



# FY11 Quarterly Activity Report SECRETAC

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## Current Issues

1. \*Southeastern Colorado has had a very significant increase in the region's fires, which has impacted several programs, projects, personnel and mutual aid resources.

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## Quarterly progress narrative on \$20,000 increased funding

- First of four Farm Medic Course completed, Feb 25 , 26 & 27, 2011 Ordway with 17 participants. High Angle Rescue Course May 6, 7 & 8, 2011 **rescheduled** for June 3, 4, 5 in La Junta at the La Junta Fire and EMS Office.
- \*Farm Medic Course's locations; Rocky Ford (6/24-25-26/11-**Cancelled** and will be rescheduled), Las Animas (6/3-4-5/11-**Cancelled** and will be rescheduled), and Eads (7/22,23,24/11).

The southeastern region of the state has had a very serious and severe fire season and it is not over yet!

1. The Shell Fire in northeastern Las Animas County is currently estimated at 20,000 acres, with 10 percent containment. It is burning near Highway 109 and County Road 62. Evacuations are underway for the Shell Fire on County Road 197.6. Two firefighters have been hurt battling this blaze. One firefighter reportedly from northern Colorado was transported to the hospital for heat exhaustion. The second firefighter is a volunteer from Sugar City. That firefighter has reportedly been treated and released. Crews from Las Animas Fire say the conditions are too dangerous right now and are pulling back firefighters right now.
2. Firefighters are battling a three major fires in southeastern Colorado this weekend. Fire managers say a 9,890-acre fire north of Kim is about 30 percent contained. The 15-square-mile fire initially was estimated at more than double that size, but that has been revised. Fort Carson officials say two wildfires burning on the Army's Piñon Canyon training site were each 75 percent contained Saturday. Together, those fires are burning on about 68 square miles. All are believed to have been sparked by lightning. Firefighters were dealing with forecasts of thunderstorms, hail and up to 60 mph gusts Saturday in parts of southeast Colorado.
3. CAMPO – A wildfire burning near Las Animas grew to about 11 square miles Sunday, leading authorities to call for some home evacuations in Hasty along U.S. Highway 50. Brandon Williams of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management said evacuation orders for about a dozen homes in Hasty on Sunday morning had been lifted by afternoon. The blaze is one of three that started Saturday in southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma panhandle. In neighboring Baca County, Emergency Management Director Riley Frazee said a fatal rollover accident Saturday sparked a three-square-mile wildfire northeast of Campo that destroyed a home, a fire truck from a volunteer fire department, several outbuildings, vehicles, farm implements and machinery. Another home was damaged. The blaze, which

prompted the evacuation of 10 homes in a rural area dotted by grassland and farm fields, was contained early Sunday, said Frazee. No injuries were reported in any of the blazes. The Colorado State Patrol is investigating the cause of the crash Saturday on a county road 11 miles northeast of Campo that killed a 15-year-old girl. Investigators say the car caught fire after it rolled over and landed in a field. Speed and road conditions are being investigated as factors in the crash. The blaze was one of three wildfires that volunteer fire departments from Baca County responded to Saturday as hot, dry and windy weather lingered in the area. Crews were about 25 miles south in neighboring Oklahoma near Boise City fighting a fire along the Cimarron River, and also about 60 miles north in Bent County battling the blaze near John Martin Reservoir south of Hasty when the crash sparked the blaze. "It's getting hotter every day, our crews are run to death out there," Frazee said. "It's been a wildfire about every other day." The county has six volunteer fire departments ranging in size from six to about 15 firefighters. Destroyed in the blaze Saturday was a fire truck from the Vilas Fire Department. Additional details were not immediately available. Frazee said the blaze in Oklahoma was contained Saturday.

