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at Special Events

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I. PURPOSE

To establish operational guidelines for EMS personnel assigned to special events in the County of San Diego.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Definitions

Special Events: Special Events means any event, including, but not limited to concerts, sporting events or contests, and other events that place a grouping or gathering of people in one general locale.

III. POLICY

A. EMT – shall be currently certified by the State of California and adhere to the County of San Diego EMS Scope of Practice, Policies and Treatment Protocols.

1. Epinephrine auto-injector, IN naloxone, and blood glucose testing may only be performed if the EMT is affiliated with a County of San Diego approved BLS/ALS provider operating within the organized EMS System and that provider is staffing the event.
2. EMT shall call a base hospital if:
 - a. They have a question regarding the appropriate treatment or disposition of any patient.
 - b. They administer IN naloxone and/or epinephrine by auto-injector.

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- B.** Paramedics and AEMTs – shall be currently licensed by the State of California, accredited in the County of San Diego and adhere to the County of San Diego EMS Scope of Practice, Policies and Treatment Protocols.
1. ALS scope of practice skills may only be performed if the paramedic or AEMT is affiliated with a County of San Diego approved ALS provider operating within the organized EMS system and that provider is staffing the event.
 - a. Paramedics and AEMTs may deliver non-emergency patients to physician staffed special event medical facilities if the following criteria are met:
 - The patient presents with a very minor chief complaint (e.g., minor cut or scrape, sunburn.)
 - The patient's vital signs (if obtaining vital signs is indicated) are within normal limits.
 - The patient, the paramedic/AEMT, and (if consulted) the physician staffing the special event agree that no further treatment or transport is required.
 - The paramedic/AEMT documents the care such that it can be reviewed as part of the quality assurance and quality improvement processes.
 2. Base hospital contact shall be made and full documentation is required for any patient with serious or potentially serious complaints, or any patient requiring advanced life support services, or any patient otherwise not meeting the criteria in above. Base hospital contact should be made if there is a question about whether or not the patient has only a minor or non-emergency complaint.

C. Transport

1. All ALS patients requiring ambulance transport from a special event shall be transported by the 911 response provider for the jurisdiction in which the event occurs unless:

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- a. The patient requires transport by air ambulance; or
 - b. The 911 response provider for the jurisdiction in which the event occurs approves another approved provider to transport.
2. Any agency(s) providing ambulance(s) to a special event shall either be permitted for operation by the County of San Diego EMS Agency, or exempted by ordinance.