

California Emergency Nurses Association

THE MONITOR

President's Message

Welcome to the October Edition of *The Monitor*. I would like to thank all of you for building our state membership to the highest in the country. With **2701** Cal ENA members, we had the largest delegation with the most voting power at ENA's General Assembly in Salt Lake City. The theme "LIFT" was well taken as an inspiration to emergency nursing, allowing us to take a breather prior to heading back to work. This year we also had many new delegates from our state, so a special thank you to them as well as to our returning delegates for addressing the nursing issues we face daily.

I am also pleased to announce, with your confidence, that I have agreed to serve one more year as your President in 2008. (There were no nominees for president.) My main objective is to lead our organization collaboratively and support our members' desires statewide. Janet O'Leary, President-Elect will keep her role and serve as your President in 2009. Robert Toman, Immediate Past President, has agreed to remain in his position as well. Congratulations to our newly-elected board for 2008, with 128 ballots returned. Terri Sturgill was elected for a second term as Secretary, Anna Valdez for Director-at-Large and Linda Broyles for Treasurer-Elect. Here is your Board for 2008:

- Matthew F. Powers—President**
- Janet O'Leary—President-Elect**
- Robert Toman—Immediate Past President**
- Louise Hummel—Treasurer**
- Linda Broyles—Treasurer-Elect**
- Terri Sturgill—Secretary**
- Anna Valdez—Director-at-Large**

Special recognition goes to Jackie Magnuson and Jody Haynes for their two years of contribution to the Cal ENA Board of Directors as Treasurer and Director-at Large respectfully. We have all, with the contributions of our Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs, met our strategic plan to promote emergency nursing. We have remained fiscally strong to provide an even more prosperous year for



all members in 2008. Successes for 2007 will be outlined in my January 2008 message.

In 2008 we will be ramping up for a successful Injury Prevention Program. I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Patrice

Christensen as our new Injury Prevention Chairperson for 2008. Patrice has graciously provided injury prevention programs in the public health arena for many years and we welcome her back into Cal ENA. She will be working alongside National ENA to provide existing and new injury prevention programs for 2008.

Lastly, please see the article on page 11 and then logon to www.CFEDWest.com to register for **Bringing the Team Together**—with ED nursing, fire, EMS and disaster preparedness tracks in May 2008, at Pala Resort near San Diego. Book your room today since the hotels plans to sell out early. As always, please feel free to email your local and state leadership for questions and support. Check out our future meeting dates on page 4 or at www.calena.us. New members are encouraged to attend our state meetings and welcomed with open arms.

In closing, I want to dedicate this year to all of you: my colleagues, the 2007 Board of Directors, all of the Chapter and Committee leaders and my family.

Matt Powers, RN, MS, CEN, MICP

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ER Sunshine Club Builds Morale and Teamwork!

Like many good things, the Sunshine Club has its roots in adversity. Two nurses were on a trip of a life time in Ireland at a nursing conference when the unthinkable happened. A horrific car crash killed one nurse and left the other in the hospital. Desperate to do something to help, a collection was taken up in the ER to fly family members to Ireland to deal with the situation. The recognition of a need to have funds readily available to respond to such a situation was the seed of the Sunshine Club –the charitable organization of the ER employees working at San Jose Regional Medical Center.

The Sunshine Club's mission statement is: To make a difference in the lives of ER employees and the community we serve. We have expanded our giving mission to include sponsoring families during the holidays, funding an education scholarship for those interested in emergency medicine, and making clothing available for ER patients who need them.

Team Building

The Sunshine Club is funded by a voluntary 1 dollar per week donation by its members as well as charitable contributions and fund raisers held throughout the year. Any ER employee can become a member and we are proud to have almost every ER employee, nurse, admitting clerk, doctor and house-keeper among our rolls or as a volunteer.

Our last fundraiser was the Sunshine Club "Auto Lavage"! Although our goal was \$500, the generosity of our members allowed us to raise over \$800 in one afternoon of scrubbing dirty cars. The volunteers and their families brought snacks, drinks, music and lawn chairs

and we turned dirty cars into party!

Giving Back

During the holidays we gave out over \$1600 in gift cards donated by our members to families going through tough times.

But the real fun was giving the cards out! One 18

year old recipient was living out of her car while trying to finish high school. She lost her foster family on her 18th birthday and very nearly fell through the cracks. More importantly than our gift card donations, we were able to help facilitate other social organizations to get involved and stabilize her living situation and finances so she can make it through high school. Talk about the school of hard knocks!



