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Assignment - Paramedic

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**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.172 and 1798.4; and  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100141.

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**I. PURPOSE**

To establish policy for special paramedic operations and patient care while assigned to extraordinary special assignments or missions.

**II. POLICY**

- A.** This policy applies only to those currently certified Paramedics appointed and assigned by an approved Paramedic service provider agency which has been designated by the County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) to provide personnel for special assignments or missions exclusively at the request of security/law enforcement/other services approved by the CoSD EMS Medical Director.
- B.** This policy is operative only for the duration of a specific special assignment or mission of the agencies specified in Section A above.
- C.** Paramedics on special assignment will not be required to make Base Hospital contact to treat patients due to the operational requirements of the special assignment/mission that prohibit the practical employment or presence of telemetry communications equipment.
  - 1. The Paramedics will experience communications failure by default due to the nature of a special assignment/mission.
  - 2. Paramedics shall establish Base Hospital radio contact at the earliest opportunity afforded by the circumstances of the special assignment/mission should it become necessary to engage in Advanced Life Support (ALS) level treatment.

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- D.** Paramedics engaged in a special assignment/mission may, as the assignment/mission dictates, treat patients in accordance with the following:
1. Paramedic Treatment Protocol – CoSD EMS Policy P-110 “ALS Adult Standing Orders”
  2. Paramedic Treatment Protocol – CoSD EMS Policy P-111 “Adult Standing Orders for Communication Failure”
  3. Paramedic Treatment Protocol – CoSD EMS Policy P-405 “Communications Failure”
  4. A report must be filed as specified in CoSD EMS Policy P-405A (Attachment A) “Communications Failure Form” should any patient receive ALS treatment in connection with a special assignment/mission when communication failure occurs.
- E.** Paramedics engaged in a special assignment/mission will be permitted to operate and engage in patient care without a second Paramedic partner or authorized Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) as the logistics of the special assignment/mission dictate.
- F.** Paramedics are responsible to maintain sufficient equipment and medical supplies necessary to treat a victim that meets the requirements of this special assignment/mission protocol.
- G.** The transport of victim(s) to receiving hospitals shall at all times be consistent with existing State and County policy, except as security and other considerations require with respect to special assignments/missions for the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. State Department exclusively.