

# 2021 Annual Performance Report Summary

## EOA 3

### **Operations and Geography**

Delano Ambulance Service was responsible for all ambulance services within exclusive operating area (EOA) number 3. Located at the north end of the County, EOA 3 encompasses an area from the Tulare County line to the north, Woody to the east, Lost Hills Road to the west and Whistler Road to the south. Included within EOA 3 are 10-mile stretches of the Highway 99 and Highway 65, as well as the communities of Delano and McFarland.

Delano Ambulance Service's base of operations in 2021 was located at 403 Main Street, Delano. Delano Ambulance Service ran a fleet including 6 ambulances and employed 17 emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. The owner of Delano Ambulance was Aaron Moses.

On October 1, 2021, Hall Ambulance Service purchased Delano Ambulance Service and began operating in EOA 3.

### **Sub-contracts**

During 2021, Delano Ambulance Service had an agreement with Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. to allow for the transport of inmates originating from Bakersfield hospitals and return them to North Kern and Kern Valley State Prisons. Additionally, Tulare County regularly requests Delano Ambulance Service to respond into Richgrove, Earlimart, or other parts of southern Tulare County for medical calls and other emergencies. However, these calls are on a mutual aid basis, and a formal contract that requires Delano Ambulance Service to cover parts of Tulare County had not been executed at the time of the sale to Hall Ambulance Service Inc.

### **Compliance**

Response time compliance is complex; there are 25 categories of response time compliance that must be met each month. In addition, there are three other categories of response compliance we measure to ensure that advanced life support (ALS) units are predominately used in the system for pre-hospital emergency calls.

Due to the increased call volume, extended ambulance offload times and ambulances out of service due to decontamination from COVID 19, EMS waived Response Compliance in 2021.

### **Call Volume**

**In the 9 months that Delano Ambulance Service operated in EOA 3:**

3415 responses; 21 *turned calls*; 181 *mutual aid* calls.

*Mutual aid* occurs when Delano Ambulance Service provides services for another ambulance company outside of the EOA. Delano Ambulance provided an additional 34 *mutual aid* responses to Tulare County. The demand for services in other areas exceeded the capability of the other existing ambulance providers and Delano Ambulance Service provided resources to meet the demand. Further, Delano Ambulance Service provided mutual aid in Bakersfield, Wasco, McFarland, Lost Hills, Smith Corner, Taft and Shafter.

A *turned call* occurred when Delano Ambulance Service failed to respond to a call within its EOA and another agency must respond from outside of the area. During the nine months of operation in 2021, Delano Ambulance Service reported 21 *turned calls*. Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. responded to all of the requests. Of the *turned calls* that were reported, Delano Ambulance Service was able to take a number of the calls back completing the calls.

### **Data Reporting**

The EMS Division relies on each ambulance company to submit compliance data to allow monitoring of performance. Delano Ambulance Service was compliant for all months with data reporting requirements.

### **Complaints/Investigations**

In 2021, there were no formal complaints filed with the Division against Delano Ambulance Service.

### **Community Services**

Delano Ambulance Service was unable to participate in community service events in 2021 due to COVID 19.

### **Dispatch**

Delano Ambulance Service contracted with Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. to provide EMD and dispatch services.

### **Summary**

While we may not know the lasting impact COVID 19 had on our system for some time, it is important to recognize the ambulance providers and the job they did for the people of Kern County. Delano Ambulance Service staff worked tirelessly to provide the best possible care for the people of Kern County. Their management worked in cooperation with EMS as we developed and updated our policies, procedures and protocols to meet the everchanging demands brought on by COVID. With increasing call volumes, extended offload times, staff being exposed and becoming ill and ambulances out of service due to decontamination, Delano Ambulance never gave up. The management, paramedics and emts, that manned the units everyday are to be commended on the outstanding job they did in the face of such adversity. It is because of their dedication that Kern County was able to make it through the largest surge.