



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Emergency Medical Services Agency

POLICY #490

TITLE: **FIRELINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – PARAMEDIC (FEMP)**

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Authority: California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.204, 1797.220-226 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100165 (l), 100167.

Purpose: To establish policy allowing Paramedics to function as Fireline Paramedics and provide ALS care outside the Local EMS Agency jurisdiction when requested through the Statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System.

Policy: A Paramedic currently licensed by the State of California and accredited by the Merced County EMS Agency may be authorized to provide ALS care while operating in the capacity of a Fireline Paramedic (FEMP) upon successfully meeting all requirements of this policy.

Definitions: **FEMP** is a state licensed and locally accredited Paramedic who meets all requirements and standards established by FIRESCOPE (ICS223-11).

FEMP Provider is a fire agency approved by the Merced County EMS Agency to provide FEMP services on-scene of an incident during a mutual aid response.

Procedure: Fire agencies seeking authorization to become a FEMP provider shall submit a written request to the EMS Agency. Participating FEMP providers shall be required to provide an operational plan updated once every two years or upon proposing any significant changes. The operational plan shall address the following components:

- A. C.E./Skills Maintenance Plan for FEMP personnel.
- B. Name, license number and California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) qualifications of FEMP personnel.
- C. Medication restock and controlled substance security plan.
- D. QA/QI program plan.
- E. Additional information as required by MCEMSA.

During mutual aid response into another jurisdiction, a FEMP may provide ALS interventions that are Standing Orders only. At no time shall a FEMP perform any procedure or intervention identified as Base Hospital or Physician Orders.

FEMP personnel shall only provide ALS interventions to firefighters suffering from a medical condition or traumatic injury who are assigned to the mutual aid incident.

The FEMP must be on duty and employed by an approved FEMP Provider.

Patient care records shall be maintained in accordance with EMS Agency Patient Care Record Policies and Procedures.

The FEMP shall provide a brief written Patient Care Report (i.e., Ambulance Report Form) to ambulance personnel, when possible, before start of patient transport. This is in addition to a Patient Care Report that shall be completed and submitted to the EMS Agency for review.

The participating FEMP agency shall provide incident reports, related data, or program evaluations to the EMS Agency upon request.

Equipment: The FEMP shall carry a minimum supply of medications and equipment consistent with the FIRESCOPE ICS 223-11 Appendix B Fireline ALS Pack Inventory.