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COUNTY NAMES BRUCE HAYNES, M.D. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Permanent Director appointed to serve San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency

Bruce E. Haynes, M.D., has accepted the appointment as the County of San Diego's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director within the Health and Human Services Agency, effective August 15, 2006.

Dr. Haynes was appointed to Interim Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services in February, 2006, and has served the County of San Diego since that time. He also is an expert consultant with the California EMS Authority, and former chair of the Commission on Emergency Services for the state of California. Dr. Haynes is currently serving as the Medical Director of Emergency Services for Orange County and Interim Director for the County of San Diego. He will be leaving his position in Orange County to accept the San Diego position.

"I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Bruce Haynes for nearly 20 years," said Bill Metcalf, Fire Chief of the North County Fire Protection District and the Vice President of the San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association. "He is recognized, both nationally and in California, for his broad knowledge and experience in EMS administration.

"We are truly fortunate to be able to attract him to join the team of EMS professionals serving San Diego County," Metcalf continued. "The San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association welcomes Dr. Haynes to our community and we look forward to working with him to enhance EMS delivery in the region."

"Dr. Haynes has done a tremendous job as the interim Director of Emergency Medical Services," said Jean Shepard, County of San Diego HHSA Director. "I am very pleased to have him accept the appointment on a permanent basis."

Along with Dr. Haynes' duties approving medical standards, policies, protocols and procedures for EMS programs, and working on quality assurance for pre-hospital, emergency and trauma care, he will participate in countywide disaster medical and bioterrorism preparedness and planning activities. Dr. Haynes is a member of the EMT-basic regulation review committee for the State EMS Authority, the American Medical Association and EMS Medical Directors Association of California.

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