



**APPROVAL TO USE OCEMS EMT AND PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE DURING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL EVENT STANDBY**

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I. AUTHORITY: *Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.220 and 1798. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100146, 100148 and 100170.*

II. APPLICATION:

This policy provides the process for an Orange County EMS (OCEMS) Accredited EMT or Paramedic to be approved to use the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice while on standby duty at a scheduled or special event.

This policy does not apply when an Orange County Accredited EMT or Paramedic is responding to a 9-1-1 dispatch to a scheduled or special event.

This policy does not apply when only first aid services are to be provided and no EMT or Paramedic level skills are to be employed by the standby medical providers.

III. DEFINITIONS:

**Event Standby** means being stationed and not dispatched by a 9-1-1 dispatch center to a site for a limited time.

**Scheduled Event** means an event that occurs on a regular calendar basis (example – sporting events, marathons).

**Special Event** means an event that occurs once or irregularly (example – music festival, political debate).

IV. CRITERIA:

Scheduled Event:

An OCEMS accredited Paramedic or EMT with an OCEMS Ambulance Attendant certificate may use the OCEMS Paramedic or EMT Scope of Practice for medical emergencies when on standby for a scheduled event when the following criteria are met:

1. OCEMS has been notified by the BLS or ALS service provider that an EMS unit will provide standby for an event at least 72 hours prior to the event; notification must include (See Appendix A):
  - A. The scheduled dates for the event (may provide multiple or sequential dates in one notification).
  - B. The event location and times EMS unit(s) will be on standby.
  - C. Level of service authorization requested (BLS or ALS).
  - D. EMS Unit number(s).
  - E. Description of how 9-1-1 dispatch will be contacted for medical emergencies.
  - F. Event promotor or sponsor with name and telephone number of contact person.
  - G. Assurance that all applicable permits (example – city or county) have been secured.



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Special Event:

An OCEMS accredited Paramedic or EMT with an OCEMS Ambulance Attendant certificate may use the OCEMS Paramedic or EMT Scope of Practice for medical emergencies when on standby for a special event when the following criteria are met:

1. OCEMS has been notified that an EMS unit will provide standby for the event at least 72 hours prior to the event; notification must include (see Appendix B):
  - A. The scheduled date for the event.
  - B. The event location and times EMS unit will be on standby.
  - C. Level of service authorization requested (BLS or ALS).
  - D. EMS Unit number(s).
  - E. Description of how 9-1-1 dispatch will be contacted for medical emergencies.
  - F. Event promotor or sponsor with name and telephone number of contact person.
  - G. Assurance that all applicable permits (example – city or county) have been secured.
2. Upon approval to use the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice at an event, OCEMS will provide the following services:
  - A. Notify the EMS provider of approval and level (BLS or ALS) approved.
  - B. If an Orange County 9-1-1 Paramedic provider with a unique unit number or call sign is approved, Orange County EMS will notify Orange County EMS system base hospitals, 9-1-1 providers, Orange County Communications, and Orange County 9-1-1 dispatch centers of the event and presence of a unique paramedic 9-1-1 EMS standby unit.
3. Only OCEMS accredited EMTs or Paramedics may use the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice during standby at a scheduled or special event within Orange County.
4. All 9-1-1 BLS and ALS patient encounters during standby at a scheduled or special event must be documented with a complete PCR in the OC-MEDS EMS data system.
5. All transports of BLS or ALS patients from a scheduled or special event must be by the 9-1-1 response provider for the jurisdiction in which the event occurs.
6. In the event of an MCI associated with the event, the standby unit may be utilized for transport from the scene under the command of the scene Incident Commander. (See OCEMS Policy 900.00)

V. PROCEDURE:

1. The Provider requesting approval for standby at a scheduled or special event is responsible for completion and submission of the required information to OCEMS (See Appendix A and B) at least 72 hours prior to the event.



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2. If a special event is staffed by EMTs or paramedics without approval of OCEMS, those EMS personnel may not perform functions above the level of first aid, otherwise each individual performing EMT or paramedic functions without OCEMS approval is performing outside the approved scope of practice.
3. City and County jurisdiction personnel (example: Fire Marshal) providing event permits are encouraged to directly contact OCEMS to determine if BLS or ALS event standby providers are approved as per this policy and to withhold permits as required to protect health and safety.

**Approved:**

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