

Subject: Provider
Fireline Paramedic

Associated Policies:

I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)

- A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
- B. California code of Regulations, Title 22, Div 9, Section 100165 (I)
- C. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures
- D. FIRESCOPE

II. Purpose

Establish procedures for Fireline Emergency Medical Paramedic response to agencies within or outside of the (local) EMS Agency jurisdiction when requested through the statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, to respond to and provide Advance Life Support (ALS) care on the fire line at Mutual Aid related incidents within California to include wildland and moderate to major fire conflagration fires.

III. Policy

- A. Under the authority of State regulations, a NCEMS Paramedic may provide ALS care during emergency operations as long as the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The paramedic is currently licensed by the State of California, is accredited by NCEMS and in good standings with NCEMS.
 - 2. The paramedic is currently employed with an ALS provider and possesses the requisite fireline skills and equipment.
 - 3. The paramedic is on duty for a North Coast EMS approved ALS provider agency on a mutual aid response.
 - 4. The paramedic does not exceed the scope of practice or medical control policies from NCEMS. Paramedics operating in the capacity of a fireline EMT-Paramedic (FEMP) shall follow established NCEMS standing or communication failure protocols.
- B. Documentation of patient care will be completed as per NCEMS and Local EMSA Policies and Procedures.
 - 1. Documentation of Patient Care will be submitted to incident host agencies. A copy of the Patient Care Record (PCR) will be forwarded to NCEMS.
 - 2. Continuous Quality Improvement activities shall be in accordance with NCEMS policy in concert with provider agency CQI procedures.
- C. Equipment & Drug Inventory
 - 1. To include at minimum inventory consistent with Firescope FEMP ICS 223-11 Appendix "A" (BLS Pack) and Appendix "B" (ALS Pack).
 - 2. Reasonable variations may occur with consideration to weight, length of assignment and access to additional supplies.

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3. Controlled substance to be secured according to NCEMS policy.
4. The physician under whose license the controlled substances have been issued shall have approved the use of the controlled substances for the associated mutual aid response.

D. Accountability

1. Upon arrival at an incident, Fireline EMT-P will check in and receive a briefing from the Logistics Section Chief or the Medical Unit Leader if established.

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