



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

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TO: All SLO County EMS Providers

FROM: EMS Agency

RE: Out of State EMTs and Paramedics

In response to the recent California fire emergencies, Dr. Steven Tharratt, Director of the EMS Authority, has issued the attached procedures for potentially allowing out of state EMTs and Paramedics to function in California when deployed to a fire or to backfill a local fire station for the 2008 fire season.

Specifically, please note the following stipulations:

- When out of state fire personnel are assigned to wild land fires, the Medical Unit Leader should notify the San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency/Medical Director that the out of state firefighter EMTs and/or Paramedics are in the local jurisdiction.
- If out of state personnel are deployed to San Luis Obispo County in order to backfill a station, emergency authorization to function as EMTs or Paramedics in San Luis Obispo County must be obtained prior to providing services.
- Any time medical care is administered by out of state EMTs or Paramedics, a copy of the patient care report is to be provided to the local EMS Agency in a timely manner.

Questions about this procedure should be directed locally to EMS Specialist Don Melendy at (805)546-8728 or [dmelendy@sloemsa.org](mailto:dmelendy@sloemsa.org), or to Nancy Steiner, EMS Authority, at (916)322-4336 or [Nancy.Steiner@EMSA.CA.GOV](mailto:Nancy.Steiner@EMSA.CA.GOV).

Please review the attached document and distribute as necessary within your agency.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

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**DATE:** June 27, 2008

**TO:** Local EMS Agency Administrators  
Local EMS Agency Medical Directors  
Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** R. Steve Tharratt, MD, MPVM  
Director

In support of the large number of wildfires currently burning in California, the California Emergency Medical Services Authority is providing this information to non-California certified and/or licensed EMT-I and paramedics regarding requirements for practice within California. EMSA encourages LEMSA's to support and appropriately integrate these resources as needed into the local EMS system to provide for necessary EMS services within their communities. EMSA is prepared to support any requests by LEMSA's that are not covered by the procedures below to allow for maintenance of EMS services.

- Firefighter EMTs and Paramedics responding to California from another state to provide aid in fighting wild land fires should check in with the Medical Unit Leader of the fire camp to which they are assigned. The Medical Unit Leader should then notify the respective local EMS agency medical director that the out-of-state firefighter EMTs and Paramedics are in the jurisdiction of the local EMS agency medical director.
- In the event that any non-California certified/licensed EMT or Paramedic provides medical care for which they have been trained and licensed or certified, ancillary to their firefighting responsibilities, the EMT or Paramedic should complete a patient care report and submit the report to the medical director of the local EMS agency which has jurisdiction where the patient care was provided. In the event the EMT or Paramedic does not have the information on the respective local EMS agency medical director, the patient care report should be submitted to the Director of the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority, who will then route the patient care report to the appropriate local EMS agency medical director.
- If a non-California firefighter EMT or Paramedic is assigned to a fire station to backfill for California firefighters deployed to fight fires or participate in other emergency responses, the out-of-state firefighter EMT or Paramedic shall notify, and receive authorization from, the local EMS agency medical director who has jurisdiction over the area in which the firefighter EMT or Paramedic is providing services. This may be done by the Strike Team Leader or Area Medical Unit Leader as appropriate.
- A list of the 31 local EMS agencies in California and the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority contact information will be available through the Office of Emergency Services' Emergency Operations Center and the EMS Authority's website at [www.emsa.ca.gov](http://www.emsa.ca.gov).