

Virginia Beach Department of Emergency Medical Services

Standard Operating Guideline - Operations

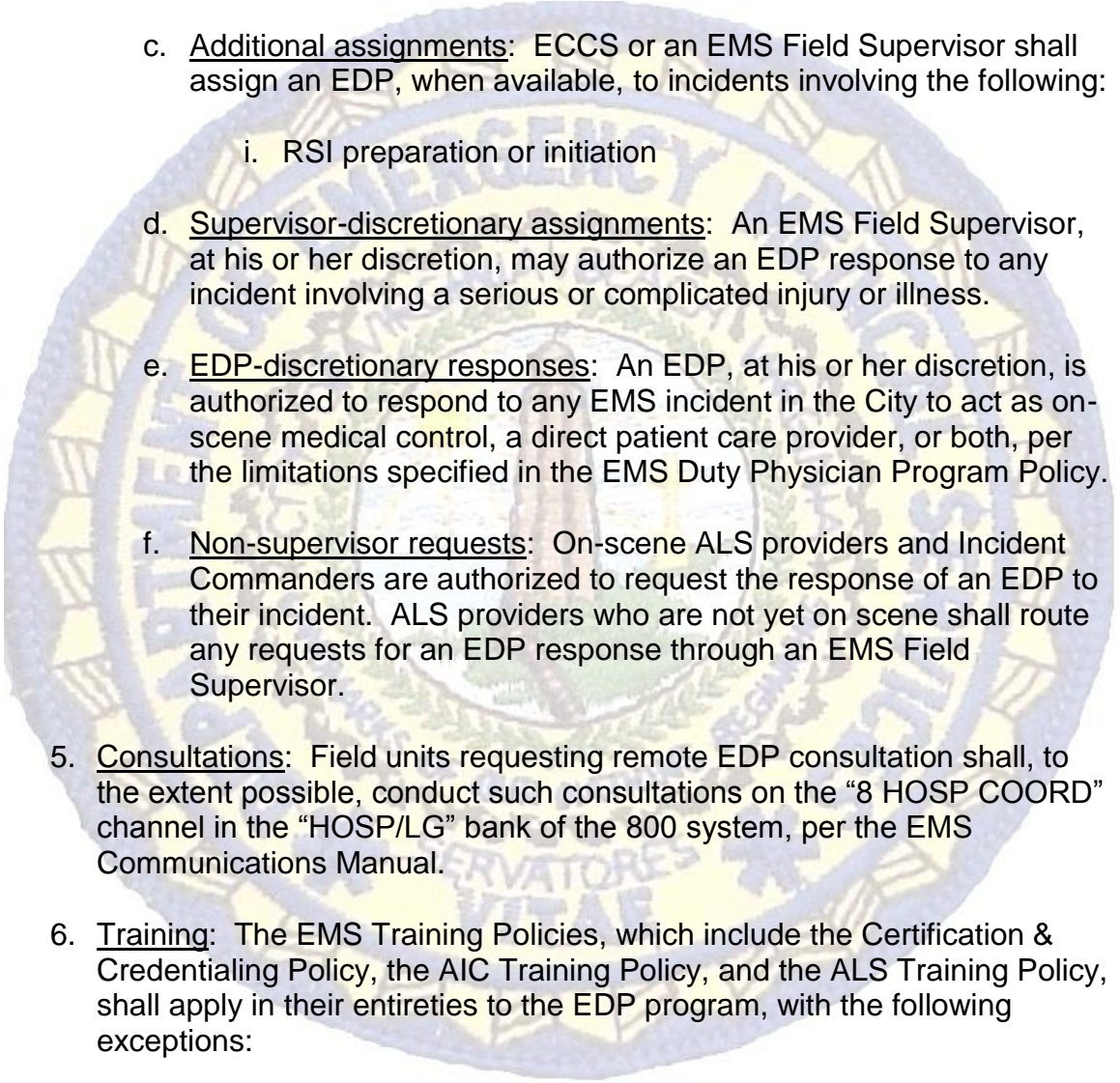
EMS Duty Physician

Purpose: The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) is to establish guidelines and provide direction to personnel in the implementation and utilization of the EMS Duty Physician and supplement Department policy, where required.

Applicability: This Standard Operating Guideline shall apply to Department personnel supporting field operations.

