
Policy: TEMPORARY RECOGNITION OF EMS MUTUAL AID PERSONNEL

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.170 and; California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Chapters, 2, 3 and 4 et seq.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish policy and procedures for temporary recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel certified, licensed and/or accredited by another jurisdiction during an extended mutual aid response in Tuolumne County.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Extended Mutual Aid Response" means an initial, immediate need response lasting more than 24 hours or a planned response allowing a reasonable amount of time to approve Emergency Medical Services Personnel prior to their deployment.
- B. "Agency" means the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.
- C. "LEMSA of Origin" means the Local EMS Agency from another jurisdiction that has certified and/or accredited EMS personnel that are providing mutual aid in Tuolumne County.
- D. "Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic" or "EMT-P" or "Paramedic" or "Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic" means a person who is educated and trained in all elements of prehospital advanced life support, who has passed all required tests, and who has been licensed by the State of California as a Paramedic and accredited by a Local EMS Agency or approved State or Federal Agency.
- E. "Emergency Medical Technician II" "EMT-II", "EMT-Intermediate", "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "AEMT" means a person who has successfully completed a Limited Advanced Life Support (LALS) course which meets the requirements of Title 22, CCR, Chapter 3, and they are in possession of a valid EMT-II, EMT-Intermediate or AEMT certificate issued by the a Local EMS Agency within the State of California, another state or an agency of the Federal Government.

- F. "Emergency Medical Technician I" "EMT-I", "EMT-B" or "EMT" means a person who has successfully completed a basic EMT course which meets the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2, and they are in possession of a valid EMT license/certificate issued by the a Local EMS Agency within the State of California, another state or an agency of the Federal Government.
- G. "First Responder", "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR" means a person who has successfully completed a First Responder/ Emergency Medical Responder training course and they are in possession of a valid First Responder/ Emergency Medical Responder certificate issued by the a Local EMS Agency within the State of California, another state or an agency of the Federal Government.
- H. "Approval of Temporary Recognition" means the EMS Personnel providing mutual aid has been approved to practice in Tuolumne County and their certifications/licenses have been confirmed as valid and in good standing by the State EMS Authority, the State Board of Nursing, and/or the LEMSA of Origin.
- I. "Conditional Approval of Temporary Recognition" means the EMS Personnel providing mutual aid has been approved to practice in Tuolumne County and certifications/licenses cannot be immediately confirmed as valid and in good standing by the State EMS Authority, the State Board of Nursing, and/or the LEMSA of Origin, but the Incident Commander, or designee, has examined the EMS Personnel's certifications/licenses and they appear to be valid. Conditional approval shall be reviewed daily in order to determine the certification/license status of aforementioned personnel.
- J. "Denial of Temporary Recognition" means the EMS Personnel providing mutual aid has been not approved to practice in Tuolumne County and certifications/ licenses cannot be immediately confirmed as valid and in good standing by the State EMS Authority, the State Board of Nursing, and/or the LEMSA of Origin, and the Incident Commander, or designee, has not examined the EMS Personnel's certifications /licenses or has examined the EMS Personnel's certifications/ licenses and is not willing to attest to their validity.

IV. POLICY

- A. EMS Personnel assigned to provide medical services during extended mutual aid for a wildland fire, flood or other large scale incident must be approved by the Agency. The EMS Medical Director, EMS Coordinator or their designee(s) may approve, conditionally approve or deny temporary recognition of the EMS Personnel. The Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services or their designee(s) conditionally approve or deny temporary recognition of the EMS personnel.

- B. The Agency Medical Director may **limit** or alter the scope of practice of EMTs, First Responders and/or Emergency Medical Responders to comply with Tuolumne County EMS Agency policies.
- C. EMT-II, EMT-Intermediate, and/or AEMT providing Extended Mutual Aid Response may only utilize the basic scope of practice of EMT as defined by Tuolumne County EMS Agency policies.
- D. Paramedics licensed by the State of California may practice in Tuolumne County provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - 1. They are in possession of a valid California Paramedic License;
 - 2. They are accredited by their LEMSA of Origin;
 - 3. They are affiliated with an ALS provider that is approved by their LEMSA of Origin;
 - 4. They may utilize the scope of practice for which they are trained and accredited according to the policies and procedures established by the LEMSA of Origin, which shall include an "Out-Of-County Response" Policy.
 - 5. The Agency Medical Director may require compliance with triage, patient destination and other Tuolumne County EMS Agency policies.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. The Incident Commander, or designee, shall submit a Request for Limited Recognition Form to the Agency.
- B. The Agency will provide copies all appropriate EMS Policies, Policy Receipt form and a list of approved landing zones with Tuolumne County to the Incident Commander, or designee.
- C. After reviewing the aforementioned policies the Incident Commander, or designee, will return the signed Policy Receipt form to the Agency.
- D. The Agency shall determine if the EMS Personnel will be approved for temporary authorization.
- E. Upon determining the approval status of the medical flight crew, the Agency shall provide the completed Request for Limited Recognition Form to the Incident Commander, or designee.

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Request for Limited Recognition

Incident managers are responsible for reporting all Paramedics, AEMT and/or EMT-II, EMT or other Advanced Medical Practitioners, not currently certified, accredited or authorized by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency, to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency with 24 hours of their assignment to an incident within the Tuolumne Operational Area.

Authorization for recognition is requested for the following emergency medical services personnel assigned to the incident. The identified personnel will provide medical and health care services for incident personnel.

1. _____
Full Name Cert or License # Agency issuing Cert or License
2. _____
Full Name Cert or License # Agency issuing Cert or License
3. _____
Full Name Cert or License # Agency issuing Cert or License
4. _____
Full Name Cert or License # Agency issuing Cert or License

Start date of the assignment: _____ Anticipated end date: _____

Incident location: _____

Agency with primary jurisdictional authority: _____

I attest that I have physically examined the certs/licenses of the aforementioned individuals.

Medical Unit Leader- Print Name () Telephone Number () Fax Number

Medical Unit Leader- Signature Date

TCEMS Agency Use Only

Conditionally Approved

Conditionally Approved

Not Approved

Print Name

Print Title

Signature

Date

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POLICY RECEIPT

FORM

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the following Tuolumne County EMS Agency Policies. I also acknowledge that I will follow all Tuolumne County EMS Agency patient destination and triage policies. All Paramedic personnel shall function under their scope of practice and medical treatment protocols/guidelines approved by the EMS Agency of the Jurisdiction of Origin.

- Local Paramedic Scope of Practice Policy #256.00
- Air Ambulance Dispatch Policy #345.00
- EMS Landing Sites Policy #447.00
- EMS Aircraft Medical Control Policy #444.00
- EMS Aircraft Utilization Policy #442.00
- Trauma Patient Destination Policy 531.50
- _____
- _____
- _____

Medical Unit Leader - Print Name

Medical Unit Leader - Signature

Date

Phone Number

Fax Number

E-Mail