When one of our members, a nurse who started at RMC 15 years ago as a clerk had a house fire, the Sunshine Club was able to assist. We provided money for necessities and helped with a place for her to stay. During our holiday bake sale we were able to raise enough money to fund a \$500 scholarship for a nursing student. Additionally we give out cards and flowers to employees going through illness, childbirth, retirement or other life events. We have a florist on call!

All members of the Sunshine Club may sit on the board and frequently do. We meet four times a year to plan out goals for fund raising and how we want to spend the money. There's always so much to do and so little time!

The Sunshine Club is a grass roots organization for improving morale, and building teamwork. We can come to one another's aid and give back to the community. It's been a valuable asset to the ER. If you would like to see our weblog, please point your browser to:

www.ERSunshineClub.com

Spencer Miller RN



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Board Members 2007

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Secretary: Terri Sturgill
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RNs get down in Salt Lake City!

Our founder, **Judy Kelleher**, has moved closer to her daughter. She would appreciate letters of support. She can be reached at: The Commons
10711 Thornton Rd. #220
Stockton, CA 95209

Education and Event Calendar

TNCC Dates: 2007

October 19-20: Rancho Springs Medical Center, Murrieta - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680



November 2-3: Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

November 15-16: San Francisco General Hospital
John Fazio (415) 206-8196

December 1 & 2: Fountain Valley Regional Hospital
Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

Other Offerings

October 25: *EDAP's: Where Kids Come First*
Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys -
Laura Garcia (562) 698-0811 ext. 2342

November 8: *Pediatric Emergency Nursing: What you Need to Know on the Front Line*
Valley Presbyterian Hosp, Van Nuys - Laura Garcia

November 8: *10th Annual EMS for Children Conference*
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Anaheim

www.emsa.ca.gov

Courses and Educational Events maybe added or cancelled after publication. Please confirm dates with course directors or at: www.calena.us and then go to Educational Opportunities for current course listings.



ENPC Dates: 2007

October 27-28: Ridgecrest Regional Hosp, Ridgecrest - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

November 10-11: Ridgecrest Regional Hosp, Ridgecrest - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

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October 29-30: San Francisco - John Fazio (415) 206-8196

CEN Review Classes

November 3-4: San Diego Chapter - Cathy McJanet
cathy.mcjannet@usa.net

January 17 & 18, 2008: Las Vegas, Nevada
Paragon Education (800) 997-9937

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Fazio/Ruiz & Associates (800) 339-2RNS
Paragon Education (800) 997-9937
(previously Randolph Associates)

Important Dates

Board and State Council meetings

November 8 — 9, 2007: Los Angeles
Hilton, Universal City

January 10 — 11, 2008: Newport Beach.

March 5 — 7: Sacramento
with Cal ACEP's Legislative Conference.

August 14 — 15: Santa Barbara
Annual Business Meeting.

November 5 — 7: Monterey
with Cal ENA Leadership Symposium &
Emergency Summit.

Next Newsletter Deadline: Nov. 30



Report from Salt Lake City

What an Experience!

We had a record number of delegates and the conference was held in our biggest venue yet. The Salt Palace Convention Center is really big. You could get tired just walking to a class. We were proud to be the biggest delegation and we were proud to have one of our own state members as national President for 2008—Denise King. Highlights for me included the CEN lecture that was given by an actor and speaker trained as a mime, so she used her whole body during her inspiring talk. Terry Foster gave a humorous and moving talk on the Sacred and Profane of ED nursing. I loved his line about attending church after a shift of caring for the sick and infirm—at St. Mattress of the Springs! There was a great presentation on nursing in an army hospital in Iraq by an RN Captain. And the vendors . . . So many, especially having to do with electronic charting. There were even quite a few classes on the computerized ED. Not even all the speakers were convinced it is really the right way to go. Time will tell. There were also several products that helped the RN find difficult veins, from ultrasound machines to LED lights. I bought one of the handheld LED lites and it has already been useful.

What follows are comments from some of our newer delegates that will give you a better idea of what Annual Assembly is all about.



Just Back from Salt Lake City

To paraphrase Dr Martin Luther King, "I had a dream". It always bothered me as a Paramedic, a Navy Corpsman, or as an LVN when I would pick up the journal and find I could not be "A MEMBER" of EDNA or ENA.

