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To: Emergency Medical Services Providers

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Subject: EMS Week 2020 – Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow.

Each year, EMS Week provides the opportunity to recognize the essential and outstanding work that you do. Having served on the front lines for many years as a lifeguard, EMT, Paramedic, and EMS Field Supervisor, I know that this year's EMS Week theme, *Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow* is particularly meaningful.

As an essential member of the front line responding to COVID-19 and in continuing to care for all other emergency medical needs in our community, your work is integral to assuring the health of the public. In frequently risking your own safety to compassionately deliver excellent clinical care and service, often working long hours under difficult circumstances, you are truly a hero. We also recognize those in critical support roles to the delivery of these services and the vital work that they perform. In honor of your efforts, the EMS Agency collaborated with the Board of Supervisors who this morning proclaimed this week as Emergency Medical Services Week in San Mateo County.

On behalf of the team at County EMS and County Health, THANK YOU for your service. You make a tremendous difference in the lives of those who call upon our EMS system during their greatest time of need. We are grateful for all that you do and it is our great honor to support you.

Please be safe, take care of yourself, and don't hesitate to contact any member of the County EMS team or myself if we can be of assistance. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating your work more formally later this year, hopefully during calmer times, through the San Mateo County Prehospital EMS Peer Recognition Awards for Excellence event.

