



Virginia Beach Department of Emergency Medical Services



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TACTICAL MEDIC POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to provide designation and operational guidelines for the Tactical Medic.

APPLICABILITY: This policy will apply to all certified members of the Department of Emergency Medical Services.

POLICY STATEMENT: The availability of a Tactical Medic to provide medical support services is essential to an effective tactical operation. Tactical Medics are under the direct supervision of the Virginia Beach Police Department. The Operational Medical Director of the Department of Emergency medical Services provides medical direction. Hence the position of Tactical Medic is hereby created to provide medical support service for the Virginia Beach Police Department.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for participation in the Tactical Medics' selection process, all candidates must meet the following qualifications.

1. Three (3) years of service as an EMS operational provider with the City of Virginia Beach EMS Department.
2. Must be an active member for one (1) year prior to application.
3. Possess current certification as a Virginia EMT-Paramedic with a minimum of two (2) years of experience
4. Applicants must submit a letter to their Rescue Captain requesting consideration for the program.
5. Must successfully complete the VBPD physical agility test
6. Must complete an oral board interview. This board will consist of tactical medics and police officers.
7. Successful applicants must complete Tactical EMS training within one (1) year of appointment.

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- 8. Must maintain the minimum activity level as defined by the EMS duty policy.

SELECTION: The selection of Tactical Medics will occur as designated by the EMS Chief or his designate. Tactical Medics are appointed positions and serve at the pleasure of the EMS Chief. There will be a limit of ten (10) active members to the Tactical medic ranks. The EMS Chief or Deputy EMS Chief may only remove tactical Medics from the active roster.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: The Tactical Medic reports to an appointed Team Captain. The Team Captain reports to the Special Operations Chief.

This policy shall become effective upon the approval of the Chief of Emergency Medical Services.

APPROVED:

 9/13/2004

EMS Chief

Date

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