



News from the Regional Cooperative Care Program

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San Diego Paramedics Named Best in the World

RCCP Team Awarded Top Honors Down Under

(Queensland, Australia, September 29, 2007) A trio of San Diego paramedics won gold medals at an international clinical skills competition in Australia on September 28. The winning team competed on behalf of the San Diego Regional Cooperative Care Program (RCCP) and was comprised of Dannie Myers from American Medical Response (AMR), James Marugg from the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District and Cory Brown from the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District.

The Australian Simulation Challenge was part of the Australian College of Ambulance Professionals' Asia Pacific International Conference, and the RCCP paramedics beat out six other teams in the competition including second and third place winners Team Canada British Columbia and the New York Fire Department (FDNY), respectively.

The Australian competition involved a scenario which the team had 20 minutes to manage, and the team was judged for the care it provided and the time it took to complete the tasks. The paramedics responded to an incident of unknown nature in a remote location. Upon arrival, the paramedics found the scene secure with multiple individuals on the ground in handcuffs being detained by law enforcement officers. The team had to immediately assess and treat three critical patients, two of which were computerized medical mannequins programmed with severe cardiac symptoms, and later treated a fourth patient who sustained burn injuries. To resolve the scenario, all paramedics needed to actively participate in providing patient care. The team also needed to determine that the law enforcement officers that were part of the scenario were proficient in basic first aid and enlist their assistance with patients.

All equipment, supplies and medications used in the scenario were provided to the team. The paramedics were required to operate under Australian protocols.

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About the RCCP: *The RCCP is a pioneering partnership of AMR San Diego and its fire agency partners in National City, Lemon Grove, La Mesa, the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. It was created to enhance and integrate quality assurance/quality improvement and training programs, ensure seamless and integrated medical direction and incident command structure and provide centralized infection control systems.*