

Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

Temporary Recognition Of EMS Personnel

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PURPOSE:

To establish a process for temporary recognition of EMS personnel on mutual aid/disaster incidents within the S-SV EMS region, to allow the S-SV EMS Medical Director to maintain adequate medical control of the EMS system and protect the public health and safety.

AUTHORITY:

- A. HSC § 1797.202, § 1797.204, § 1797.206, § 1797.218, § 1797.220, 1797.227, § 1798.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Div. 9, Ch. 3.1, Ch. 3.2, Ch. 3.3.

POLICY:

- A. California Credentialed EMS Personnel
 - 1. California Certified EMT Personnel:
 - a. During a mutual aid/disaster response into the S-SV EMS region, a California certified EMT may utilize the scope of practice for which they are trained/authorized according to the policies and procedures of the local EMS agency (LEMSA) where they are certified and/or employed as part of an organized EMS system.
 - 2. California Certified Advanced EMT (AEMT) Personnel:
 - a. During a mutual aid/disaster response into the S-SV EMS region, a California certified AEMT may utilize the scope of practice for which they are trained/authorized according to the policies and procedures of the LEMSA within the jurisdiction where the AEMT is employed as part of an organized EMS system.
 - 3. California Licensed/LEMSA Accredited Paramedic Personnel:
 - a. A California licensed paramedic shall be affiliated with a LEMSA approved paramedic service provider to provide EMS care in the S-SV EMS region.
 - b. During a mutual aid/disaster response into the S-SV EMS region, a California licensed/accredited paramedic employed by a LEMSA approved paramedic service provider may utilize the scope of practice for which they are trained/accredited according to the policies and procedures of the accrediting LEMSA.

B. EMS Personnel not Credentialed in California

1. EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California must obtain temporary recognition from S-SV EMS before they may provide EMS care within the S-SV EMS region. AEMT personnel not credentialed in California may only be granted temporary recognition to function as an EMT within the S-SV EMS region.
2. EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California who have received temporary recognition from S-SV EMS may utilize the scope of practice for which they have been trained/authorized by a recognized EMS credentialing entity.
3. For the S-SV EMS Medical Director to maintain adequate medical control of the EMS system, and to protect the public health and safety, the following information/documentation shall be submitted by a Provider Organization and be approved by S-SV EMS prior to authorizing temporary recognition of EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California.

Public EMS Provider Organization Requirements:

- a. The public EMS provider organization, incident Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), or authorized designee shall submit the following EMS personnel documents to S-SV EMS at the time of incident assignment, which will be valid for the applicable incident assignment only:
 - i. Copies of current/valid EMS credentials for each EMT/paramedic.
 - ii. Confirmation that the EMT/paramedic is employed by and in good standing with the public EMS provider organization.
- b. By requesting temporary recognition to provide EMS care within the S-SV EMS region, the public EMS provider organization agrees to submit all incident related patient care reports (PCRs) to S-SV EMS within 7 calendar days of incident demobilization, or within 24-hours of a request from an authorized S-SV EMS representative in response to an EMS complaint/ investigation related to an incident.

Private EMS Provider Organization Requirements:

- a. A private EMS provider organization not authorized/permitted by a California LEMSA shall submit the following documents to S-SV EMS prior to operating within the S-SV EMS region (attachment 462-A):
 - i. Name, telephone number, and email address of the EMS provider organization's management contact and medical director.
 - ii. Copies of applicable EMS business license(s)/permit(s).
 - iii. A letter from the entity/state where the organization is authorized to provide EMS services, stating they are an authorized EMS provider in good standing.

- iv. Identification of which patient care protocols will be utilized by the organization's EMS personnel (State EMS protocols, EMS provider organization protocols, etc.).
 - v. The organization's EMS documentation & data collection policy/process and an explanation of how the organization will submit incident PCRs to S-SV EMS.
 - vi. Attestation that the organization agrees to submit all incident related PCRs to S-SV EMS within 7 calendar days of incident demobilization, or within 24-hours of a request from an authorized S-SV EMS representative in response to an EMS complaint/investigation related to an incident.
 - vii. Copy of the organization's policy/process ensuring secure storage/ handling of controlled substances (if applicable).
 - viii. Copy of the organization's quality improvement plan/process.
 - ix. Attestation that any patient transport vehicle used in the provision of EMS services within the S-SV EMS region is mechanically sound and that the organization's personnel agree not to transport any patient from the incident directly to an acute care hospital without the direction/ approval of the IC, MEDL, or authorized designee.
- b. A private EMS provider organization shall submit the following EMS personnel documents to S-SV EMS at the time of incident assignment, which will be valid for the applicable incident assignment only:
- i. Copies of current/valid EMS credentials for each EMT/paramedic.
 - ii. A brief resume for each EMT/paramedic verifying a minimum of 1 year EMS experience.
 - iii. Confirmation that the EMT/paramedic is not under investigation by the employer or any applicable EMS personnel credentialing entity. If applicable, a summary of any open investigations shall also be included.

