ambulances are routinely inspected by ICEMA for ALS equipment and supplies in compliance with San Bernardino County ambulance ordinances and ICEMA policy. All ALS and BLS ambulances and provider agencies are inspected annually. Quality of care measures have been developed. Staff (the Fire/Rescue Chief) investigates complaints regarding ambulance bill charges. (Mercy Ambulance Billing, in Alpine County).

An Air Ambulance Ordinance and an EMS Aircraft policy have been developed. These ordinances are the basis for authorizing operations and monitoring and inspecting EMS aircraft.

EMS Aircraft providers authorized by ICEMA servicing Mono County are Serra Lifeflight and Golden State Air Ambulance. Following is a template of providers that could be used if the above are delayed or unavailable.

CORRECTION: Medic Air Corp information (as listed) is no longer valid and they are not available to service our area.

Below are providers that could be used in the event that the local permitted providers are delayed or unavailable. The EMCC accepts no responsibility in using these providers. Permitted providers are to be used first. The EMCC will notify all facilities should there be a change in permitted providers.

	American Medflight	Continental Air Care	Medic Air Corp.
Base Locations	Reno, Nevada Ψ Elko, Nevada	Yerington, Nevada Ψ	Reno, Nevada Ψ
Minimum Crew Configuration	RN / Paramedic Ψ	RN / EMT-2 Ψ	RN / EMT-2 Ψ
RN Requirements	2 years CCU/ER Ψ BTLS, PALS, ACLS Test Pre-employment By Medical Director	5 years CCU/ER Ψ BTLS, ACLS, PALS, NRP, TNCC	5 years RN Ψ Experience
Paramedic / EMT-2 Requirements	BTLS, PALS, ACLS, Test Pre-employment by Medical DirectorΨ	5 years EMT-2 BTLS, PALS, ACLS, NRP Ψ	5 years EMT-2 or EMT-P Experience Ψ
Association of Air Medical Services Member	NO Π	NO Π	YES Π
Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems	NO Π	NO Π	NO Π
Minimum Pilot Experience Hours	2500 Hours Ψ	2000 Hours Ψ	3000 Hours Ψ
Medical Equipment	Zoll PD1400 Ψ Propaq 104 Autovent IVAC Minimed	Lifepack 10 Ψ Propaq 104 Autovent 3000 IVAC Minimed	Zoll PD1400 Ψ Propaq Autovent / Univent IVAC Minimed
Aircraft Capability	Cheyenne II Ψ * Top Speed 283 Normal Speed 260	King Air 200 Ψ *Top Speed 289 Normal Speed 272	King Air 100B Π *Top Speed 265 Normal Speed 258 Aero Commander Π 681B ^Top Speed 253 Westwind 1124 Π * Normal Speed 424 Top Speed 455
Number of Full time and Part time Aircraft	2 full time Ψ 1 Part time	1 Full time Ψ	3 part time Π

Ψ Information provided by base visit / interview of company representative(s) 2/2004

Π Information obtained from Association of Air Medical Services Resource Guide dated 2004-2005

*Ground speed in knots information obtained at www.avbuyer.com/performance_data.asp

^ Ground speed in knots information obtained at www.probertencyclopedia.com/IR.HTM

aircraft task force matrix dated 9/5/04

ADDITIONAL DATA AND STATISTICS FOR 2007

- over 900 “trauma” patients treated, including 128 motor vehicle/motorcycle accidents
- approximately 80 cardiac related calls
- ambulances transported two or more patients over 30 times
- 8 patients were treated for falls greater than 20 feet of height
- 14 persons were obviously deceased or pronounced on scene
- 1 stabbing, 2 gunshot wounds and over a dozen assaults
- 14 intubations were performed; 12 endotracheal and 2 with combi-tubes, all airways were managed successfully

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

An ICEMA newsletter (www.sbcounty.gov/icema/docs/newsletter.pdf) incorporates articles about pertinent information and resources that are available from other public agencies. It is published by ICEMA six (6) times per year. An ICEMA Website (www.sbcounty.gov/icema/) has also been developed, which includes EMS news, continuing education class offerings, protocol updates, and various other EMS links.

DISASTER PLANNING

Disaster planning activities are coordinated between OES (Mono County Sheriff), the jurisdictional MHOAC (Mono County Public Health Officer), and the RDMHS and RDMHC in Region 6 through ICEMA. Staff coordinates their efforts with other local, county, state and federal disaster planners and volunteers. ICEMA coordinates Mono County, the DMAT team and Region 6 response to requests for medical mutual aid during a declared disaster. State grant funds provide for the hiring of staff exclusively devoted to Region 6 activities.

