



FIRELINE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To establish procedures for Fireline Paramedic response from and to agencies within or outside the Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) jurisdiction 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.

AUTHORITY

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, §§ 1797.204, 1797.220
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 5, § 100165
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 6, § 100167
California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System, Mutual Aid Plan, (3-2002)

DEFINITIONS

Fireline Paramedic: A Paramedic who meets all pre-requisites established by Firefighting RESources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies (FIRESCOPE) and is authorized by their department to provide ALS treatment on the fire line.

PRINCIPLE

- I. When requested by an Incident Management team, a Paramedic may utilize the Scope of Practice for which they are trained and accredited according to the policies and procedures established by YEMSA.

PROCEDURE

- I. Fireline Paramedic programs shall be reviewed and approved by YEMSA.
- II. Designation by the Paramedic's YEMSA approved ALS Service Provider Agency as a Fireline Paramedic ensures that the Paramedic has completed standard FIRESCOPE education.
- III. The Fireline Paramedic shall present their credentials (Paramedic license, YEMSA accreditation card and department identification) to the Medical Unit Leader upon arrival at the incident.
- IV. Under the authority of California 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 Local Emergency Medical Service Agency (LEMSA) within California.
 - B. The Paramedic is currently employed with an approved ALS Service Provider Agency and possesses the requisite wildland fire line skills and equipment.
 - C. The Paramedic does not exceed the Scope of Practice or Medical Control policies from their LEMSA of origin.
- V. The Fireline Paramedic will follow all YEMSA policies and treatment protocols in the provision of ALS care on the fire line and will not administer any medication or perform



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any procedures listed as 'Base Hospital Physician Order Only' without such approval from an appropriate Base Hospital Physician.

- VI. Controlled substances will be obtained, secured and inventoried as indicated in YEMSA 'Management of Controlled Substances' policy.
- VII. Documentation of patient care will be completed as indicated in YEMSA 'Patient Care Report (PCR) Form' or approved inner agency form.
- VIII. YEMSA approved Fireline Paramedic personnel will carry the items listed in YEMSA 'Fireline Paramedic Inventory' policy, when responding to wildland fires to provide ALS care in such a capacity.



INVENTORY/EQUIPMENT LIST

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Adhesive Tape 1", 2", or 3"
Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
Bag Valve Mask (BVM) self-inflating, capable of use with O₂, (Adult/Pediatric/Infant; mask sizes: Adult/Child/Infant/Neonate) (1)
Band Aids (various sizes)
Biohazard Waste Bag (Red) (2)
Blood Pressure Cuff – Portable (Adult/Large)
Burn Sheet, or equivalent (2)
Cell Phone (1)
Cervical Collar, Adjustable (1)
Coban Wraps/Ace Bandages (2 each)
Cold/Hot Packs (3)
Dextrose (Oral Glucose) (1)
Emergency Blanket Thermal or equivalent (Reflective Foil) (2)
Gloves, Exam (box)
Glucometer (1), (with lancets and test strips, 10 each) **OPTIONAL**
Kerlix/Kling 4.5 Sterile (2)
King Tube (1) **OPTIONAL**
Mask, Face, Disposable w/eye shield (1)
Medication, Epi Auto Injector (Adult) **OPTIONAL**
Medication, Narcan Pre-Loaded **OPTIONAL**
Mole Skin
Multi-Trauma Dressing, Sterile (4)
Nasopharyngeal Airways: 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, (1)
Oropharyngeal Airways: 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, (1)
Pen Light (1)
Petroleum Dressing (2)
Pulse Ox with Probes (Adult/Pediatric) (1) **OPTIONAL**
QuickClot Dressing, Z-Fold
Saline (1)
Splints, Moldable, Soft or Cushioned Surface or Equivalent Padded Board, Wrap Around, Wire Ladder, Inflatable, Vacuum, or Cardboard (2)
Stethoscope - Adult/Pediatric (or combination) (1)
Suction, Portable Manual Device (1)
Thermometer, Digital (1)
Tourniquet, (C-A-T or Sof-T) (2)
Trauma Sheers
Triage Tags (6)
Triangular Bandages 40" (2)

MISCELLANEOUS

AMA/RAS Forms
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 & 7.5) (1 ea.)
* Laryngoscope Blades, Mac 4/Miller 4 (1 ea.)
* Laryngoscope Handle (pediatric recommended to reduce weight) (1)
* King Tube (1)
End-tidal CO₂ Detector
ETT Restraint (1)
Needle Thoracostomy Kit (1)

IV/Medication Administration Supplies:

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

Biomedical Equipment:

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

Medications:

Aerosolized Beta 2 Specific Bronchodilator (MDI with spacer) (1)
Amiodarone 150 mg (3)
ASA-Chewable 81 mg (2)
Atropine Sulfate 1 mg (2)
Dextrose 10%/10 gm (2)
Diphenhydramine 50 mg (4)
Epinephrine 1:1,000 1 mg (4)
Epinephrine 1:10,000 1 mg (2)
Glucagon 1 mg (1)
Fentanyl Citrate 100 mcg (6)
Naloxone 2 mg (2)
Nitroglycerine Paste 2% (5)
Nitroglycerine 0.4 mg (10 patient doses)
Normal Saline 0.9% IV (1,000 mL) – can be configured into (4) 250 mL or (2) 500 mL or (1) 1,000 mL
Versed 5 mg (4)