

# FIRELINE PERSONNEL

## PURPOSE

To establish policy for EMTs and paramedics to function as Fireline personnel when requested through the statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System to respond to and provide Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) care on the fireline at wildland fires.

## DEFINITION

**Fireline Emergency Personnel** – An EMT or Paramedic who meets all pre-requisites established by FIRESCOPE and is authorized by their department to provide treatment on the fireline.

## POLICY

- A. Under the authority of State regulations, EMTs or paramedics may render care during mutual aid operations as long as the following conditions are met:
  1. They are in possession of a valid California Paramedic License or EMT certificate
  2. They are accredited by a local EMS agency
  3. They are affiliated with a Marin provider approved by the local EMS Agency
  4. They may utilize the scope of practice for which s/he is trained and accredited according to the policies and procedures established by his/her accrediting local EMS agency
- B. When requested for an out of county 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 EMS Agency.
- C. This policy is not intended to replace existing EMS or circumvent the established response of EMS within any jurisdiction.

## OPERATIONS

- A. Marin County personnel are authorized to provide pre-hospital care within the scope of practice allowed by the State of California and the Marin EMS Agency.
- B. Marin County personnel will be equipped with the items on the EMT or paramedic inventory list as well as any required firefighting equipment.
- C. It is recognized that the Fireline personnel cannot carry the same amount of equipment and supplies as would normally be stocked on a BLS/ALS vehicle. The inventory is based on the anticipated needs while considering the size and weight of the equipment and supplies.
- D. Marin County personnel shall comply with all Marin County EMS Agency policies, procedures when functioning as a Fireline EMT or paramedic.
- E. The personnel shall present their credentials (paramedic license or EMT certificate, accreditation card and department identification) to the Medical Unit Leader who will forward that information to the local EMS Agency having responsibility for the area being affected by the incident.

- F. The Fireline personnel are expected to check in and obtain a briefing from the Logistics Section Chief, or the Medical Unit Leader if established at the Incident.
- G. Documentation of patient care will be in accordance with Marin County EMS Policy 7006. Fireline personnel should utilize the Marin EMS Field Transfer Form (FTF) for all patients encountered at the incident. Documentation on the FTF must include the incident number assigned to the specific incident (e.g. CA Scu 00025123). The original copy will be retained by the Fireline personnel employing agency, one copy will accompany the patient (if transported) and one copy will go to the Medical Unit Leader.
- H. Upon returning to the incident base, cover station, or back to Marin County an electronic patient care record shall be completed.
- I. All PCR's at the incident or cover assignment will be reviewed through the home agency CQI process.
- J. Controlled substances shall be stored and handled in accordance with Marin EMS and local agency policies.

## **QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING**

Designation by a BLS or ALS Provider Agency as Fireline personnel must include verification that the Fireline personnel have completed the requirements outlined in the FIRESCOPE Position Manual for FEMT and FEMP.

## **RELATED POLICIES**

Provider Equipment List, 5010