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DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

TO: EMS PROVIDER AGENCIES
DESIGNATED BASE HOSPITALS

FR: LAURENT REPASS 
EMS INFORMATION & ANALYTICS CHIEF

RE: NEMSIS V3.5 TRANSITION – FINAL IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

Since January 2023, OCEMS has been preparing to transition our EMS data system to NEMSIS v3.5 by **October 1st, 2023**, in line with state guidance. All transition efforts at the System (County) level are now complete and the Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS) is ready to receive and process NEMSIS v3.5 data.

EMS Providers are urged to coordinate immediately with OCEMS and other operational partners (mutual aid, ambulance transport, base hospital, etc.) regarding your implementation plans. Field data transfers are not feasible between 3.4 and 3.5 run forms and may require that partner agencies implement transition plans where crews will have access to both 3.4 and 3.5 run forms to enable field data transfers.

EMS Providers **must notify** OCEMS **at least one (1) week prior to collecting any real patient data** in the 3.5 standard. Notifications should be sent to the OC-MEDS Administrator On-Call at oc-meds@ochca.com.

The following resources and processes are now in place and available for EMS providers who are ready to make the transition to NEMSIS v3.5 on or after the “Go Live” date:

- V3.5 Compliant Data Dictionary (OCEMS Policy 300.31) – Effective Oct. 1, 2023
- New v3.5 System (County) Run Forms ready to activate and use in OC-MEDS Elite
- Training Videos and Technical Summaries
- Technical processes to receive v3.5 data from third party vendors.
- Technical processes to send EMS data to the California EMS Information System (CEMSIS)

All NEMSIS v3.5 transition resources are available on the [OCEMS website](#).

EMS Provider agencies should work to implement before or shortly after the October 1st, 2023 California state go live date and must have fully completed their transitions to v3.5 **no later than Monday, December 18, 2023**, after which NEMSIS 3.4 data collection forms, methods, and processes will be disabled. Licensed EMS Providers who have not fully transitioned to the new standard by December 18, 2023, will be denied 2024 ambulance license renewal.

Questions may be directed to the OC-MEDS Administrator On-Call at oc-meds@ochca.com.

cc: Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN - EMS Administrator
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NEMSIS v3.5 Transition Monitor | by EMS Provider

NOTE: Data is based on Patient Care Reports (PCRs) posted to the Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS)

