

El Dorado County Fire Protection District

Standard Operating Procedures

Article: 3 Emergency Operations
Section: 27 Paramedic Ambulance Operator

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I. Purpose

To establish procedures and guidelines to assist in using PAOs at “non-medical aid” emergency scenes.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District to appropriately utilize our safety personnel in the safest and most appropriate manor to mitigate emergency incidents that are our responsibility. PAOs primary role is to provide Advanced Life Support at emergency incidents and to work in the ICS system, assigned as needed by the Incident Commander.

III. Definitions

1. IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health.
2. PAO: Paramedic Ambulance Operator.
3. PPE: Personnel Protective Equipment.
4. ICS: Incident Command System.
5. IC: Incident Commander.

IV. Procedure

PAOs are not authorized to enter any IDLH atmosphere on any incident. PAOs shall utilize their District provided PPE as per the incident type they are dispatched to.

1. Motor Vehicle Accidents: PAOs shall be assigned by the IC to provide ALS care to the injured and assist with other incident needs as per their training.
2. Wildland Fire: PAOs shall report to the IC and advise that they are for medical standby at the direction of the IC and/or their designee.
3. Structure Fires: PAOs shall report to the IC and advise that they are for medical standby at the direction of the IC and/or their designee. They may assist with other ancillary fireground duties but not authorized to enter any IDLH atmosphere.
4. All other: PAOs shall be assigned by the IC and/or their designee to provide ALS care to the injured and assist with other incident needs as per their training.