



<b>Administrative Policy</b>		<b>3103</b>
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Policy: <b>Fireline EMT and Paramedic</b>	Approval: Medical Director <b>Reza Vaezazizi, MD</b>	Signed
Applies To: <b>FEMT, FEMP, Fireline Agencies, EMS System</b>	Approval: REMSA Director <b>Bruce Barton</b>	Signed

**PURPOSE**

To establish the role, duties, and required equipment for fire personnel to operate in the capacity of Fireline Emergency Medical Technician (FEMT) or Fireline Emergency Medical Paramedic (FEMP) rendering care to assigned fireline personnel, either within Riverside County or, when requested through the mutual aid system, outside of the county. This policy is intended to integrate with FEMP ICS 223-11 (ICS Position Manual, Fireline Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic) and CICC (California Incident Command Certification System) Qualification Guide.

**AUTHORITY**

- [California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797.204.\]](#)
- [California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797.220.\]](#)
- [California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 5](#)
- [California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System, Mutual Aid Plan \(2-12\)](#)

**GUIDELINES**

- [ICS Position Manual, Fireline Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic \[FEMP ICS 223-11\]](#)
- [California Incident Command Certification System \(CICC\) Qualification Guide](#)

**Fireline**

1. Emergency medical personnel are authorized to render care within their scope of practice as a designated FEMT or FEMP during wildland fires as long as they meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. Currently certified EMT, or AEMT; or state licensed paramedic.
  - b. Locally certified or accredited by the County of Riverside EMS Agency (REMSA).
  - c. Authorized to function as a FEMT or FEMP by the employing fire agency.
  - d. Assigned to perform as a FEMT or FEMP by the appropriate incident command.
2. Fireline agencies will adhere to the training required by FEMP ICS 223-11 and the CICC Qualification Guide.
3. FEMT or FEMP personnel must adhere to REMSA policies and procedures. At no time may a FEMT or FEMP function outside of REMSA medical control as provided through written standing orders or base hospital orders.
4. Riverside County authorized FEMTs or FEMPs may carry medical equipment and supplies consistent with FEMP ICS 223-11 and listed in the REMSA Drug and Equipment List under the heading "Light Response".
  - a. It is not always possible to maintain standard minimum levels of drugs and equipment while on the fireline. The Drug and Equipment List heading "Light Response" reduces the minimum requirements based on non-vehicular and small vehicle operations.
  - b. Reasonable variations may occur with consideration to weight, length of assignment, anticipated needs, and access to additional supplies.
5. REMSA authorized FEMTs or FEMPs must adhere to the following procedures, and out-of-area personnel operating within Riverside County should also be briefed on these procedures:
  - a. The FEMT or FEMP must check in and obtain a briefing from the Logistics Section Chief or the Medical Unit Leader (MEDL) at the wildfire.
  - b. Patient care documentation must be completed per REMSA policy.
  - c. A copy of the Patient Care Report (PCR) or Patient Information Worksheet (PIW) will be provided to the MEDL and submitted as part of the incident archive.

- d. A copy of the PCR will also be provided to REMSA.
- e. Continuous quality improvement activities will be performed according to REMSA policy and the provider agency's CQI procedures.
- f. Management of controlled substances must be performed per REMSA or, in the case of out-of-area personnel operating within Riverside County, the originating local EMS agency (LEMSA) policy.