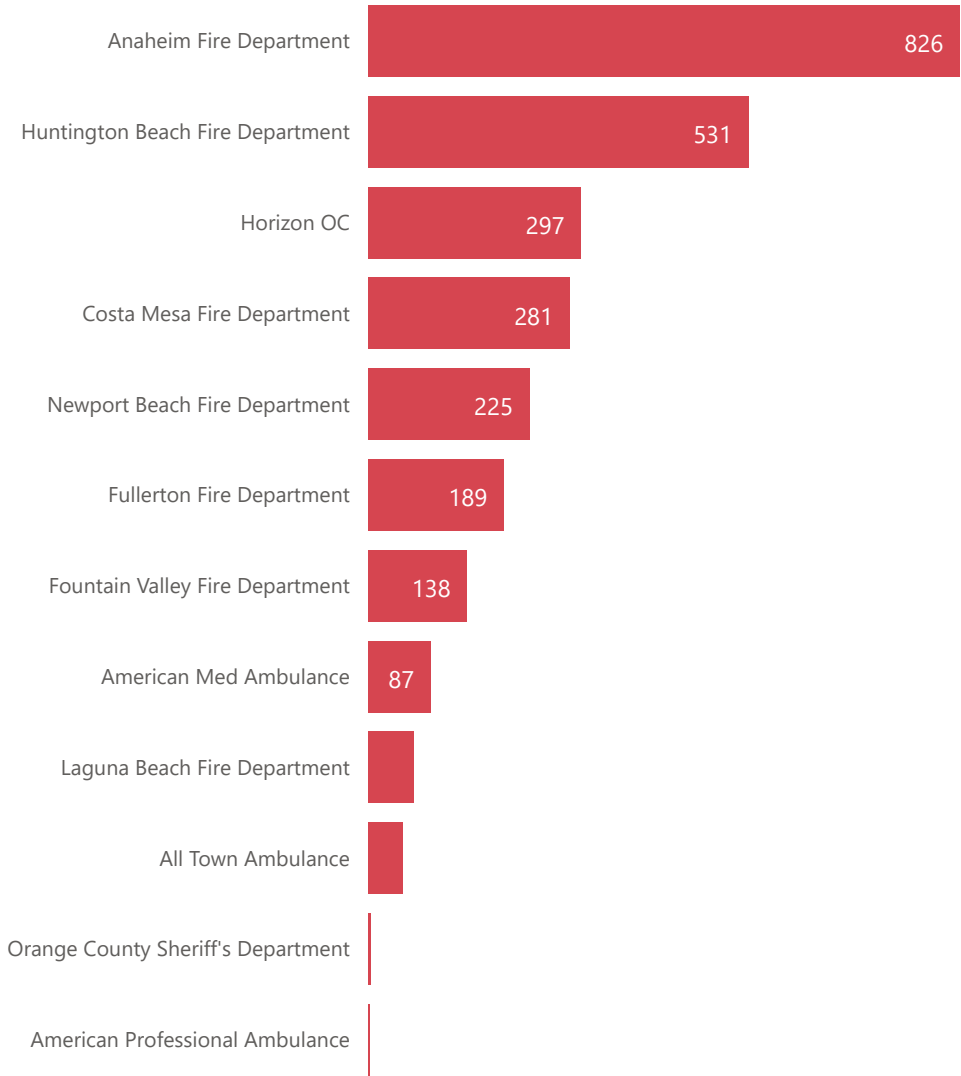
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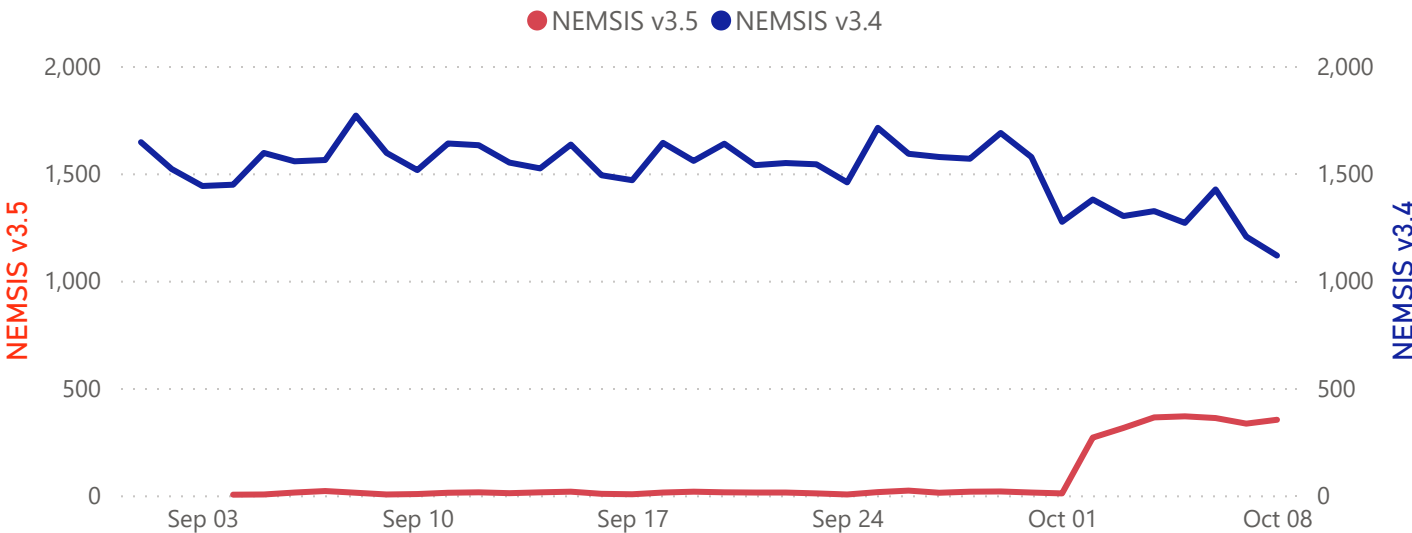