I always wanted to be an RN in the ED and an active ENA member. Now I have been honored to be a delegate for my first National Conference.

I was lifted.

I met colleagues and it finally hit home.

I am a Professional Registered ED Trauma Nurse and a member of the best professional organization.

I learned new things that will help my practice.

I signed up today for a ENA National workgroup.

I am having paper ENA memberships mailed and will go back to my Nursing School to recruit student Nurses as well as my colleagues at work.

I even made into the daily ENA paper with Angela Hackenschmidt.

Thank you for allowing me to achieve this lifetime dream.

Thanks,

Mike Pasley

Mark Wandro Dear Ellie,

I just want to take a moment to recognize your very hard work in two important areas: 1) keeping the CA delegation together and well-informed; and 2) for your tremendous leadership in bringing forward two proposed by-law changes.

First, your communication assisted us in being recognized by delegates from other states as being cohesive, articulate, and truly a force to be recognized. Also, through your efforts, we beat Texas in membership numbers allowing us to bring more delegates than Texas. While this friendly rivalry continues, you have been instrumental in bringing ENA to California nurses.

Second, you were grace under pressure during the General Assembly. There was



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confusion and dissent on Wednesday and through your leadership, consensus was achieved and a comprehensive by-law changes were enacted. You were a clear speaker, were well-prepared by bringing draft policies to the floor, and were gracious to opposing factions. I am so proud of you, Ellie, for you are a wonderful representative of Nursing and for California.

I also want to thank all of the delegates, especially the first-time delegates, for your wonderful work this past week. As I said before, other delegates commented on the fact that we were organized and thoughtful. Special recognition should go to Debbie Rodrigues, Anna Valdez, Angela Hackenschmidt, and Julie Rossie for their thoughtful comments and questions during the debates and re-writes.

I am proud to be a part of Cal ENA!

Garrett Chan



Hello,

My name is Gina Campbell and this was my first year attending both the General Assembly and the scientific assembly. I had such a great time!! I have been an ENA member for just over a year and other than attending local meetings, I have not had the opportunity to attend any other ENA events. My co-worker and good friend as well as California's ENA secretary Terri Stugill kept telling me what a great time she has had in the past attending these events. She encouraged me to fill out a delegate application. Well, we were both accepted as delegates for the state of California. I was so excited, a week away from work and I got to do something new that I had never done before. We started planning out our week in Utah. I wanted to fly and Terri wanted to drive, let's see a 1 1/2 hour flight or a 11 hour drive hummmm....well, if any of you have ever been in a debate with Terri you know how it can be...She won...we drove...and I am really glad that

we did. We got to see some beautiful land that we would have missed if we flew not to mention that we stopped in Las Vegas :)

I was a little apprehensive about attending the General Assembly something that I don't know that much about and not knowing anyone else but Terri. Everyone was great and really helpful. I just wanted to say thanks to Terri, Ellie, Matt, Jackie and Anna for answering all my questions and for helping the new girl feel like part of the old crowd. You guys certainly know how to have fun. I learned A LOT and I hope to make serving on the General Assembly and attending the Scientific assembly an annual event.



Gina Campbell

Recruitment and Retention

Another successful ENA General Assembly and Annual Meeting were held in Salt Lake City, Utah in September. California members were proudly represented by the largest and strongest delegation in our history. We seated 55 Delegates and 2 Alternates representing 2700 + California members, the largest membership total of any state in the union. And more importantly, 19 first timers joined our delegation this year. Following a brief orientation meeting, we soon made new acquaintances and fast friends, learning the General Assembly process and current issues up for discussion, debate and decision. Everyone was engaged and proud to step up and speak at the microphones in support or opposition of a proposal. The experienced veterans buddied up with a new member to educate and guide them through the experience. All in all we enjoyed the lively debates and left with a sense of pride in our strength, influence and deciding votes designed to strengthen our association. Here are the names and chapter locations for the entire California delegation.



We hope to see them again next year! Thank you one and all for your commitment and serve to Cal ENA.

Ellie Encapera, Chair

Government Affairs Committee

CalENA is watching several bills that are on the governor's desk awaiting his action. He has until mid-October to sign or veto the bills. At this writing the following bills remain:

AB 81 (Torrico) would allow the 'safe surrender' of an infant up to 7 days old (current law is 72 hours). CalENA – watch.

