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**FIRELINE PARAMEDIC**

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**1. PURPOSE**

To establish procedures for FIRELINE Paramedic operations by Alameda County Accredited Paramedics at locations outside of the jurisdictional area of the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency when requested through the Statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, to respond to and provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care on the fire line at wildland fires.

**2. AUTHORITY**

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, v1797.220 California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100165 and 100167, California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System, Mutual Aid Plan, (3-2002).

**3. POLICY**

Alameda County Accredited Paramedics may function within their scope of practice, when serving in an authorized capacity assignment, as an agent of their authorized ALS service Fire Agency.

- 3.1 Under the authority of State regulations, a paramedic may render ALS care during emergency operations as long as the following conditions are met:
  - 3.1.1 The paramedic is currently licensed by the State of California and is accredited by a County EMS Agency within California.
  - 3.1.2 The paramedic is currently employed with an ALS provider and possesses the requisite wildland FIRELINE skills and equipment.
  - 3.1.3 The paramedic does not exceed the scope of practice or medical control policies from their county of origin.
  - 3.1.4 Paramedics operating in the capacity of FIRELINE Paramedic shall follow established standing or communication failure protocols from their county of origin.
- 3.2 The FIRELINE Paramedic is expected to check in and obtain a briefing from the Logistics Section Chief, or the Medical Unit Leader if established at the Wildfire Incident.
- 3.3 Documentation of patient care shall be in accordance with Alameda County EMS Policy, and records will be submitted to County EMS upon completion of assigned duty. All ALS contacts require documentation via an approved method and documentation of all ALS contacts shall be reviewed through the agency's approved QA process.
- 3.4 Continuous Quality Improvement activities shall be in accordance with Alameda County standards.
- 3.5 County accredited paramedics shall carry the ALS/BLS inventory (**Appendix A**) consistent with the FIRESCOPE FIRELINE Paramedic Position Description. Reasonable variations may occur; however, any exceptions shall have prior approval of the EMS Agency. The equipment lists are a minimalist scaled down version of standard inventory in order to meet workable/packable weight limitations (45 lbs. including safety gear.).

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## 3.6 Controlled Substances

- 3.6.1 Paramedics will bring with them the amount and type outlined on the inventory located within the FIRESCOPE position manual. This may be adjusted as required by LEMSA policy. Use of a controlled substance will be consistent with the provider agency/home unit LEMSA protocol.
- 3.6.2 All required documentation will be completed as per the provider agency and/or LEMSA policy.
- 3.6.3 In the event there is a need to restock controlled substances, agencies may elect to transfer medication directly to the FIRELINE Paramedic through established protocol. If restock is not possible, the FIRELINE Paramedic can continue to function without access to the controlled substances.
- 3.6.4 The security of the controlled substances must follow the existing policies established by the home agency and/or LEMSA.

**FIRELINE PARAMEDIC****APPENDIX A – INVENTORY/EQUIPMENT LIST****BASIC LIFE SUPPORT**

Airway, Nasopharyngeal (1)  
 Airway Oropharyngeal (1)  
 Bag Valve Mask (1)  
 Band Aids (various sizes)  
 Bandage, Sterile 4x4 (6)  
 Bandage, Triangular (2)  
 Biohazard Waste Bag (2)  
 Blanket (2)  
 Cervical Collar, Adjustable (1)  
 Coban Wraps/Ace Bandages (2 each)  
 Cold Pack (3)  
 Dextrose Oral (1)  
 Dressing, Multi-Trauma (4)  
 Eye Wash (1)  
 Gloves, Exam (box)  
 Kerlix/Kling 4.5 Sterile (2)  
 Mask, Face, Disposable w/eye shield (1)  
 Mole Skin  
 Pad, Writing  
 Pen and Pencil (1 ea.)  
 Pen Light (1)  
 Petroleum Dressing (2)  
 Scissors, Medic (1)  
 Sheet, Burn or equivalent (1)  
 Sphygmomanometer (1)  
 Splint, Moldable (1)  
 Splinter Kit (1)  
 Stethoscope (1)  
 Suction, Manual Device (1)  
 Tape, 1 inch, Cloth (2 rolls)  
 Thermometer, Digital (1)  
 Tourniquet, Commercially Available (2)  
 Triage Tags (6)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Refusal of Care Forms (3)  
 FEMP Pack Inventory Sheet (1)  
 Controlled Substance Storage (per local protocol/agency specific)  
 Patient Care Record (PCR) (6)

**ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT****ALS Airway Equipment:**

Endotracheal Intubation Equipment
 

- ETT w/Stylette (6.0 and 7.5) (1 ea.)
- Laryngoscope Blades, Mac 4/Miller 4 (1ea.)
- Laryngoscope Handle (Pediatric recommended to reduce weight)
- King Tube (1)

 End Tidal CO2 Detector (1)  
 ETT Restraint (1)  
 Needle Thoracostomy Kit (1)

**IV/Medication Administration Supplies:**

1cc TB Syringe (2)  
 10cc Syringe (2)  
 14ga IV Catheter (2)  
 16ga IV Catheter (2)  
 18ga IV Catheter (2)  
 20ga IV Catheter (2)  
 18ga needle (4)  
 25ga needle (2)  
 Alcohol/Chlorhexidine Swabs (6)  
 Glucometer Test Strips (4)  
 IV Administration Set (Macro-Drip) (2)  
 Lancet (4)  
 Razor (1)  
 Sharps Container (1)  
 Tourniquet (2)  
 Transpore Tape (1)  
 Venaguard (2)

**Biomedical Equipment:**

AED/SAD Patched (2)  
 Compact AED/SAD (waveform display preferred) (1)  
 Glucometer (1)  
 Pulse Oximeter (1 optional)

**Medications:**

Aerosolized Beta 2 Specific Bronchodilator (MDI with spacer) (1)  
 Amiodarone 150mg (3)  
 ASA-Chewable 81mg (2)  
 Atropine Sulfate 1mg (2)  
 Dextrose 10%/10gm (2)  
 Diphenhydramine 50mg (4)  
 Epinephrine 1:1,000 1mg (4)  
 Epinephrine 1:10,000 1mg (2)  
 Glucagon 1mg (1)  
 Fentanyl Citrate 100mcg (4)  
 Naloxone 2mg (2)  
 Nitroglycerine 0.4mg (10 patient doses)  
 Normal Saline 0.9% IV (1,000ml) – can be configured into (2) 500cc or (4) 250cc  
 Versed 5mg (4)