During this last year, EMS participated in various exercises/drills with the Health Department and local Fire Departments. Planning for a countywide disaster drill in August 2008, has been on going since the latter half of 2007. This will involve personnel from the Mono County Sheriffs Office, Mono County Health and Human services, Mammoth Hospital, Local Fire Districts, CHP, Mountain Warfare Training Center and the Mono County Fire/Rescue Department as well as other County entities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007 MONO COUNTY EMCC MEETINGS

The EMCC discussed, reviewed and participated in the following:

- The welcoming of Dr. Reza Vaezazizi as Medical Director for ICEMA
- Elected participants to the ICEMA MAC (Medical Advisory Committee), Rosemary Sachs and Mark Mikulicich
- Supported increase in MADY fund
- Numerous protocols were reviewed and approved
- Review of MLFD BLS services in regards to possible advanced BLS scope of practice or ALS assessment
- Radio communications and suggested ideas for improvement
- Discussion and action with correspondence on several Assembly Bills addressing EMT regulations and testing requirements
- Correspondence to State requesting no loss of funding for ICEMA

- Review of EMT-I training institutes (High Sierra Prehospital Education) and development of a recognized Emergency Medical Responder course
- Review and support for the Tri-Valley EMS Citizens Committee developments and recommendations
- Review proposal of Golden State Air Ambulance for approval to operate in the ICEMA region
- Draft of new By-laws and updated Membership list
- EMSAAC legislative report
- Review updated AED usage protocols for Fire Department EMTs and First Responders
- Discussion of various disaster drills and exercises in other regions
- Receive presentation by Healthware Solutions in regards to electronic data collection
- Observe current data collection process and suggestions for improvement

Several public safety and Health and Human Service agencies within the County have received funding from the following Grants:

- Homeland security
- HRSA
- CDC-BT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2007 EMCC

- Recommendation (carried over from the last Annual Report in 2004) is strongly made that the EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) Program be implemented, and that all 911 dispatchers be trained.
- Recommendation that data collection become a high priority for all ALS and BLS providers, for purposes of QI, for sharing with ICEMA, and for advocacy for justification of the expansion of services and increases in personnel and equipment.
- Recommendation that the Mono Board of Supervisors continue to support subsidized EMT education for Fire Departments and perhaps include Emergency First Responder as an additional training supplement. It is also recommended that Special District Fire personnel be encouraged to fully utilize this and other local resources.
- Recommendation that the Mono County Board of Supervisors officially acknowledge and recognize, by Resolution, the Mono EMCC and the updated Membership list.

SUMMARY AND FUTRUE OBJECTIVES

The last EMCC annual report was completed in 2004, by County Health Officer Dr. Richard Johnson. At that time, a major concern of the EMCC was the lack of leadership within the County Paramedic Division; now called the Fire/Rescue Department. Many of the goals/recommendations of the EMCC in 2004 were related to better administrative control and accountability for the Department. In early 2006, Mono County appointed a new Chief to the Fire/Rescue Department. Through out the remainder of 2006 and 2007, many if not most of the concerns, suggestions and recommendations have been addressed and mitigated by the Chief and staff. This is evidenced by the “wish list” included in the 2004 document which has been included for reference as follows:

INSERT FROM THE 2004 EMCC ANNUAL REPORT

“The following essential administrative and operational functions and issues would hopefully be resolved by whatever structure is ultimately created:

- scheduling, making sure FSLA regulations are observed
- financial viability, assuring billing is being done in a maximally efficient manner
- CQI process
- HR functions – recruitment, retention, evaluation, etc.
- training – maintaining records, ensuring personnel are current in their requirements, utilizing local resources, etc.
- review of all levels of pre-hospital medical services in the county, with strategic planning to respond to changes in need based on adequate data to provide justification
- advocacy for the program at all levels – political, financial, personnel, equipment
- expansion of roles of paramedics to include community education, CPR for the lay public, special needs database, etc.
- making sure maximum effort is made to obtain money through grants as the opportunity exists”

As of this 2007 report, all of the above suggestions for program improvement and administrative oversight have been achieved, or are currently in development/progress.

Progress is also being made towards the enhancement of the existing emergency medical services provided by the Special Districts in the Tri-Valley area. This is an important, County facilitated, development that the EMCC supports and will continue to monitor.

The EMCC is interested in the current AED (automated external defibrillator) policy development and use by the Special Districts (Fire Depts.) and the Town of Mammoth Lakes. It is anticipated that the EMCC will continue to explore expanded AED use through out the County.

MAILING LIST OF INTERESTED PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS

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Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Director of Operations	(760) 934-0713, (760) 914-0361 <u>Mann, Clifford</u>	mann@mammoth-mtn.com
Mammoth Hospital Emergency Department Manager Member, Mono County EMCC	(760) 934-3311 <u>Baitx, Lori</u>	baitx@mammothhospital.com
Mammoth Hospital Paramedic Liaison Nurse Mono County EMCC	(760) 934-3311 <u>Sachs, Rosemary</u>	sachs@mammothhospital.com
California Highway Patrol Bridgeport, Area Commander	(760) 932-7995, (760) 987-5817 <u>Lt. Renee DiFronzo</u>	ReDiFronzo@chp.ca.gov
Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Manager	(760) 934-8989, ext. 226 <u>Clark, Robert</u>	rclark@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us
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