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**TO:** EMS Stakeholders

**FROM:** Bruce Barton, EMS Director

**DATE:** May 1, 2013

**SUBJECT:** **Countywide SideWalk Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Day**

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Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA), in collaboration with Los Angeles (LA) County EMS Agency and the American Heart Association (AHA), is coordinating a Countywide SideWalk Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) public education event on June 4, 2013. The week of June 2, 2013 is designated as National CPR Week and provides a perfect opportunity for public education on this vital skill.

We would like to invite your organization to participate in this exciting campaign. REMSA will coordinate the participation through pre-registration (attached). Registration provides a contact for us to distribute the basic curriculum, sample press release, program ideas, and rosters/sign-in sheets to track the number of persons trained for the day. Each participating entity will agree to coordinate staff to teach adult, hands only CPR to the public on June 4, 2013.

Training the public in CPR is critical to improving survival from cardiac arrest. Adult "Hands Only" CPR can be taught quickly and effectively by healthcare personnel. Instructors do not need a CPR instructor card, but will need to be comfortable performing CPR and utilize the curriculum provided by REMSA. CPR Anytime Kits (attachment) are available to purchase through the AHA at the cost of \$27 if your facility does not have an adequate supply of manikins available.

Our surrounding counties will also be coordinating SideWalk CPR public education on the same day. At the end of the day, the number of people trained at each site will be reported to REMSA.

We hope that your organization will choose to participate in the Riverside County SideWalk CPR event. I have attached samples of frequently asked questions and a Web link to provide you with a better understanding of this project. If you plan on participating, please complete the attached registration form and return it to REMSA by May 31, 2013. For questions regarding participation, please contact either Nysia or Lucky at the REMSA office: (951) 358-5029

Attachments:  
2013 Sidewalk CPR Registration Form