Incident Command/Management Requirements:

- a. Confirmation from the incident Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), or authorized designee, that there is a need to utilize EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California to meet the medical needs of the incident.
- b. Submission of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority's 'REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY RECOGNITION OF OUT-OF-STATE EMS PERSONNEL RESPONDING ON MUTUAL AID IN CALIFORNIA' (EMSA-920) or equivalent form listing all applicable EMT/paramedic personnel and their relevant credentialing information (minimum of EMS provider level, certifying/ licensing entity & certification/license number).

PROCEDURE:

- A. The incident MEDL, or authorized designee, shall notify S-SV EMS of any incident within the S-SV EMS region where an incident action plan (IAP) and incident medical plan involving the utilization of EMS personnel to provide incident related medical care has been established. The MEDL, or authorized designee, shall provide appropriate incident related medical system updates to S-SV EMS for the duration of the incident. S-SV EMS notifications required under this section of the policy shall be made in a timely manner, as incident conditions/personnel allow.
- B. The following EMS personnel do not require S-SV EMS approval prior to utilizing their scope of practice identified in applicable California statutes/regulations and LEMSA policies/protocols (note: for medical control and tracking purposes, S-SV EMS notification of personnel names and credentials, including employer, shall be made in a timely manner, as incident conditions/personnel allow).
 1. Individuals with a current/valid California EMT certificate, regardless of EMS employer.
 2. Individuals with a current/valid California AEMT certificate who are employed by an LALS/ALS provider approved by the LEMSA with whom they are certified.
 3. Individuals with a current/valid California paramedic license and California LEMSA accreditation, who are employed by an ALS provider approved by the LEMSA with whom they are accredited.
- C. EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California must obtain temporary recognition from S-SV EMS before they may provide EMS care within the S-SV EMS region.
 1. S-SV EMS staff, under the direction of the S-SV EMS Medical Director, will evaluate all submitted documentation as it relates to a request for temporary recognition of EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California.
 - a. It is recommended that the private EMS provider organization information/documents required by this policy (attachment 462-A, excluding the incident specific EMS personnel credentialing documents) be submitted to S-SV EMS prior to accepting any assignment, if the organization anticipates providing EMS services within the S-SV EMS region. These documents will be valid for the remainder of the calendar year in which they are submitted/approved.
 - b. Failure to submit the documentation required by this policy will result in the denial of temporary recognition of applicable EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California.
 - c. Additional information/documentation may be requested by S-SV EMS prior to authorizing temporary recognition of applicable EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California.

- d. Any concerns by S-SV EMS staff related to their review of the documentation required by this policy will be forwarded to the S-SV EMS Medical Director for additional review/consideration.
 - e. The decision of the S-SV EMS Medical Director to approve or deny temporary recognition of EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California is final.
 - f. The S-SV EMS Medical Director may revoke temporary recognition of EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California at any time, upon providing written notification and an explanation for any such revocation.
 - g. S-SV EMS will review all submitted documents within 5 business days of receiving all required documents. Submitted documents will only be reviewed Monday through Friday during regular business hours.
2. The S-SV EMS Medical Director may waive certain requirements for temporary recognition of EMT/paramedic personnel not credentialed in California on an urgent/emergent basis when there is a current/imminent threat to the public health and safety. However, no such waiver shall apply to personnel who are employed by an EMS provider organization who is unwilling/unable to comply with the requirements contained in this policy
 3. If an incident starts in an adjoining LEMSA and subsequently moves to the S-SV EMS region, the Private EMS Provider Organization's personnel may complete their deployment even if the Private EMS Provider Organization is not compliant with Policy 462. Once the original deployment is completed and if the Private EMS Provider Organization is not compliant with Policy 462 then the Private EMS Provider Organization cannot complete a crew 'swap'.

S-SV EMS AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

S-SV EMS contact information for notifications or documentation submissions related to this policy are as follows:

A. Telephone Contact:

1. Primary 24/7 Duty Officer: (916) 625-1710
2. Backup #1: (712) 229-2164
3. Backup #2: (530) 906-0079

B. Email Contact:

1. Primary 24/7 Duty Officer: DutyOfficer@ssvems.com
2. Backup #1: info@ssvems.com