

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY PARAMEDICS
OUTSIDE OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

PURPOSE

To establish policies to permit Paramedics accredited in San Luis Obispo County to practice Paramedic-level skills while on duty outside of San Luis Obispo County.

AUTHORITY

- A. California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9, Section 100165 (k, l).
- B. Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.204, and 1797.206.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Controlled substance: Any substance listed as a Schedule I through IV drug in the Controlled Substance Act [i.e. Morphine Sulfate, or Diazepam (Valium)].
- B. Emergency operations: Public safety and emergency medical services being provided under circumstances of urgent and extraordinary need.
- C. Paramedic: An EMT-P licensed by the state of California and accredited to practice in San Luis Obispo County.

POLICY

- A. A Paramedic who is on-duty with an approved ALS provider is permitted to practice Paramedic-level skills in compliance with all San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency prehospital policies-during the treatment or transportation of a patient outside of San Luis Obispo County.
- B. A Paramedic who is on-duty with an ALS provider may perform Paramedic-level skills during emergency operations outside San Luis Obispo County in compliance with the California Paramedic scope of practice and in compliance with San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency policies until transfer of that patient to a locally accredited Paramedic.

- C. Paramedics operating during emergency operations as a Fireline EMT-P (FEMP) shall be subject to the provisions of California OES/FIRESCOPE Position Manual ICS 223-11, and shall comply with ICS-223-11 as applicable to their assignment.
- D. This policy is intended to permit the provision of ALS care during emergency operations and is not intended to replace existing emergency medical services or circumvent the established response of emergency medical services in locations outside San Luis Obispo County.
- E. The Paramedic shall not exceed the California Paramedic scope of practice and shall comply with San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency prehospital policies.
- F. The Paramedic must have access to the Advanced Life Support equipment as required by San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency prehospital policies. The complement of required equipment, medication and supplies may be varied for special assignments or circumstances (i.e. ICS-223-11 FEMP) by the Emergency Medical Services Agency Medical Director.
- G. Any Paramedic operating under this policy must be on-duty with a San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency approved ALS provider during any provision of Paramedic-level care.

PROCEDURES

- A. All ALS equipment and supplies are to remain under the direct control of a Paramedic at all times. If a Paramedic is on an extended assignment (i.e. special event, fire line) and is relieved of duty and another Paramedic does not assume control of the ALS equipment and supplies, all such equipment and supplies must be secured in such a manner as to prevent access by non-Paramedic personnel. Controlled substances shall be secured per *San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Policy 127: Management of Controlled Substances*.
- B. Paramedics shall follow the directions of the Incident Commander or other designated ICS official, as appropriate.