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Responsibilities

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I. Authority

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 3 & 4

II. Definitions

A. "Advance Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)" means a California certified EMT with additional training in limited advanced life support (LALS) according to the standards prescribed in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3, and who has a valid AEMT wallet-sized certificate card issued pursuant to this policy

B. "Agency" means the Mountain-Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency.

C. "Mountain-Valley EMS System" means the geographic areas within the member counties of the Agency.

D. "Paramedic" means an individual who is educated and trained in all elements of prehospital advanced life support (ALS); whose scope of practice to provide ALS is in accordance with the standards prescribed by CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, and who has a valid license issued pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4.

III. Purpose

To establish the requirements for all Agency approved Advanced EMT (AEMT) and/or Paramedic prehospital service provider agencies.

IV. Policy

A. AEMT Prehospital Service Provider Agency Specific Responsibilities:

1. An approved AEMT prehospital service provider agency shall:

- a. Provide emergency medical service response on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis unless otherwise specified by the Agency, in which case there shall be adequate justification for the exemption (e.g., lifeguards, ski patrol, personnel, etc.).
- b. Have and agree to utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified in Agency policies.
- c. Maintain LALS medical equipment and supplies specified in Agency policies.

- d. Ensure that security mechanisms and procedures are established for controlled substances, when applicable, as indicated in Agency policies.
 - e. Have a written agreement with the Agency to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable State regulations, and local policies and procedures, including participation in the Agency Emergency Medical Services Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP).
 - f. Be responsible for assessing the current knowledge of their AEMTs in local policies, procedures, and protocols and for assessing their AEMTs skills competency.
2. If, through the EMSQIP the employer or Agency Medical Director determines that an AEMT needs additional training, observation or testing, the employer and the Agency Medical Director may create a specific and targeted program of remediation based upon the identified need of the AEMT. If there is disagreement between the employer and the Agency Medical Director, the decision of the Agency Medical Director shall prevail.
 3. No AEMT service provider shall advertise itself as providing LALS or ALS services unless it does, in fact, routinely provide LALS or ALS services on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis, and meets the requirements of Agency policies.
 4. No responding unit shall advertise as providing LALS or ALS services unless it does, in fact, provide LALS or ALS services and meets the requirements of Agency policies.
 5. The Agency may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of an AEMT service provider for failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.
- B. Paramedic Prehospital Service Provider Agency Specific Responsibilities:
1. An approved Paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall:
 - a. Provide emergency medical service response on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis, unless otherwise specified by the Agency, in which case there shall be an adequate justification for the exemption (e.g., lifeguards, ski patrol personnel, etc.).
 - b. Utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified in Agency policies.
 - c. Maintain ALS medical equipment and supplies specified in Agency policies.
 - d. Ensure that security mechanisms and procedures are established for controlled substances as indicated in Agency policies.
 - e. Have a written agreement with the Agency to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable State regulations and local policies and procedures, including participation in the Agency Emergency Medical Services Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP).
 - f. Be responsible for assessing the current knowledge of their paramedics in local policies, procedures and protocols and for assessing their paramedics' skills competency.
 2. If, through the EMSQIP the employer or Agency Medical Director determines that a paramedic needs additional training, observation or testing, the employer and the Agency Medical Director

may create a specific and targeted program of remediation based upon the identified need of the paramedic. If there is disagreement between the employer and the Agency Medical Director, the decision of the Agency Medical Director shall prevail.

3. No paramedic prehospital service provider shall advertise as providing paramedic services unless it does, in fact, routinely provide these services on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis and meets the requirements of Agency policies.
 4. No responding unit shall advertise as providing paramedic services unless it does, in fact, provide these services and meets the requirements of Agency policies.
 5. The Agency may deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of a paramedic prehospital service provider agency for failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.
- C. General AEMT and/or Paramedic Prehospital Service Provider Agency Responsibilities:

1. Education:

An Agency approved AEMT and/or Paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall:

- a. Maintain approval as an EMS continuing education (CE) provider.
- b. Provide education programs (including lectures/seminars, call critiques, etc.) for prehospital personnel.
- c. Provide special and mandatory training programs deemed necessary by the Agency. This shall include education/training regarding new medications and procedures.
- d. Provide supervised field internship experience for prehospital care students/trainees in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22 and Agency policies and procedures.
- e. Provide remediation of skills training for prehospital personnel as needed.

2. EMS System Involvement:

An Agency approved AEMT and/or Paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall participate in local and regional committee meetings and other EMS activities that affect the region.

3. Patient Care Records:

An Agency approved AEMT and/or Paramedic prehospital service provider shall participate in a collaborative manner with Agency data collection programs.

4. Multi Casualty Incidents/Disaster Planning and Response:

An EMS Agency approved AEMT and/or Paramedic prehospital service provider agency shall:

- a. Reasonably participate in regional and local MCI and disaster drills.
- b. Actively participate in regional and local disaster related planning efforts.

- c. Follow the procedures indicated in the applicable OES Region III/OES Region IV MCI Plans and Agency policies during a Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) or disaster.