AB 220 (Bass) would enact the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act establishing various rights, but decreasing medical control. CalENA – oppose.

AB 881 (Mullin) would require children up to age 8 to use a booster-seat. A similar bill was vetoed by the Governor last year. CalENA – support.

AB 1669 (Leno) would appropriate \$3 million from the Victim Restitution Fund to establish crime recovery centers at trauma centers. CalENA – support.

SB 275 (Cedillo) would prohibit a hospital from transferring a patient without 'informed consent' of the patient. CalENA – watch.

SB 767 (Ridley-Thomas) would allow a person to administer opioid antagonists to a person even if the prescription was written for another. CalENA – support.

SB 916 (Yee) would change the 5150 hold for non-LSP facilities from 8 hours to 24 hours. CalENA-support.

Health Care Reform

The Governor called a special session of the Legislature, on September 11, 2007, to address health care reform and water policy. The Legislature will organize for the special session and probably stand down (not be in session) until the leaders call the members back to debate or vote on a proposal. A special session of the Legislature can last until the work is completed or at the latest August 31, 2008. The Governor indicated that a 2008 ballot initiative is likely for funding of a reform package. The Governor plans to release draft legislation of his health care proposal in early October.

In preparation for the special session of the Legislature, Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles) has appointed a health care reform work group to develop a proposal for consideration. The mem-

bers are Majority Leader Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) and Assemblymembers Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate), Mervyn Dymally (D-Los Angeles), Patty Berg (D-Eureka), Mark DeSaulnier (D-Martinez), Ed Hernandez (D-Baldwin Park) and Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) and Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines (R-Clovis) announced his work group appointees: Assembly members Greg Aghazarian (R-Stockton), John Benoit (R-Palm Desert), Sam Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo), Bill Emerson (R-Redlands), Ted Gaines (R-Roseville), Martin Garrick (R-Carlsbad), Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), Alan Nakanishi (R-Lodi), Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), Jim Silva (R-Huntington Beach), Cameron Smyth (R-Santa Clarita) and Audra Strickland (R-Westlake Village).

Court settlement: Cal Dept of Ed says a non-licensed person can give insulin at school.

Debby Rogers

DIG (DISASTER INTEREST GROUP) July 23, 2007

ICS and NIMS requirements are being discussed nationally by many different groups. Hopefully a decision will be made and standards for various tracks of professional groups will be established.

A new CA Medical/Health Response Plan and Disaster Medical Operations manual will be available by the end of summer.

Projects and Priorities of EMSA:

ESAR-VHP – this is now called **Cal-Med**. The name change is official. All medical volunteers in California will eventually be tracked under Cal-Med. This requires a Governor's Declaration of Emergency.

Mobile Field Hospitals (MFH) – these field hospitals are stated owned. There are three. They have a twenty year shelf life. They are stored in three different locations throughout the state. They are not loaned out for local use. They will not be operated by local HD or local healthcare organization. The MFH has 170 beds, 20 ED beds, 2 operating suites,

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Golden Guardian Exercise – to be held in November.

20 ICU/PACU beds and 10 beds in a negative pressure isolation unit. They have radiology, laboratory, pharmacy, food services and sleeping quarters for staff.

CAL-MAT – The purpose is to have a DMAT-like team for California. It is a state owned resource that will stay in California. Looking at 3 deployable teams. Vehicles and equipments stored in 3 EMSA warehouses.

Rough and Ready – To be held August 24-25. It is planned to be a demonstration and a training event. The scenario will be an earthquake. Attendees will be able to view the Mobile Field Hospital.

Work on Ambulance Strike Teams – Twenty-five teams throughout State of California. Can be used for local MCIs.

Mission Support Teams - These are the logistical and administrative support personnel. They support all deployments of the MFH, Cal-MAT teams or other activations throughout the state.

Statewide Hospital Exercise – This is planned for October 25th. It is a 12 hour event from 0500 to 1700 hours. Information will be on the EMSA web site after September 1. It is designed to involve all three shifts, shift change and action planning. The scenario is a plague.

Austere Care Guidelines – Not discussed at this meeting.

Surge Capacity – Price Waterhouse has developed very broad working guidelines. Should be available now.

UCSD – has a grant for evacuation. A class to be held in San Diego October 4, 5.

California Hospital Association – will have a conference in Anaheim on September 5th and 6th.

