

EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

FIELD POLICIES

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EMS Agency Medical Director

FIRELINE PARAMEDIC

PURPOSE:

To establish procedures for Fireline Paramedic response from and to Agencies within or outside (local) EMS Agency jurisdiction when requested through the Statewide Fire And Rescue Mutual Aid System, to respond to and provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care on the fireline at wildland fires and on large scale incidents.

AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, v1797.220 California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100165 and 100167 California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System, Mutual Aid Plan.

DEFINITIONS:

Fireline Paramedic (EMPF): State-licensed and locally accredited Paramedic assigned to an incident providing ALS-level pre-hospital care as part of a team with either another Fireline EMT (EMTF) or EMPF and appropriate equipment.

Fireline EMT (EMTF): State-licensed EMT assigned to an incident providing BLS-level pre-hospital care as part of a team with either another EMTF or EMPF and appropriate equipment.

FIRESCOPE (**F**irefighting **RES**ources of **C**alifornia **O**rganized for **P**otential **E**mergencies): The organization/program of the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Advisory Board and the organization/program of FIRESCOPE are to deal with mutual aid, cooperative agreements, and fire/rescue regional policy issues and to advise the Secretary of Cal OES in matters of statewide importance.

POLICY:

- 1) El Dorado County Accredited Paramedics may function within their scope of practice, when serving in an authorized capacity assignment, as an agent of their authorized ALS service fire agency.
- 2) Fireline EMTs/Paramedics must meet the requirements as listed in the current California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) Qualification Guide for Fireline Paramedic (EMPF).
- 3) Under the authority of State regulations, a paramedic may render ALS care during emergency operations as long as the following conditions are met:
 - a) The paramedic is currently licensed by the State of California and is accredited by a County EMS Agency within California.
 - b) The paramedic is currently employed with an ALS provider and possesses the requisite wildland fireline skills and equipment.

- c) The paramedic does not exceed the scope of practice or medical control policies from their county of origin. Paramedics operating in the capacity of a Fireline Paramedic (FEMP) shall follow established LEMSA standing or communication failure protocols.

4) The EMPF is expected to check in and obtain a briefing from the Logistics Section Chief, or the Medical Unit Leader (MEDL) if established.

5) Patient care documentation will be completed on any significant patient contact (beyond basic first aid). Documentation of patient care will be submitted to incident host agencies and a digital electronic Patient Care Record (ePCR) will be forwarded to the El Dorado County EMS Agency.

6) Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) activities shall be in accordance with EDCEMS policy in concert with provider agency CQI procedures.

7) County accredited paramedics acting as EMPFs shall carry the ALS/BLS inventory as determined by EDCEMS, consistent with the FIREScope (EMPF) Position Description. Exceptions shall have prior approval of EDCEMS. The equipment lists are a scaled-down version of standard inventory to meet weight limitations (45 lbs. including wildland safety gear).

8) For controlled substance security a EMPF shall keep all controlled medications in his or her immediate possession (in the same room, vehicle, etc.) at all times, and in a locked container consistent with EDCEMS policy. During EMPF deployment where an EMPF is alone and no witnesses are available, a single signature on the controlled substance log is acceptable; however upon return to the station a second witness signature verifying the contents of the controlled substance pouch is required.

MINIMUM INVENTORY:

BLS EQUIPMENT* (EMTF)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Airway, Oropharyngeal Kit (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Airway, Nasopharyngeal Kit (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Biohazard Bag (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Bag Valve Mask (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Bandage, Sterile 4 x 4 (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Bandage, Triangular (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket, Space (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical Collar, Adjustable (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Pack (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Coban Wraps/Ace Bandage (2 ea.) <input type="checkbox"/> Combat Gauze (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Dextrose Oral (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Dressing, Multi-Trauma (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Wash (1 bottle) <input type="checkbox"/> Exam Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli Bandage (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Kerlix, Kling, 4.5, Sterile (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Mask, Face, Disposable w/eye shield (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pad, Writing (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Pen and Pencil (1 ea.) <input type="checkbox"/> Pen Light (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum Dressing (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Splinter Kit (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors, Medic (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet, Burn or equivalent (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Stethoscope (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sphygmomanometer (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Splint, Moldable <input type="checkbox"/> Suction, Manual Device (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Tape, 1 inch, Cloth (2 rolls) <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer, Digital (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Tourniquet (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Triage Tags (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Triangular Dressing with Pin (2)
ALS EQUIPMENT (BLS equipment is also required for EMPF)	

<p>ALS AIRWAY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Endotracheal Intubation Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ETT (6.0 & 7.5) (1 ea.) <input type="checkbox"/> Laryngoscope Blade Mac 3, stylet and handle (pedi recommended for weight) <input type="checkbox"/> ETT Restraint <input type="checkbox"/> End Tidal CO² Detector <input type="checkbox"/> ETT Verification Device <input type="checkbox"/> Needle Thoracostomy Kit (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Airway (1) <p>BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> AED/SAD Patches (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Compact AED/SAD (waveform display preferred) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Glucometer or Equivalent (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Pulse Oximeter (1 Optional) <p>MISC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sharps Container (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Narcotic Storage (per local protocol)* <input type="checkbox"/> EMPF Pack Inventory Sheet (1) <input type="checkbox"/> PCR (6) <p>IV/MED ADMIN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 cc TB Syringe (2) 10 cc Syringe (2) <input type="checkbox"/> 14 ga. IV Catheter (2) <input type="checkbox"/> 16 ga. IV Catheter (2) <input type="checkbox"/> 18 ga. IV Catheter (2) <input type="checkbox"/> 18 ga. Needle (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 20 ga. IV Catheter (2) <input type="checkbox"/> 25 ga. Needle (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Preps (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Betadine Swabs (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Glucometer Test Strips (4) <input type="checkbox"/> IV Administration Set-Macro-Drip (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lancet (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Razor (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sharps Container (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Transpore Tape (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Venaguard (2) 	<p>MEDICATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aerosolized Beta 2 Specific Bronchodilator (4), OR, <input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol HFA 108mcg/inhalation with attached Aerochamber Spacer (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lidocaine 100 mg Pre-loads (2) or <input type="checkbox"/> Amiodarone 300 mg (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin-Chewable 81 mg (1 bottle) <input type="checkbox"/> Atropine Sulfate 1 mg (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Dextrose 50% 25 G. Pre-Load (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Diphenhydramine 50 mg (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine 1 10,000 1mg (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine 1 1,000 1 mg (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Glucagon 1 mg/unit (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Naloxone – 2 mg (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Nitroglycerin 1/150 gr (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Saline 0.9% IV 1,000 ML – Can be configured into two 500 cc or 4 250cc <p>CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Versed 20 mg <input type="checkbox"/> Fentanyl 600 mcg
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