

I am submitting an application for membership to the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to the Secretary of Transportation for Dr. John Sacra.

1. As required, a one page letter demonstrating his knowledge of EMS and interest in EMS is attached.
2. Dr. John Sacra is representative of EMS Medical Directors, Emergency Physicians and works with both Private EMS and Fire-based First Responders.
3. He is a Board Certified Emergency Physician and has held the position of EMS Medical Director since 1998 directing EMS which serves more than a million lives. He has also consulted with the State Department of Health for decades on trauma system development and is currently the interim chair of the newly created Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Oklahoma--College of Medicine Tulsa.
4. He has agreed to participate in good faith lending his knowledge and EMS experience to the process as outlined by the Secretary of Transportation.

John C. Sacra, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., emergency physician, has since 1998 served as the full-time Medical Director for the Medical Control Board which provides oversight for pre-hospital care to more than one million Oklahomans. The system, for which Dr. Sacra provides medical oversight, utilizes Fire-based First Responders and a Public Utility Model EMS service for Transport.

Serving Oklahoma City, Tulsa and several contiguous communities in Oklahoma, this busy EMS system represents more than two-thirds of state's EMS runs and has been recognized among the top five systems in the country by *USA Today* in studies comparing cardiac arrest survival rates.

In 2005, Dr. Sacra led an effort in Oklahoma to secure funds for unreimbursed trauma care. This year the fund will distribute \$26 million dollars to physicians, hospitals and EMS providers who provide care for seriously injured patients.

Dr. Sacra has also worked over the past two years to create a communitywide on-call system in Oklahoma City when EMS data showed specialty physicians were not always available to care for time-sensitive conditions. The system utilizes EMS data to determine the number and type of specialists needed and a rotation of hospitals to care for Priority 2 and 3 patients which decompresses the Level 1 trauma center for more critical patients.

He has long been a passionate supporter of trauma system development. He currently consults with the Oklahoma Department of Health on trauma issues and is the interim chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine, Tulsa. He has written articles, contributed textbook chapters, served on many committees and has served on the Governor of Oklahoma's Trauma System Task Force. He has been a consultant for trauma system development and EMS related issues for several states outside of Oklahoma. He has held numerous offices on the state and national levels in such organizations as the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American Trauma Society, becoming the first Emergency Physician to hold the office of president for the ATS. He has chaired the Trauma Committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians on two occasions and also served on the National Faculty for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Before becoming the Medical Director for the Medical Control Board, Dr. Sacra held many administrative positions in addition to working as an emergency physician. He was the Medical Director of the Trauma Emergency Center at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa for 18 years after serving as the Associate Director for the University Hospital Emergency Services in Augusta, Georgia, and the Medical Director of the Emergency Department and as Associate Director for Medical Education for the St. John Medical Center in Tulsa.

Dr. Sacra, who was recognized in 2006 for his contributions to EMS by his colleagues in the American College of Emergency Physicians, is uniquely qualified to serve on the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to the Secretary of Transportation.