Count of NEMSIS v3.5 Records by EMS Provider

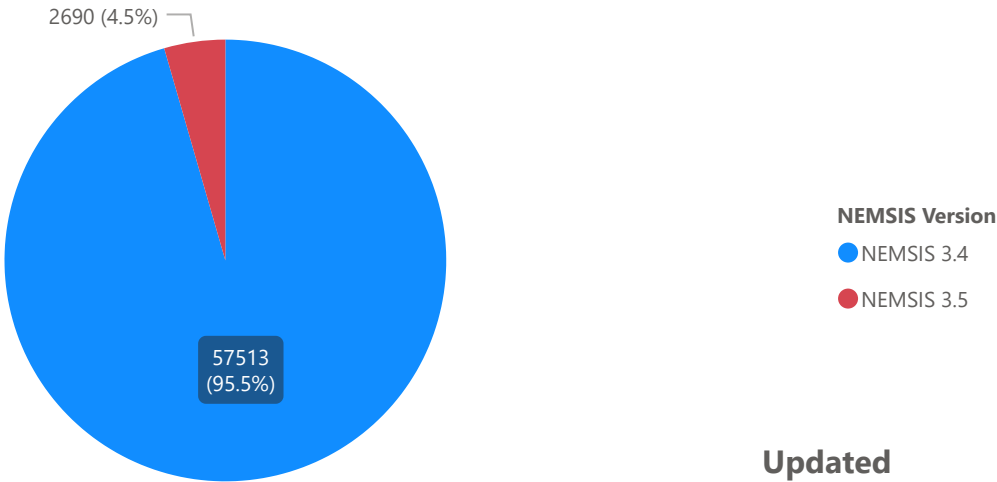
NOTE: EMS Providers will display when there has been at least one NEMSIS v3.5 record submitted



Count of EMS Records by NEMSIS Version | by Date (Systemwide)



Count of EMS Records by NEMSIS Version



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10/9/2023

**County of Orange
Health Care Agency
Emergency Medical Services
Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS)**

NEMSIS v3.5 Transition – Progress Chart by EMS Provider

EMS Agency Name	Application	Test Data	Training	Mock Drill	Live Data	Complete
<i>Timeline</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>
All Town Ambulance	AngelTrack	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
American Med Ambulance	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
American Professional Amb	AngelTrack	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Amwest Ambulance	TraumaSoft	In Progress				
Anaheim Fire Department	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Brea Fire Department	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	In Progress			
Cal-Med Ambulance	TraumaSoft	In Progress				
Care Ambulance Service	OC-MEDS	In Progress			Tues Oct 24	
Costa Mesa Fire Department	OC-MEDS	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Emergency Ambulance Service	OC-MEDS	In Progress	In Progress		Tues Oct 24	
FirstMed Ambulance Service	TraumaSoft	In Progress				
Fountain Valley Fire Dept	OC-MEDS	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Frontline EMS	AngelTrack	Complete	In Progress			
Fullerton Fire Department	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Horizon OC Ambulance	AngelTrack	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Huntington Beach Fire Dept	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
La Habra (LACo FD)	ImageTrend	In Progress	In Progress			
Laguna Beach Fire Dept	OC-MEDS	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Liberty Ambulance	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	In Progress			
Lifeline Ambulance	ImageTrend	Complete	In Progress			
LifeWest Ambulance	ImageTrend	In Progress				
Lynch EMS	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	In Progress		Tues Oct 24	
Mercy Air Service	Zoll	emsCharts				
Newport Beach Fire Dept	OC-MEDS	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Orange City Fire Department	WATER	WATER				
Orange County Fire Authority	OC-MEDS	Complete	In Progress		Tues Oct 24	
Orange County Sheriff's Dept	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress
Placentia Fire and Life Safety	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	In Progress		Tues Oct 24	
Premier Medical Transport	OC-MEDS	OC ePCR	In Progress		Sun Oct 15	
PRN Ambulance	ImageTrend	In Progress				
Royalty Ambulance	TraumaSoft	In Progress				
Shoreline Ambulance	Zoll	RescueNet				
Symbiosis Ambulance	REMSIS	REMSIS	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress