

# SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 461

## SUBJECT: FIRELINE PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS

### **PURPOSE:**

To establish procedures for Fireline Paramedic response from and to agencies within or outside the S-SV 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.

### **AUTHORITY:**

California Health and Safety Code 1797.204, 1797.220

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Section 100165 & 100167

California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System, Mutual Aid Plan, (3-2002)

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Fireline Paramedic:** A paramedic who meets all pre-requisites established by Firescope and is authorized by their department to provide ALS treatment on the fireline.

### **PRINCIPLES:**

- A. When requested by an Incident Management team, a paramedic may utilize the scope of practice for which they are trained and accredited according to the policies and procedures established by their accrediting LEMSA.
- B. These guidelines are not intended to replace existing EMS or circumvent the established response of EMS in the local County or EMS region.

### **PROCEDURE:**

- A. Fireline Paramedic programs shall be reviewed and approved by the S-SV EMS Agency.
- B. Designation by the paramedic's S-SV EMS approved ALS Provider Agency as a Fireline Paramedic ensures that the paramedic has completed standard Firescope education.

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- C. The Fireline Paramedic shall present their credentials (paramedic license, S-SV EMS Agency accreditation card and department identification) to the Medical Unit Leader upon arrival at the incident.
- D. Under the authority of California State regulations, a paramedic may render ALS care during emergency operations as long as the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The paramedic is currently licensed by the State of California and is accredited by a LEMSA within California.
  - 2. The paramedic is currently employed with an approved ALS provider and possesses the requisite wildland fireline skills and equipment.
  - 3. The paramedic does not exceed the scope of practice or medical control policies from their LEMSA of origin.
- E. The Fireline Paramedic will follow all S-SV EMS policies and treatment protocols in the provision of ALS care on the fireline and will not administer any medication or perform any procedures listed as 'Base Hospital Physician Order Only' without such approval from an appropriate Base Hospital Physician.
- F. Controlled substances will be obtained, secured and inventoried as indicated in S-SV EMS 'Management of Controlled Substances' policy, Reference No. 710.
- G. Documentation of patient care will be completed as indicated in S-SV EMS 'Patient Care Report (PCR) Form' policy, Reference No. 605.
- H. S-SV EMS approved Fireline Paramedic personnel will carry the items listed in S-SV EMS 'Fireline Paramedic Inventory' policy, Reference No. 702, when responding to wildland fires to provide ALS care in such a capacity.

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

Patient Care Report (PCR) Form, Reference No. 605

Fireline Paramedic Inventory, Reference No. 702

Management of Controlled Substances, Reference No. 710

Base Hospital / Modified Base Hospital Contact, Reference No. 812

Communication Failure, Reference No. 890