

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: BASIC LIFE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY

PURPOSE

To establish the minimum equipment and supplies to be available on BLS first responder units for prehospital response in San Luis Obispo County. The equipment and supply requirements are absolute minimums and agencies are encouraged to maintain sufficient supplies to meet their specific needs.

AUTHORITY

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, 1797.206 and 1797.220.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100167 (a) 3.

DEFINITIONS

Basic Life Support first responder unit: A first responder Basic Life Support unit operating in San Luis Obispo County.

POLICY

In addition to basic California Highway Patrol (CHP) requirements, Basic Life Support first responder units authorized to operate in the San Luis Obispo County shall, at a minimum, have the following equipment and supplies available in the unit.

BLS First Responder Equipment and Supply

Oxygen/Airway

Oxygen administration devices	
D or E sized cylinder with regulator capable of delivering 2-15 liters/minute	1
Nasal cannula	2
Adult non-rebreather masks	2
Pediatric non-rebreather masks	2
Resuscitation equipment and supplies:	
Bag valve mask with O ₂ reservoir and supply tubing	
Adult	1
Pediatric	1
Infant	1
Oxygen Reserve: D or E Cylinders	1
Oral airway set (sizes 0-6 or equivalent)	1 each
Nasopharyngeal airways (soft rubber)	2 each
Medium and large adult sizes	
Portable suction device (battery or mechanical)	1
Rigid pharyngeal tonsil tip	2

Trauma

Burn sheet	2
Saline solution (1000 cc)	2
4x4 gauze pads	10
Trauma dressing (10"x30") or larger universal dressings	2
3" 4" roller gauze	8 rolls
Triangular bandage with safety pins	2
Tape, 1, 2, or 3" cloth	1
Assorted band-aids	12
Long spineboard (or equivalent immobilization device)	1
Lightweight head immobilizer blocks	1 set
Straps to secure patient to board	1 set
Cervical collars:	1 each
Stiff: Sizes to fit all patients over one year old	
Splints, cardboard or equivalent	
18" arm splint	2
36" leg splint	2

BLS First Responder Equipment and Supply

Infection Control

Disinfectant solution or spray	1 bottle
Portable hand cleansing agent with microbial properties	1 dispenser
Infectious waste bags	2
Long-sleeved impermeable gowns	1 per crew member
Latex free gloves	1 box
Eye protection - goggles or full-face shield	1 per crew member
Disposable Surgical type mask	4
Disposable N95 respirators or equivalent minimum one per crew member	2

Miscellaneous

* Automatic external defibrillator	1
* Automatic defibrillator pads	2 sets
Bandage scissors (heavy duty)	1
Pen light	1
Blanket, disposable	1
Blanket, wool	1
Obstetrical kit, sterile, prepackaged	1
Triage tags	20
Stethoscope	1
Blood pressure cuff (adult)	1
Glucose paste (30 gm)	2 tubes
** Mark I Kits	9
Water, potable	1 liter
Trash bags/receptacles	2
** Asherman seal or equivalent	1

* For EMT-Defibrillation provider agencies

** Optional Emergency Medical Services Agency suggested equipment