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To: EMS System

From: Almaas A. Shaikh MD MPH FACS, Interim EMS Medical Director 

**Subject: EMS Administrator Announcement**

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) is proud to announce Daniel McDonnell, MS, NRP, as the new EMS Administrator. Daniel brings a deep commitment to excellence in emergency medical systems. He will provide strategic leadership across key EMS Division, including regulatory oversight of ambulance providers, EMTs, specialty care center designations, and administration of health disaster planning and preparedness grant programs.

Daniel has over 17 years of EMS leadership experience with strong expertise in system administration, disaster response, and federal and state grant management. His background includes deployments for hurricanes and winter storms, where he led incident command activation, resource coordination, and post-incident improvement efforts. He has brought diverse experience as an EMS educator, a U.S. Navy Work Center Supervisor and Recruiter, and a volunteer Fire Chief and Treasurer for Hutto ESD #3.

Daniel holds a Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Hartford University. He completed the Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Program at Temple College and maintains multiple paramedic and instructor credentials, including National Registry Paramedic, Texas Licensed Paramedic, Florida Paramedic, AHA Instructor certifications, NAEMT instructor certifications, and FEMA disaster management coursework.

As OCEMS advances its work to modernize and strengthen the County's emergency medical system, Daniel's experience, dedication, and collaborative spirit make him an invaluable addition to our team.

Please join us in welcoming him as the new EMS Administrator.



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