- SECRETAC has had to work around these responses as most of the 220+ responders in our region have been either impacted directly, coverage's through mutual aid responses, and with no relief in sight, they just haven't had time to "catch" their breath. Several courses have either been cancelled, with hopes of rescheduling or put on hold for the current period. Mr. Steve Fleming, Instructor for the "High Angle Rescue," course in La Junta on June 3, 4 & 5 will provide a "newsletter" article that will exemplify the challenges, barriers and responses by the EMS community. We gratefully appreciate the state's willingness to provide the flexibility to meet and provide reports, deliverables and programs this spring and summer.

RETAC Activity/Accomplishments by Plan Components	
List any completed goals or accomplishments in the area of EMTS in your region. Please list any partners on specific projects or accomplishments.	
EMTS System Component # and Title	Description of Accomplishment(s) and partner(s).
1. Integration of Health Services	Council & Executive Committee will review Biennial Plan FY2011-13 and make appropriate goals and objectives.
2. EMTS Research	<p>AC Survey, May 2009, identified recommendations: "Develop a relationship with the new school of Public Health &amp; identify injury epidemiology projects...that can be analyzed."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CU at Denver, Public Health team assessment data/research, Prof. Wolf &amp; 5 graduate students provide on-site April 2011, Lamar &amp; La Junta injury epidemiology pediatric needs assessment, "Occupant Protection." Final report available upon request and posted on SECRETAC.org web page.</li> </ul>
3. Legislation & Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council supported Senate Bill 40: The bill requires middle-school and recreational coaches to take online training in how to recognize concussions. The Governor signed the bill. Bill was signed into law. SECRETAC coordinator sent Bill and support documents to all SECRETAC members.</li> <li>• House Bill 1024 for Colorado "ag youth license," was reviewed and no action was taken by the council, for or against. RETAC provided members with the Children's Hospital fact sheet, advising not to support this bill. Bill did not pass</li> <li>• Oct. 9, provided SECRETAD/QRT info to EMSAC regarding a potential legislation, that did not develop.</li> </ul>
4. System Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otero County new ACS system has provided the council with its new format, which meets the K Financial recommendations from the RETACs audit.</li> <li>• SECRETAC received a one-time \$20,000 for regional Training &amp; Education; updated report is included in this quarterly report (4 Farm Medic Courses &amp; 1 High A. Rescue).</li> <li>• SECRETAC received a one-time, six-months (Jan.1-June30, 2011) \$17,500 for RMD/CQI.</li> <li>• SECRETAC received a increase in base funding \$42,500, which includes the annual funding for the RMD/CQI Program (\$35,000 FY2011-12).</li> <li>• SECRETAC received \$10,000 FY10-11 HPP Funds and provide two MCI Courses.</li> <li>• SECRETAC received \$50,000 FY10-11 CDOT Funds and continues SEC Safe Comm.</li> <li>• SECRETAC continues to receive mini-grants from CDOT for targeted issues.</li> <li>• SECRETAC received \$10,000 FY10-11 EMTS Provider Grant and completed project.</li> <li>• SECRETAC received a \$8,900 from CRHC for the AED Program and Rocky Ford EMS added an additional 3 AEDs, Approx. \$3,000 to the original 6 (one per county FY10-11).</li> <li>• SECRETAC received notification of approval of SEC SafeKids Coalition and funds will become available on a per program basis.</li> </ul>
5. Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agencies have completed their County Plans for 2011, which include "R" and staffing proposals (county plans are available on our web page).</li> <li>• Awaiting EMTS Provider Grant reviews, scores and approvals (agencies have requested personnel grant funds for some EMS positions in the RETAC).</li> <li>• SECRETAC continues to have participation at the Community College and SEC EMS, Springfield Training Centers to provide initial, continuing education and currently a collaborative EMT-I course with Lamar Jr. College (LCC) and Springfield EMS Training Center.</li> <li>• One of the major influences for R &amp; R is the regional training and education programs provided by the RETAC. They provide; affordable, accessible, quality education in the region, overcoming a major barrier of having to leave the region for training.</li> </ul>

