EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY
FIELD POLICIES

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Scope: ALS Personnel

EMS Agency Medical Director

FIRELINE PARAMEDIC

PURPOSE:

To establish procedures for Fireline Paramedic response from and to Agencies within or outside (local) 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, 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).

POLICY:

1) El Dorado 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.

2) Fire service providers shall establish non-medical qualifications in order to serve as a Fireline Paramedic (e.g., fitness requirements, minimum experience requirements, etc.)

3) Under the authority of State regulations, a paramedic may render ALS care during emergency operations as long as the following conditions are met:

   a. The paramedic is currently licensed by the State of California and is accredited by a County EMS Agency within California.

   b. The paramedic is currently employed with an ALS provider and possesses the requisite wildland fireline skills and equipment.

   c. The paramedic does not exceed the scope of practice or medical control policies from their county of origin. Paramedics operating in the capacity of a Fireline Paramedic (FEMP) shall follow established LEMSA standing or communication failure protocols.

4) The FEMT-P is expected to check in and obtain a briefing from the Logistics Section Chief, or the Medical Unit Leader (MEDL) if established at the Wildfire Incident.

5) Documentation of patient care will be completed on any significant patient contact (beyond basic first aid). Documentation of Patient Care will be submitted to incident host agencies and a legible copy of the Patient Care Record (PCR) will be forwarded to the El Dorado County EMS Agency

6) Continuous Quality Improvement activities shall be in accordance with EDCEMS policy in concert with provider agency CQI procedures.

7) County accredited paramedics shall carry the ALS/BLS inventory consistent with the FIRESCOPE FEMP 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 wildland safety gear).

8) For controlled substance security a FEMP shall keep all controlled medications in his or her immediate possession (in the same room, vehicle, etc.) at all times. During FEMP deployment where a FEMP is alone and no witnesses are available, a single signature on the controlled substance log is acceptable; however upon return to the station a second witness signature verifying the contents of the controlled substance pouch is required.

FEMP MINIMUM INVENTORY:

BLS EQUIPMENT* (FEMT)	
□ Airway, Oral Pharyngeal Kit	□ Pad, Writing (1)
□ Biohazard Bag (2)	□ Pen and Pencil (1 ea.)
□ Bag Valve Mask (1)	□ Triangular Dressing with Pin (2)
□ Space Blanket (2)	□ Splinter Kit (1)
□ Bandage, Sterile 4 x 4 (6)	□ Scissors, Medic (1)
□ Bandage, Triangular (2)	□ Sheet, Burn or equivalent (2)
□ Cervical Collar, Adjustable	□ Stethoscope (1)
□ Cold Pack (3)	□ Sphygmomanometer (1)
□ Dextrose Oral (1)	□ Splint, Moldable
□ Dressing, Multi-Trauma (4)	□ Suction, Manual Device (1)
□ Eye Wash (1 bottle)	□ Tape, 1 inch, Cloth (2 rolls)
□ Pen Light (1)	□ Petroleum Dressing (2)
□ Exam Gloves	□ Thermometer, Digital (1)
□ Coban Wraps/Ace Bandage (2 ea.)	□ Triage Tags (6)
□ Kerlix, Kling, 4.5, Sterile (2)	□ Israeli Bandage (1)
□ Mask, Face, Disposable w/eye shield (1)	□ Combat Gauze/Sponge (1 ea)

ALS EQUIPMENT (FEMP) *BLS equipment is also required for FEMP	
ALS AIRWAY:	**MEDICATIONS:**
□ Endotracheal Intubation Equipment (6.0, 7.5 ET – Mac 4, Miller 4, stylette and handle-pedi recommended for weight)	□ Aerosolized Beta 2 Specific Bronchodilator (4)
□ Rescue Airway (1)	□ Albuterol HFA 108mcg/inhalation with attached Aerochamber Spacer (2)
□ ETT Restraint	□ Lidocaine 100 mg Pre-loads (2) or
□ End Tidal CO_2 Detector	□ Amiodarone 300 mg (1)
□ ETT Verification Device	□ Aspirin-Chewable 80 mg (1 bottle)
□ Needle Thoracostomy Kit (1)	□ Atropine Sulfate 1 mg (2)
	□ Dextrose 50% 25 G. Pre-Load (1)
BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT:	□ Diphenhydramine 50 mg (4)
□ Compact AED/SAD (waveform display preferred) (1)	□ Epinephrine 1 10,000 1mg (2)
□ AED/SAD Patches (2)	□ Epinephrine 1 1,000 1 mg (4)
□ Pulse Oximeter (1 Optional)	□ Glucagon 1 mg/unit (1)
□ Glucometer or Equivalent (1)	□ Versed 20 mg
	□ Morphine Sulfate 10 mg/ml (6), OR;
MISC:	□ Fentanyl 600 mcg
□ Sharps Container (1)	□ Naloxone – 2 mg (2)
□ Narcotic Storage (per local protocol)*	□ Nitroglycerin 1/150 gr (1)
□ FEMP Pack Inventory Sheet (1)	□ Saline 0.9% IV 1,000 ML – Can be

□ PCR (6) **IV/MED ADMIN:** □ IV Administration Set-Macro-Drip (2) □ Venaguard (2) □ Alcohol Preps (6) □ Betadine Swabs (4) □ Tourniquet (2) □ Razor (1) □ Transpore Tape (1) □ 14 ga. IV Catheter (2) □ 16 ga. IV Catheter (2) □ 18 ga. IV Catheter (2) □ 20 ga. IV Catheter (2) □ 10 cc Syringe (2) □ 1 cc TB Syringe (2) □ 18 ga. Needle (4) □ 25 ga. Needle (2) □ Glucometer Test Strips (4) □ Lancet (4)	configured into two 500 cc or 4 250cc