Hillsborough County Fire Rescue STANDING ORDERS AND PROTOCOL

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1. Basic ALS Treatments

- 2. Initiate passive re-warming procedures:
 - a. Remove wet clothing and remove patient form cold environment.
 - b. Cover patient, including head, with blankets.
 - c. Move patient inside heated ambulance.
- 3. Severe hypothermia (core temp < 95°):
 - a. Place hot packs in the axilla, groin, and carotid regions.
 - b. Handle patient gently because rough handling may precipitate VF
- 4. PALS modifications for cardiac arrest in hypothermia.
 - a. Bradycardia:
 - i. Hypothermic patients may tolerate bradycardia very well.
 - ii. Bradycardia and slow atrial fibrillation are common manifestation of severe hypothermia
 - b. Asystole:
 - i. Perform CPR.
 - c. VF/pVT:
 - i. Defibrillate once at 4 j/kg.
- 5. Contact Medic-1:
 - a. For the administration of drugs.