6. Education Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both community colleges and the Springfield EMS Training Program are offering EMTB and a co-jointly sponsored EMT-I course this FY10-11.</li> <li>Scholarships were provided to local EMS providers for the Children's annual EMS Peds Conference in Denver, Jan. 2011 to Mr. Christian Weber, EMT-I La Junta Fire and EMS and Roland O'Leary, Paramedic, Crowley County Ambulance / MedTrans Ambulance. TCH provided on scholarship and the RETAC match the second scholarship from our Continuing Education Funds.</li> </ul>
7. Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSAPs and dispatchers were recruited for the first MCI Course; Feb. 4 &amp; 5, 2011 in Lamar and the second course in La Junta had three Bent County Dispatchers.</li> <li>Bent County Comm. Ctr., sent one representative-she reported very positive experience at the program and her supervisor is requesting additional programs in the region.</li> </ul>
8. Communication Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCI Courses address communications at both MCI Courses in Lamar (14 participants) and in La Junta (16 participants), April 15th and 16th-<b>Cancelled and rescheduled for May 20th and 21st., 2011.</b> Example: radio interoperative capabilities will be reviewed and tested at the La Junta program. Total 30 participants.</li> </ul>
9. Medical Direction	<p>RMD/CQI Program progress to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and implemented a CQI Committee of the Council. Seven members; including one executive committee member from each county.</li> <li>CQI Committee has now meet three times in the region, with CQI Coordinator Mr. Brandon Chambers.</li> <li>Contractor; Dr. Kevin Weber has provided first annual protocol review and approval for region, March 10th.</li> <li>Contractor has developed and requested agency profiles and CQI program details from agencies and has provided on-site consultations across the region.</li> <li>First annual EMS Medical Directors meeting scheduled for April 11, 2011, Ordway, CO</li> <li>RMD-Dr. Weber, has provided EMTS Office with a newsletter article for the next newsletter.</li> <li>Dr. Weber and local medical director, Dr. John Abbott continue to provide valuable input into their appointed positions with EMPAC at the state level.</li> </ul>
10. Clinical Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently reviewing the regional the recently adopted algorithms and will provide recommendations to the state at the June 22th, 2011 Council meeting in Springfield, CO.</li> <li>RMD Dr. Kevin Weber provided the first annual "EMS Protocol" review meeting and revisions in Pueblo on March 10th. New approved "EMS Protocols," are available on the SECRETAC Web page (<a href="http://www.secretac.org/">http://www.secretac.org/</a>).</li> <li>The SECRETAC Medical Resource Corp (MRC) has received it's second year of funding, \$5,000.00.</li> <li>SECRETAC MRC is currently searching for a new coordinator.</li> </ul>
11. Mass Casualty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 MCI Conferences in FY10-11. MCI East; Lamar, Feb. 4th &amp; 5th, 2011 with 14 participants. MCI West; La Junta, May 20 &amp; 21st, 2011. (16 participants).</li> </ul>

12. Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Safekids approved the SECETAC Safekids Coalition Jan. 17, 2011. SECRETAC Safekids is the only nationally recognized "regional" coalition in the U.S. This partnership will provide the region with state and national resources, grants and support. The current SECRETAC Safe Communities Coordinator, Ms. Cheryl Gilmore will assume the duties and responsibilities of the new coalition, along with her current programs. The CDOT Occupant Protection Grant that currently funds her programs will allow for the increased FTE to provide the time and effort for this new coalition.</li><li>• The Children's Hospital, "Jungle mobile" program has entered into a pilot program with SECRETAC. Our region will house and provide the "Jungle mobile" for local programs in the Spring and Summer of 2011. This pilot program will allow our region to assess and measure the "Junglemobile" programs and identify whether our region should invest in a "Junglemobile" for our own region, or, modify the goals and objectives of the programs to meet our regional unique needs. We appreciate the willingness and cooperation from Children's Hospital to provide us not only with this resource, but, their willingness to provide local programs based on our needs and resources.</li><li>• *Example: The Junglemobile, a mobile, interactive classroom that teaches preschool and elementary aged children about safety is coming to town! Southeast Colorado April 6 2011 &amp; July 29 2011 – August 31 2011 Available: To any SECRETAC agency What Topics Are Addressed--Water safety Seatbelt/booster seat safety, Pedestrian safety, Helmet safety, 911 education, Fall prevention, Fire safety Poison prevention, Farm/ranch safety, ATV safety. The Junglemobile includes educational materials and interactive play to provide a fun learning environment for children from three to ten years of age!</li></ul>
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<p>13. Prevention</p>	<p>SECRETAC Safe Communities, 4th Qtr., 2011Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SECRETAC Safe Communities: The new (2nd of 4 years) CDOT 405OP FY10/11, working on the EMTS/CDOT Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Training grant.</li> <li>• EMTS Grant for Helmets with Safekids and SECRETAC, submitted Feb. 15, 2011. (FY11-12 \$5,000.00).</li> <li>• CPST Program: Awarded the EMTS grant for \$5,000.00 with a 50% matching grant of \$5,000.00 to host a “Child Passenger Safety Technician” (CPST) class in La Junta. We have spent a total of \$5557.61 on the class. We have ordered from Evenflo car seats (40+) of \$2719.72. SECRETAC submitted required documentation and reimbursement request to state June 2011.</li> <li>• CDOT 405 Occupant Protection Grant FY10/11 \$50,000 occupant protection grant to CDOT for Year.</li> <li>• We have purchased 103 Alive at 25 scholarships to be used in conjunction with our Mock DUI programs, we received a in-kind match for \$1000.00 for the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation to help cover the cost of the scholarships **</li> <li>• Safe Communities data collection: Safe Communities subcommittee is collecting MVC data from local EMS Transport agencies.</li> <li>• UC Denver school of public health: Prof. Holly J. Wolf, PhD, MSPH, Colorado School of Public Health and CU Cancer Center, assistant professor in Community and Behavioral Health and Epidemiology in the Colorado School of Public Health and teach community health assessment, program evaluation and project management and her team of 5 master level students collected and analyzed the injury data for our Safe Kids Coalition through 2 different focus groups on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Lamar and La Junta. This collaboration with UC of Denver is offered <b>free</b> to the RETAC and we hope this program will lead to future similar reports and assessments that can provide valuable reliable and quality data and information on our regions EMTS needs. Report available upon request and on our web page. SECRETAC.org</li> </ul> <p>SECRETAC Safe Communities Calendar 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 9 2011 Safe Kids Focus Group Lamar &amp; La Junta</li> <li>• April 13 2011 Mock DUI Springfield</li> <li>• April 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 Child Find Springfield</li> <li>• April 15 2011 Mock DUI Lamar</li> <li>• April 16 2011 Health Fair Springfield</li> <li>• April 19 2011 Mock DUI Crowley County</li> <li>• April 20 2011 K-12 Injury Prevention Fair Walsh</li> <li>• April 26 2011Mock DUI La Junta</li> <li>• April 28 2011 K-12 Injury Prevention Fair Springfield</li> <li>• April 29 2011 Santa Fee Trail Days Las Animas</li> <li>• April 30 2011 Cinco De Mayo La Junta</li> <li>• May Rural Traffic Safety Summit (dates and location TBA)</li> <li>• May 14 2011 Lamar Days</li> <li>• June 4<sup>th</sup> Cruz into Summer Festival Rocky Ford</li> </ul>
<p>14. Information Systems</p>	<p>No specific task at this time.</p>
<p>15. Evaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each C.E. program, coalition program, conference and program has a unique individual evaluation component and are measured against program goals and performance objectives, with summary reports provided with completion of each program.</li> <li>• Financial Audit-finance agent completed implementation of recommendations.</li> <li>• CU/Denver School of Public Health provided a regional injury prevention epidemiology assessment for our region.</li> </ul>