

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC BASE STATION REPORT POLICY

I. PURPOSE:

To provide paramedics with a guideline to give a brief, clear report that provides pertinent information to base hospital personnel.

II. AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1798 &1798.2.

III. POLICY:

Radio and telephone communications between paramedics and base hospital personnel shall conform with this policy. The presentation of information shall follow the algorithm format listed on Attachment A.

IV. ROUTINE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT NOTIFICATION

A. Paramedics may directly notify any designated receiving hospital, if the patient has required only basic life support interventions.

B. Provide the following information:

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Chief complaint/mechanism of injury
4. ETA

C. Non-base hospitals shall not attempt to provide medical direction to paramedics. Non-base hospital personnel requesting additional interventions shall direct those requests to the appropriate base hospital and request that the paramedics contact that base hospital.

V. "STEMI ALERT"(S-T Elevation Myocardial Infarction)

A. A "STEMI ALERT" shall be communicated with the SRC if the ECG analysis indicates "Acute MI", "Acute MI Suspected" or equivalent reading

- B. Non-STEMI ECG information should be communicated with the closest Base Hospital and treated according to ALS treatment protocols and destination policies
- C. A prehospital “STEMI Alert” Report shall contain the following information.
 - 1. Call identified as a “STEMI Alert”.
 - 2. ETA to SRC and nearest hospital if different than SRC.
 - 3. Patient age and gender.
 - 4. Confirmation of ECG reading, and that it appears to be free of significant artifact.
 - 5. ALS Treatment Protocol followed.
 - 6. Medication(s) given.
 - 7. Additional information if required for ED Base SRC consultation.
 - 8. Any confusion regarding chief complaint or treatment.
 - 9. Destination decision assistance.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Use simple language to avoid confusion caused by codes, e.g., “I copy” rather than “10-4.”
- B. Base hospital personnel should avoid requests of paramedics for information that is not essential in decision making.
- C. MICNs shall state their MICN identification number when receiving base station reports.
- D. Paramedics shall state their County identification number when making base station contact.