

TACTICAL PARAMEDIC

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide designation and operational guidelines for the Tactical Paramedic.

DEFINITION

Tactical Paramedic – A paramedic who meets all established pre-requisites and is authorized to provide medical support services for law enforcement operations.

POLICY

- A. Under the authority of State regulations, Marin County paramedics may render care during law enforcement operations as long as the following conditions are met:
 1. They are in possession of a valid California Paramedic License.
 2. They are accredited by the Marin County EMS Agency
 3. They are affiliated with a Marin County provider approved by the Marin County EMS Agency.
 4. They have successfully completed a Tactical Medicine Course that is certified by the Peace Officers Training and Standards (POST) and approved by the California EMS Authority.
- B. When requested for an out of county mutual aid assignment, personnel may utilize the scope of practice for which they are trained and accredited according to the policies and procedures established by the Marin County EMS Agency.

OPERATIONS

- A. Marin County tactical paramedics are authorized to provide pre-hospital care within the scope of practice allowed by the State of California and the Marin County EMS Agency. Reference. Health and Safety Code Sec.1797.192, County of Marin EMS Policy & Procedures Manual current edition.
- B. The assignment and/or deployment of any tactical paramedic during a law enforcement response shall be at the sole discretion of the law enforcement agency or department in accordance with established policies and operational procedures.
- C. Marin County tactical paramedics will maintain (AVAILABLE AT THE SCENE) a minimum equipment and supply list, a drug and solution inventory, and the equipment and supplies commensurate with Marin County EMS authorized scope of practice.
- D. Tactical paramedics must be sworn peace officers in order to carry a firearm.
- E. All patient care will be reviewed through the CQI process.
- F. Controlled substances shall be stored and handled in accordance with Marin County EMS and local agency policies.

QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Designation by an ALS Provider Agency as a Tactical Paramedic must include verification that the paramedic has completed the requirements outlined in the California POST/California EMSA Tactical Medicine Operational Programs and Standardized Training Recommendations.

RELATED POLICIES

Provider Equipment List, 5010

MPMP

Patient Care Record, 7006