Continuing Challenge – to be held in Sacramento September 4th through 7th. This is hazardous material planning. This year looking to develop better Incident Action Planning scenarios/forms and Job Sheets.

Next year – A statewide exercise; a catastrophic earthquake in Southern California.

Judith A. Scott

Leadership in Practice

Skin care assessment in the Emergency Department is time consuming and often not done, or only completed on admitted patients. Most facilities represented shared that they do have a policy; however it is not being followed with most patients. A few facilities report not having a policy that applies to the ED, they are aware of the need to complete a skin care assessment on all patients is in our future. The departments that have a policy use the Braden Scale for the initial assessment, most often only used on patients that are admitted. Medicare will soon not pay for the added care and extended stay of patients that have a hospital acquired decubitus. This will place an added burden on emergency room staff to document patients that arrive with a decubitus so that it will not be classified as hospital acquired, and a complication of the admission.

In discussing visitor policy we found that most facilities have an open visitor policy with the final discretion given to the nurse. When beds are in hallways, and multiple patients are waiting for psych

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evals, visitor policies are rescinded by the staff due to the high possibility of patients leaving, and safety of other patients becomes an issue.

How do facilities handle ST elevated Myocardial Infarctions, (STEMI), in order to maintain the ACC guidelines of door to balloon times less than 90 minutes? Door to EKG times are monitored for walk-in patients and the expectation is that it be less than 10 minutes. This standard applied across the board. Paging a Code STEMI, or Code Heart overhead mobilizes the team and helps to decrease time to the cath lab. In some cases the Medical Evaluation Team responds to the ED and helps to get the patient ready for the cath lab, a very interesting concept and great use of resources. Chest pain centers report that they have a chest pain nurse in the ED that responds to all chest pain patients and begin the process. Some facilities reported a group page that goes to all team members and the interventional cardiologist on the call panel.

Julie Wanstreet, chair

We can send you timely information and educational opportunities faster and at a tremendous cost savings using online communication. You deserve to be informed as a benefit of your ENA membership. Of course, it is your choice if you do not want email messages.

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Get on the New Cal ENA E-Mail List

You may have noticed that Cal ENA has a new website: www.calena.us. Along with this, we also have a



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You choose whether you want email messages to display on your PC. Go to our national & state web sites www.ena.org and www.calena.us. In order to receive election ballots, newsletters and current ENA information we must have your current information registered through the national office. Go to www.ena.org Members-Only section, sign in and update your personal profile. Or, if you prefer, call (800) 243-8362 to verbally update your address. To register your email address for news from Cal ENA, go to www.calena.us. Be sure to unblock your spyware and security systems to allow these messages to come through to your computer.

new email program and you must sign up for it so you can get all the emails the state sends out. We have been using the Orange County system, but this will not be maintained for us any longer, so we had Jason Moretz of No. Carolina set up this new system as part of the website redesign. You can have your very own @calena.us email address. All you have to do is fill out the form on the website, and the CalENA Webmaster will process your request. What you will get is access to a web-based email system powered by GoDaddy. Detailed instructions on how to integrate it with your own email system are in a pdf file that is available on the website.

1996 - René Semonin-Holleran

A lot has unfolded during this year characterized by collaboration, change, and similarities. During this year, ENA has collaborated with government agencies, foundations, corporations, other nursing organizations, EMS agencies, and with many communities such as those that participated in the Masterlock gun safety campaign in Wisconsin and Oklahoma. We were able to demonstrate the significant role we play in patient care, education, and injury and illness prevention.

We have had to adapt to the changes in health care and how these changes have affected the emergency care we all provide.

- A mission statement and values were generated
- In March, the Diversity Task Force had its first meeting.
- In May, three ENA colleagues and I went to Brunei to teach TNCC and ENPC.
- The Scientific Assembly was held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

More Presidents and Annual Meetings

- 1997 - K. Sue Hoyt - Atlanta
- 1998 - Ann Manton - Denver
- 1999 - Benny Marret - Washington, DC
- 2000 - Jean Proehl - Chicago
- 2001 - Mary Jagim - Orlando
- 2002 - Sherri-Lynne Almeida - New Orleans
- 2003 - Kathy Robinson - Philadelphia
- 2004 - Mel Wilson - San Diego
- 2005 - Patricia Kunz Howard - Nashville
- 2006 - Nancy Bonalumi - San Antonio
- 2007 - Donna Mason - Salt Lake City
- 2008 - Denise King - Minneapolis

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Liz Taylor*



Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area ENA will hold their next meeting at the Delancey Street Restaurant in SF. For a change, it will be from 11am to 1pm and lunch will be provided.

