Purpose:

This policy establishes criteria and scope for West Des Moines Fire Department Paramedics and EMTs to perform skills while assisting West Des Moines EMS.

Policy:

The West Des Moines Fire Department has a non-transport paramedic provider number with the Iowa Department of Public Health EMS Bureau. The West Des Moines Fire Department provides first response paramedic service to both the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines and therefore have their own set of protocols.

An active West Des Moines Fire Department Paramedic or EMT will be listed on the West Des Moines EMS Roster that is provided to the Iowa Department of Public Health. West Des Moines Fire Department Paramedics and EMTs will be allowed to perform treatment and skills while at a scene or within the West Des Moines EMS Ambulance as long as the following conditions are met.

- The FD Paramedic/EMT is listed as an active paramedic/EMT under the West Des Moines Fire Department Roster with the IDPH EMS.
- The FD Paramedic/EMT has all current Paramedic/EMT Certifications which allow them to function within the State of Iowa.
- The FD Paramedic can administer medications and perform the advanced skills they are allowed according to the West Des Moines Fire Department Protocols. (If it is not allowed within the FD protocols then they cannot perform that skill or administer the medication with West Des Moines EMS)

The West Des Moines Fire Department will assure that all FD Paramedics/EMTs on their roster meet the qualifications required by the State of Iowa, are credentialed to perform the skills within their protocols, show proficiency in performing those skills, have a valid
driver’s license, have a valid Healthcare Provider CPR Card and are not on the Office of Inspector General Exclusion Database. West Des Moines Fire will provide a current list of all that meet these requirements to the Deputy Chief of EMS who will then add them to our roster. Any additions or deletions to this list will be communicated to the Deputy Chief of EMS by the West Des Moines Fire Department.

This policy will apply as long as both services share the same medical director and that medical director approves this procedure.