

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## SPECIAL EVENT EMS

### I. PURPOSE

- A. To ensure rapid EMS arrival to the scene of a medical emergency where the usual EMS response may be delayed secondary to the event location, traffic, access, or crowds.
- B. To establish authorization and procedures for assigning EMS personnel at a special event.
- C. To establish a process of accountability for EMS personnel working at a special event.

### II. POLICY


- A. EMS personnel, as part of their duties with a Monterey County EMS service provider, or as members of a specialized team (i.e. bicycle team) provided by a Monterey County EMS service provider, may provide EMS services at special events in their service area as an extension of the usual and customary EMS services provided.
- B. Monterey County paramedics are permitted to function under the Monterey County EMS scope of practice when assigned to a special event EMS role.
- C. EMS personnel are expected to follow Monterey County policy, protocol, and procedures while on assignment at a special event.
- D. EMS personnel shall complete a Monterey County-approved EMS Patient Care Report (PCR) for each patient contact.
- E. EMS personnel may carry a reduced amount of equipment and supplies than are required under the Minimum Stock-ALS Non-Transport policy. Equipment and supplies assigned to the EMS personnel at a special event should take into account the nature of the special event, the expected medical needs of the participants and spectators, the time for other EMS personnel to arrive at the scene, vehicle capabilities, and any other factors that may affect patient care.

The ALS equipment requirements for specialized teams such as bicycle teams are based on the Firescope Fireline Paramedic Guide. The only difference is a waveform display is required for the AED since cardio-tonic medications are required/carried.

### III. PROCEDURE

- A. Special event EMS personnel should be assigned in teams of at least two (2) people.
- B. An ALS ambulance shall be dispatched to all reports of a medical emergency at a special event unless an ambulance is on stand-by and available at the special event. EMS personnel on stand-by at a special event may cancel the responding ambulance should the stand-by personnel determine that ambulance transport is not needed and only after contact with the patient or when a patient cannot be located.

**END OF POLICY**

  
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