Mid Valley held their **Emergency Nurses Annual Banquet** at Chukchansi Resort and Casino on October 12. Awards were given, a Silent Auction was held and there were lots of prizes!

Greater LA ENA and Orange Coast Chapters jointly present on November 8, 2007:

“Pediatric Emergency Nursing” A unique educational offering for the Emergency Department Nurse

Conference highlights include:

- 7 hours of **EDAP** eligible CEUs
- All pediatric content
- Sponsors and exhibits
- Continental breakfast and lunch included
- Friends, fun, networking and more

Courses will be held at Valley Presbyterian in Van Nuys. Contact Michael Vicioso, RN, BS CCRN at: Michael@vicioso.com for more information.

Loma Prieta ENA continues to offer free CEs for the Practice Topic presented at each of their monthly meetings. Their next meeting is on Oct. 18 at El Camino Hospital with the topic *What the Heck are we doing here? Addressing ethical dilemmas and moral distress.*

Inland Empire ENA continues their monthly meetings on the third Thursday from 1900-2100, alternating between Olive Garden in San Bernardino and Sizzler in Banning.

Kern County ENA is still meeting monthly. At Marie Calendars. Next meeting is Oct 18 at 0800. They are holding a Pediatric Education Symposium on Oct. 20.

Annual Fire, EMS & Disaster Conference

CAL ENA COSPONSORS CFEDWEST 2008

On behalf of the planning staff of CFEDWest (California's Fire, EMS & Disaster) conference and expo, we humbly request your participation at California's lone first responder conference, **CFEDWest 2008**, scheduled **May 19-23, 2008**.

Built by California's first responders, for California's first responders - **CFEDWest** was developed to provide an educational forum that would provide dynamic continuing education focal to the needs of the western based first responder, that would provide a milieu for collaboration and cohesion amongst California's various first responder stakeholders, and lastly, that would provide an California first responders with an event to call their own!

CFEDWest 2008 is a multi-disciplined educational event that was constructed through the commingled efforts of California's various first responder stakeholders. This combined approach provides for an empirical educational offering that is inclusive of all California's first responders. **Firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics, Nurses, Physician Assistants, Disaster Managers, and Physicians** are all encouraged to attend California's newest state first responder trade-event. Our last event, drew over **750 attendee** participants and **71-exhibiting companies**. This year, we expect over 1,000 attendees!

CFEDWest 2008 will feature:

- Keynote presentations from FEMA Director David Paulison and Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, Los Angeles County Fire department;
- Pre-conference "Fire Chiefs Summit," "EMS Executive Summit," EMS Leadership Academy," and "HIC's IV" course;
- Up to 30-hours of EMS and BRN continuing education;
- National & International Speakers;
- Fire, EMS, Nursing, and Disaster educational tracks;
- Complimentary nightly entertainment;
- over 100 exhibiting companies

Come join us for California's can't-miss state first responder conference!

Register **Now** and secure your place in history!

Download the **CFEDWest 2008 Conference Brochure** at cfedwest.com



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Objectives:

After reading the Monitor the reader will be able to:

1. Elaborate on a team building technique.
2. Talk about the success of ENA Annual Meeting.
3. List educational opportunities.
4. Be familiar with health care reform issues.
5. Know how to use the new email system.

Name _____ License# _____

Address _____

1. Name two benefits of the Sunshine Club.
2. Which Cal ENA officers are returning for 2008?
3. How many state field hospitals are there?
4. Do you update your email address with ENA by sending a note to The Monitor editor?
5. Can ULPs now give insulin in schools?
6. Was there partying at the 2007 Annual Meeting?



Come early and attend one of the Pediatric courses held in Van Nuys or Anaheim on November 8. See page 4 or 8.

Next Meeting

Board Meeting:
Thursday, November 8, 2007
4-8pm

State Council Meeting:
Friday, November 9, 2007
8am-3pm

Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City
555 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City
1-818-506-2500

Located adjacent to the Hollywood Freeway (101), exit on Lankersham Blvd, then follow signs to hotel. Across the street from Universal Studios. 6 miles from Burbank airport and 20 miles from LAX. No airport shuttle.

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