Guidelines:

1. Performance and clinical expectations: EMS Duty Physicians (EDPs) shall be held to the same expectations that apply to other members of the EMS Department, as defined in EMS policies and SOGs, and where such expectations do not conflict with the EMS Duty Physician Program Policy or this SOG.
2. Scheduling and assignment: Round-the-clock staffing of an EDP unit is not anticipated. A maximum of one EDP shall be scheduled for duty at any given time. An EDP shall be posted to a “zone medic” vehicle. The entire City shall be considered to be an EDP’s primary response area.
3. Call signs and CAD designators: The scheduled EDP shall use the CAD designator and call sign “MD02” (pronounced “em-dee-two”). Designators in the range of MD03 through MD09 shall be reserved for EDP program administrative purposes.
4. Dispatches and responses:
 - a. Automatic responses: The CAD will be configured to recommend an EDP, when available, to incidents of the following natures or modifying circumstances, and the recommended EDP shall initiate a response:
 - i. Cardiac arrest
 - ii. Entrapment/pin (vehicular or structural)
 - iii. Working fire
 - iv. Confined space rescue
 - v. Mass casualty incident (5 or more patients)
 - vi. EMS Working Incident

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- b. Advisory alerts: The CAD will be configured to recommend an EDP, when available, to incidents of the following natures or modifying circumstances, and the recommended EDP shall at a minimum acknowledge and monitor the incident:
- i. Amputation
 - ii. Gunshot wound
 - iii. Stabbing
- c. Additional assignments: ECCS or an EMS Field Supervisor shall assign an EDP, when available, to incidents involving the following:
- i. RSI preparation or initiation
- d. Supervisor-discretionary assignments: An EMS Field Supervisor, at his or her discretion, may authorize an EDP response to any incident involving a serious or complicated injury or illness.
- e. EDP-discretionary responses: An EDP, at his or her discretion, is authorized to respond to any EMS incident in the City to act as on-scene medical control, a direct patient care provider, or both, per the limitations specified in the EMS Duty Physician Program Policy.
- f. Non-supervisor requests: On-scene ALS providers and Incident Commanders are authorized to request the response of an EDP to their incident. ALS providers who are not yet on scene shall route any requests for an EDP response through an EMS Field Supervisor.
5. Consultations: Field units requesting remote EDP consultation shall, to the extent possible, conduct such consultations on the “8 HOSP COORD” channel in the “HOSP/LG” bank of the 800 system, per the EMS Communications Manual.
6. Training: The EMS Training Policies, which include the Certification & Credentialing Policy, the AIC Training Policy, and the ALS Training Policy, shall apply in their entirety to the EDP program, with the following exceptions:
- a. For the purposes of section V of the Certification & Credentialing Policy, an EDP shall be considered an “Attendant-In-Charge (ALS Transport Vehicle)”.
 - b. OMD approval to participate as an EDP shall be deemed as compliance with the EMS certification and TEMS ALS sanctioning requirements.

- c. An EDP field internship shall be required, and shall have an emphasis on verifying that the EDP Intern has a clear understanding of:
 - i. The EMS Duty Physician Program Policy, this SOG, and formal documents incorporated therein by reference
 - ii. Safe prehospital operations in general
 - iii. Safe emergency vehicle operations
 - iv. Regional EMS protocols
 - v. Virginia Beach EMS supplementary protocols
 - vi. Treatment modalities and other resources available in the Virginia Beach EMS system
 - vii. Proper use of public safety communications and mobile data equipment
 - viii. Proper operation, administration, or performance of any approved EDP-only tools or treatment modalities
 - ix. Electronic PPCR completion
- d. Only RSI-qualified paramedics and EDPs who have been released under General Supervision shall be designated as ALS FTOs for EDP Interns.

ORDERED:



Deputy Chief for Operations _____ Date _____

LINKAGES	
Formal documents that refer to this document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Duty Physician Program Policy 	Formal documents referred to in this document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBDEMS Duty Physician Program Policy • VBDEMS Communications Manual • VBDEMS Personal Appearance & Uniform Policy • Resident Physician Partnership Program MOU(s) • VBDEMS Duty Policy • VBDEMS Certification & Credentialing Policy • VBDEMS AIC Training Policy • VBDEMS ALS Training Policy • TEMS Regional Medical Protocols • VBDEMS Supplementary Protocols

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