

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

Manual	Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number 243 Page 1 of 2
Subject	Fireline and Urban Search and Rescue Paramedic Response	
References	Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.204 Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220 California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100165 and 100167 FIRESCOPE - Fireline Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (FEMP ICS 223-11)	Effective: 06/25/2013

I. POLICY

A paramedic currently licensed in California and accredited by the Central California EMS Agency may be authorized to practice as a Fireline or Urban Search and Rescue Paramedic specific to the type of incident upon successfully meeting the requirements of this policy.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To establish procedures for Fireline Paramedic responding outside the CCEMSA jurisdiction when requested through the statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, to respond to and provide advanced life support (ALS) care on the fireline of large scale incidents.
- B. To establish procedures for an Urban Search and Rescue Paramedic attached to California Urban Search and Rescue Regional Task Force 5 (CA-RTF 5) responding outside the CCEMSA jurisdiction when requested through the statewide Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, to respond to and provide advanced life support (ALS) care in the affected area of large scale incidents.”

III. DEFINITION

A Fireline Paramedic is a California State licensed paramedic who meets all requirements and standards established by FIRESCOPE (FEMP ICS 223-11).

An Urban Search and Rescue Paramedic is a California State licensed paramedic who meets all requirements and standards established by FIRESCOPE (FEMP ICS223-11), meets all the requirements of the Medical Specialist (Page 9) in FIRESCOPE (ICS-US&R-120-1) Urban Search & Rescue Operational System Description, and is attached to California Urban Search and Rescue Regional Task Force 5 (CA-RTF 5).

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IV. PROCEDURE:

Under the authority of State regulations, a paramedic may render ALS care during emergency operations as long as the following conditions are met:

- A. The paramedic is currently licensed by the State of California and is accredited by a Local EMS Agency within California.
- B. The paramedic is currently employed and on-duty with an approved ALS provider and possesses the requisite wildland fireline skills and equipment or requisite Urban Search and Rescue skills and equipment.
- C. The Fireline or Urban Search and Rescue Paramedic from the CCEMSA jurisdiction will follow all CCEMSA policies and treatment protocols in the provision of ALS care on the fireline and will not administer any medication or perform any procedures listed as "Base Hospital Orders" without such approval from a Base Hospital Physician at Regional Medical Center.
- D. The Fireline or Urban Search and Rescue Paramedic from the CCEMSA jurisdiction shall respond with a minimum of ALS/BLS inventory as outlined in the FIRESCOPE –FEMP ICS 223-11 document. Inventory shall include all medications and equipment in order to provide all necessary care allowed by CCEMSA policies and treatment protocols.
 1. Albuterol HFA can substitute Aerosolized Beta 2 Specific Bronchodilator listed in FEMA ICS 223-11 when treating patients with shortness of breath. Administer 2-10 puffs as needed for Shortness of Breath, may repeat once if needed.
- E. Controlled substances will be obtained, secured, and inventoried in accordance with CCEMSA Policy #293.
- F. Documentation of patient care will be completed as indicated in CCEMSA Policy.