



# **GOLDEN STATE FIRE EMS**

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Saturday, March 15, 2014

**Ellen Satlof**  
**National Athletic Trainers Association**  
**2952 Stemmons Freeway**  
**Dallas, TX 75247**

Dear Ms. Satlof,

On behalf of **Golden State FIRE EMS**, we support the mission and goals of the National Athletic Trainers Association in promoting youth sports safety all throughout the state of California. Prevention and education of sports injuries is a key component of our sports medic division.

Each year, especially during football season, we see many injuries occur during the course of play for which medical care is warranted. Our staff of sports medics are specially trained in the recognition, evaluation and treatment of common injuries such as concussions to spinal injuries associated with contact sports. Too often we witness untrained coaches and game officials allowing previously injured players to enter back into play against medical advice and our position is that this must stop. Our position is to be a voice for the players who may be intimidated or berated for not "playing through the pain" by coaches or parents.

Golden State FIRE EMS commits to the "**Call to Action**" by the **Youth Sports Safety Alliance** through awareness and education as well as criteria set forth by **NATA**.

Sincerely,

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**President**  
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