



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

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) Authorized 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 Authorized EMT or Paramedic is responding as a 9-1-1 dispatched unit 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.

Non-authorized EMTs and Paramedics may deliver first aid only, and cannot utilize the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice.

III. DEFINITIONS:

OCEMS Authorized EMT or Paramedic means an EMT or paramedic that is accredited/certified by OCEMS.

Event Standby means being stationed and not dispatched by a 9-1-1 dispatch center to a special or scheduled event 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 Authorized EMT or Paramedic may use the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice for medical emergencies when on standby for a scheduled event when the following criteria are met:

- A. OCEMS has been notified that an EMS unit will provide standby for an event at least 72 hours prior to the event; notification must include (See Appendix A – Notification of Temporary EMS Unit Activation for Scheduled Event):
 1. The scheduled dates for the event (may provide multiple or sequential dates in one notification).
 2. The event location and times EMS unit will be on standby.
 3. Level of service authorization requested (BLS or ALS).
 4. EMS Unit number(s).



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5. Description of how 9-1-1 dispatch will be contacted for medical emergencies.
6. Event promotor or sponsor with name and telephone number of contact person.
7. Assurance that all applicable permits (example - city or county) have been secured and all laws, regulations, and policies will be followed.

Special Event:

An OCEMS Authorized EMT or Paramedic may use the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice for medical emergencies when on standby for a special event when the following criteria are met:

- A. 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 – Notification of Temporary EMS Unit Activation for Special Event):
 1. The scheduled date for the event.
 2. The event location and times EMS unit will be on standby.
 3. Level of service authorization requested (BLS or ALS).
 4. EMS Unit number(s).
 5. Description of how 9-1-1 dispatch will be contacted for medical emergencies.
 6. Event promotor or sponsor with name and telephone number of contact person.
 7. Assurance that all applicable permits (example- city or county) have been secured and all laws, regulations, and policies will be followed.

V. IMPLEMENTATION:

- A. Upon approval by OCEMS for the EMS provider to use the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice at an event, OCEMS will provide the following services:
 1. Notify the EMS provider of approval and level (BLS or ALS) approved.
 2. Notify Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators and Control One Supervisors/OCC of the event and presence of a 911-dispatched ALS standby unit.
- B. EMTs or Paramedics who perform standby at a scheduled or special event within Orange County must be OCEMS authorized, and must perform their duties using the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic Scope of Practice.
- C. All BLS and ALS patient encounters during standby at a scheduled or special event must be documented with a complete PCR as defined by OCEMS Policy# 300.10. Within 72 hours of the event, OCEMS must be notified of the incident number for each patient encounter.



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- D. All transports of BLS or ALS patients from a scheduled or special event must be by the OCEMS designated 9-1-1 response and transport provider for the jurisdiction in which the event occurs.
- E. If an event sponsor wishes to station an ambulance at the venue site, It must be licensed by OCEMS. It cannot be used to transport a patient off-site but can be used to transport a patient within the event property boundaries.
- F. 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.

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