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| TITLE OPERATIONS MANUAL | STANDARD INSTRUCTION 09 | | DEPARTMENT FIRE-RESCUE |
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics (PMs) with a regularly scheduled continuing education curriculum and preparation for EMS Skills testing.

II. SCOPE

This policy shall apply to all sworn San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) personnel, excluding Lifeguard personnel.

III AUTHORITY

The Fire Chief authorizes this policy.

IV. POLICY

A. Description

1. The Battalion Medical Officer (BMO) program is the Department's decentralized Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training program, conducted on a routine basis within each battalion and division. BMOs are assigned to each battalion and division, as well as straight-day and light-duty personnel.

B. Responsibility

1. The BMO program is the responsibility of the EMS Division.

C. Attendance

1. Attendance is mandatory for all EMTs and PMs.
 - i. Immediate supervisors are directly responsible for the attendance of assigned personnel, including straight-day and light-duty assignments.
 - ii. If there is a scheduling conflict or an expected absence during a BMO session, personnel shall notify their supervisor.
 - iii. Relief personnel must monitor their own attendance and shall notify their supervisor of their need to attend the current BMO session.
2. BMOs will coordinate scheduled dates and times with their Battalion Chiefs (BCs).
 - i. BCs are responsible for providing the necessary relief within their area of jurisdiction to ensure all personnel have the opportunity to attend each training session.

D. Non-Attendance

Personnel who fail to attend the BMO sessions may not have enough Continuing Education (CE) hours for their EMT or PM certification renewal which is a requirement for employment.

1. In the case of a missed BMO session due to injury or leave, the individual will contact their assigned BMO to coordinate a make-up session.