

## **POLICY #206: ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SPECIAL USE MEDIC PROGRAM**

### I. PURPOSE

- A. To establish policy for the creation of a Special Use Medic Program, by a County of San Luis Obispo (SLO) authorized advanced life support (ALS) provider, for the expedient and flexible ALS response and care to emergency medical incidents that may occur at short term, pre-planned special events within the County of SLO prior to ALS transport arrival.

### II. SCOPE

- A. This policy applies to all ALS providers, authorized by the County of SLO Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS Agency), wishing to provide service to a short term, pre-planned special event and to accredited paramedics, while on duty at the scene of the special event.

### III. POLICY

- A. ALS providers may only provide ALS Special Use Medics at special events where the area, roadways, crowds or access difficulty will delay conventional ALS ambulance or ALS first responder response time to an incident within the special event area.
- B. An ALS provider wishing to conduct an ALS Special Use Medic Program must provide documentation to the EMS Agency prior to implementation of the program.
- C. The ALS Special Use Medic Program will be inclusive of, but not limited to, the use of bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, med-carts and horseback.
- D. The ALS Special Use Medic provider will be responsible for providing and maintaining, at a minimum, all equipment and supplies listed in Appendix A of the EMS Agency Policy# 205: Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Equipment and Supply. ALS special Use Medic inventory is subject to inspection by the EMS Agency.
- E. An ALS Special Use Medic provider may elect to carry additional drugs and/or equipment, up to the standardized drug and equipment levels of ALS first responder or ALS ambulance as specified by protocol and EMS Agency Policy# 211: Management of Controlled Substance.
- F. Non-emergent activity, movement and positioning of an ALS Special Use Medic team will be at the discretion of the ALS Special Use Medic provider.
- G. Prior to the event, the ALS special use medic provider must provide a briefing of the pre-event plan to all assigned special use medic personnel.

- H. Prior to the event, the ALS special use medic provider must provide the pre-event plans, related data and/or ALS Special Use Medic Program evaluations to the EMS Agency.
- I. The ALS Special Use Medic Program must only deploy as a two-member team.
- J. Use of ALS Special Use Medic Program will not replace or modify in any way ALS transportation resources required by contract between the County of SLO and ALS providers.
- K. ALS Special Use Medics may provide prehospital ALS within the scope of practice allowed by the State of California and the EMS Agency.
- L. The ALS Special Use Medic team must comply with all County of SLO ALS policies, procedures and protocols at all times.
- M. The ALS Special Use Medic paramedic must coordinate appropriate notification, response, communications and utilization of local EMS resources during and after event.
- N. When an ALS ambulance paramedic is already on scene, upon arrival the ALS special use medic team is to assist with any or all patient health care responsibility or medical group supervisor responsibility at scene.
- O. In a first responder capacity, the ALS special use medic paramedic will assume patient health care responsibility. If the ALS special use medic team is the first unit arriving at the scene of an emergency incident involving a multi-agency response, the ALS special use medic paramedic would assume incident commander responsibility until a public agency arrives.
- P. The ALS special use medic paramedic will establish medical control, complete scene and patient assessment and initiate BLS/ALS patient treatment intervention according to the County of SLO ALS policies, procedures and protocols as patient condition necessitates.
- Q. The ALS special use medic paramedic will continue providing on scene patient care and maintain patient health care authority until an ALS ambulance arrives and the ALS special use medic paramedic transfers patient care responsibility to the ALS ambulance paramedic.
- R. The ALS Special Use Medic paramedic must complete a Patient Care Record for every patient contact.
- S. The ALS Special Use Medic team will be responsible for notification, response and utilization of all EMS resources used at the scene of an incident when they are the first responder.
- T. The EMS Agency may terminate an ALS Special Use Medic Program for non-compliance of this policy.

#### IV. PROCEDURE

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- A. An ALS provider wishing to conduct an ALS Special Use Medic Program must provide written documentation to the EMS Agency, prior to implementation of program, which includes:
    1. A description of the proposed program including training and quality assurance mechanisms.
    2. A list of ALS special use medic personnel, their qualifications and training,
    3. A written commitment that ensures appropriate deployment and utilization of the ALS Special Use Medic Program.
  - B. The ALS Special Use Medic Program must deploy as a two-member team as follows:
    1. One member at emergency medical technician (EMT) or paramedic level with required ALS Special Use Medic training and an approved response mechanism configured with basic life support supplies and equipment.
    2. One member at paramedic level, with an active County of SLO paramedic accreditation, required ALS Special Use Medic training and an approved response mechanism configured with advanced life support supplies and equipment.
  - C. The ALS provider must develop a pre-event plan, based on the specific special event to include:
    1. ALS special use medic staffing.
    2. Method to be used for team transportation.
    3. The hours of coverage.
    4. Communications.
    5. Area resources.
    6. Incident reporting.
    7. Procedures for requesting additional resources.
- V. AUTHORITY
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services, Article 2, General Provisions