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Emergency Response And Care Reviewed

The Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency has reviewed the medical response of the patient treated in Isla Vista on October 11, 2015. This has included review of the 911 calls and the medical dispatch process which were found to meet all local and national standards for Emergency Medical Dispatch. The dispatcher handled the situation with appropriate professionalism and in accordance with standard approved protocols. The dispatcher assigned this call to first responders within 30 seconds of the initial 911 call. Sheriff Deputies arrived on scene first within 5 minutes; County firefighters within 6:58 minutes, and AMR ambulance within 8:03 minutes of dispatch. The time to get on scene for the fire engine and ambulance were within the County's established standards, which are based on national standards.

In order to respect the privacy of the family and those involved, as well as to abide by confidentiality regulations, information and details about the direct provision of care in this incident are not provided at this time. The cause of death remains undetermined pending the coroner's report.

The Santa Barbara County EMS system is designed to meet and exceed state and federal standards of care for 911 medical responses. Our local EMS system responds to approximately 150 requests for medical assistance every day. The highly trained professional teams of local responders continually strive to meet and exceed these standards and provide timely and medically appropriate care for each patient. The EMS system has an active quality assurance and quality improvement process. Medical responses are reviewed on a daily basis to ensure that our high standards are met consistently.

Our first responders are always affected by the loss of any life and our condolences are extended to the friends and family of this young man.

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