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## Policy Updates

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To All SLO County EMS Providers and Hospital Emergency Departments:

The following policies have been revised or adopted by the San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency and will become effective **June 21, 2010**.

Highlights of policy changes or additions are attached. Please refer to the full text of each policy now posted on the EMSA website: [www.sloemsa.org](http://www.sloemsa.org).

It is the responsibility of EMS Providers to ensure that all appropriate personnel receive this information. If you have questions please contact the EMS Agency at 805-546-8728.

Thank you.

### **NEW**

**Policy #128 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY PARAMEDICS OUTSIDE OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

### **REVISED**

**Policy #107 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF OUT-OF-COUNTY PARAMEDICS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DURING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

**Policy #112 ALS AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

**Policy #113 BLS FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

**Policy #114 ALS FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

**Policy #116 PREHOSPITAL DETERMINATION OF DEATH**

**Policy #117 DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR) / END OF LIFE LEVEL OF CARE**

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## **NEW**

### **Policy #128 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SLO COUNTY PARAMEDICS OUTSIDE OF SLO COUNTY**

Reviews the scope of practice and responsibilities for a San Luis Obispo County Paramedic while on-duty in another county with an approved ALS provider; the complement of required equipment, medications and supplies may be varied for special assignments or circumstances (i.e. ICS-223-11 FEMP) when approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

## **REVISED**

### **Policy #107 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF OUT-OF-COUNTY PARAMEDICS IN SLO COUNTY DURING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

The SLO County EMS Agency shall be notified when out-of-county Paramedics enter SLO County as part of a mutual aid assignment. (1) The CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Emergency Command Center (ECC) shall notify the designated EMS Agency contact person in a timely manner when out-of-county Paramedics are included in strike teams or other mutual aid response entities which are assigned and present in San Luis Obispo County. (2) The EMS Agency shall then evaluate any differences in Paramedic scope-of-practice and shall notify all hospital Emergency Departments within the County and all ALS Provider agencies. (3) In the case of Paramedics licensed in states other than California, the EMS Agency Medical Director may prohibit or limit the use of the scope of practice permitted to that Paramedic in his or her state of licensure, and shall make timely notification to the appropriate command entity that permission to perform certain or all ALS skills is withheld.

### **Policy #112 ALS AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

An updated list of the minimum equipment and supplies available on ALS ambulances in San Luis Obispo County; includes the addition of a cardiac-monitor with 12-lead capability and CPAP, which will become standard equipment with the implementation of a CPAP protocol.

### **Policy #113 BLS FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

An updated list of minimum equipment to be available on first responder BLS units in San Luis Obispo County.

### **Policy #114 ALS FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY**

An updated list of minimum equipment to be available on ALS first responder units in San Luis Obispo County; includes the addition of a cardiac-monitor with 12-lead capability as desired but optional equipment, and CPAP which will also be desired but optional equipment with the implementation of a CPAP protocol.

### **Policy #116 PREHOSPITAL DETERMINATION OF DEATH**

Establishes criteria for First Responders to determine Obvious Death under certain defined circumstances, and outlines procedures for Paramedics to obtain a Base Hospital physician order for pronouncement of patients in cardiac arrest who have not responded to resuscitation efforts per prehospital protocols. Deceased patients should not be moved unless directed by the Coroner, or as needed to access other patients requiring medical care or assessment, for the safety of EMS personnel, or for other extraordinary circumstances. EMS Personnel are encouraged to use a cellular or landline telephone rather than radio communication in order to maintain patient confidentiality and family privacy when contacting a Base Hospital or Coroner. In any case where a determination of death is made in the field, a PCR must be completed and submitted to the EMS Agency in a timely manner.

### **Policy #117 DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR) / END OF LIFE LEVEL OF CARE**

Adds language addressing the new Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST): California EMS Authority Form #111-B and gives direction where advance directives provide for multiple choices regarding resuscitation/non-resuscitation and the extent of medical interventions.