EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

EMS Coverage for MASS GATHERINGS

Policy: 10200
Effective: August 1, 2016
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I. Purpose
To establish minimum standards for Emergency Medical Services at Mass Gatherings and special events.

Ensure adequate medical-health resources are provided to protect the health and welfare of the general public at public and private events that may have an impact on emergency services.

Provide a means to track and contact responsible party’s associated with events that occur within the County of San Benito.

II. Authority
California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.202, 1797.204, 1797.220, 1798
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100063, 100144, 100167(a), 100169

III. Policy
A. Mass Gathering or Special Event medical plans requiring review by the EMS Coordinator shall meet the minimum standards for the size and type of event, as recommended in this policy. The recommended standards are summarized in Appendix A.
   1. The EMS Medical Coordinator shall have the final authority to determine the applicability of any standard and what shall be considered an adequate Event Medical Plan.

B. Mass Gathering or Special Event medical plans shall include, but not be limited to, the following considerations:
   1. Event description, including date(s), time(s) and location of event
   2. Expected number of event personnel, participants and spectators
   3. Availability of alcohol at the event
4. Site map  
   a. Indicating entrances/exits, seating and isles/walkways  
   b. Ingress/egress route(s) for emergency vehicles  
   c. Landing Zone(s) should be identified for air ambulance  

5. EMS/911 Communications  
   a. Activation of 911 system  
   b. Direct communication between on-site personnel  
      A. Between venue staff and/or security personnel, event coordinator, and medical personnel,  
      B. Between medical personnel located at a First Aid Station and mobile teams  
      C. Between medical personnel and SCR911  
      D. Between medical personnel and ambulances, and  
      E. Between medical staff and receiving hospitals  

6. Medical/EMS Services to be utilized:  
   a. Name(s) of EMS/Fire organization(s) providing service  
   b. Level of coverage & Location  
      A. CPR, rapid access to AEDs, and 911 access  
      B. First Aid stations (if indicated; see Appendix A)  
      C. Ambulances (if indicated; see Appendix A)  
      D. Mobile medical teams (if indicated; see Appendix A)  

7. Patient Care Documentation  
   a. Complete Daily Patient Care Log  
   b. Provide total number of patients transported daily  
   c. PCR required for each patient transported  
      A. Mass Gathering or Special Events requiring medical personnel or ambulances shall enter into a separate agreement with an approved and permitted provider for operations in San Benito County by the EMS Agency.  

IV. Procedure  
   A. First Aid treatment would be administered to people in need of First Aid only. A daily First Aid Contact Log will be filled out for every person requesting First Aid only.  

   B. If the person requires a higher level of care up to and including BLS/ALS then a PCR would be completed which may also include AMA (Against Medical Advise) or RAS (Released at Scene) documentation. A county run number will be generated for any and all documented PCRs. All patients requiring transport will be transported by the County’s contracted 911 provider.
C. First Aid Supplies to include:

- Band Aids
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Suntan Lotion
- Bee Sting Swabs
- Sterile Water
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Virucidal Wipes
- Bottled Drinking Water
- Ice Packs
- Acetaminophen
- Iburprofen
- Aspirin

D. The EMS Agency Coordinator shall review the medical plan within 10 days and respond to both the event sponsor and the permitting agency.
## Minimum Resource Guidelines

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<th>Crowd Size (anticipated)</th>
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X = Required  
* = Recommended  
# = Multiple Units May Be Required depending on history and size of event. A reasonable planning guide is 1 unit per 10,000 participants or spectators.

### Definitions/Background

**CPR & 911 Access:** Event staff and/or safety personnel have the capability to notify 911 of any medical emergency and to provide CPR/AED access.

**First Aid Stations** with minimum of one EMT: A fixed facility with the ability to provide First Aid level care staffed by at least one Emergency Medical Technician or higher skill level personnel. First Aid level care is identified as treatment of minor medical conditions or injuries by care providers that have received training in First Aid. Examples of First Aid care are cleaning, bandaging and referring simple wounds such as scrapes and shallow cuts, providing cold packs for musculo-skeletal strains and bruises, and giving drinking water and a place to rest for patients who are mildly dehydrated. Examples of a First Aid Station or a tent, a clinic, an ambulance or a vehicle or some type. The First Aid Station must have 911 communications capability.

**Ambulance:** An ambulance staffed by at least one Paramedic and one EMT.

**Mobile Teams:** Mobile Teams consist of two or more personnel, one of whom must be an EMT or higher level provider, with treatment supplies necessary for the provider’s skill level, and communications capability with SCR911 and the First Aid Station.
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FIRST AID CONTACT LOG

Date ______________________ Event ____________________________

Name ______________________ Name ____________________________
(EMT/Paramedic) (EMT/Paramedic)

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