

Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency EMS
System Policies and Procedures

Policy: Paramedic Accreditation

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Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.172; 1797.210 and; 1797.220. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100164.

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agency" means the Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic" or "EMT-P" or "Paramedic" or "Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic" means a person who is educated and trained in all elements of prehospital advanced life support, who has passed all required tests, and who has been licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for issuing EMT-Paramedic Accreditation in the Tuolumne County EMS System in accordance with the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100166.

III. POLICY

- A. In order to be eligible for EMT-P accreditation in the Tuolumne County EMS System an individual shall:
 - 1. Be employed by or have a written offer of employment by an approved Tuolumne County Advanced Life Support Provider.
 - 2. Possess a valid and current California EMT-Paramedic License;
 - 3. Apply to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency for accreditation;
 - 4. Complete a statement stating that the individual applying for accreditation is not precluded from accreditation to practice as an EMT-P for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code;
 - 5. Pay an accreditation processing fee established by the Board of Supervisors;
 - 6. Successfully complete an orientation of the Tuolumne County EMS System; the orientation shall not exceed 8 classroom hours, except when additional hours are needed to successfully complete training in any local optional scope of practice for which the paramedic has not been trained and tested.

7. Successfully complete a supervised pre-accreditation field evaluation to consist of no more than ten (10) ALS responses;
 8. Possess course completion certificates for ICS 100, ICS 200, IS 700 or equivalent courses and OES Region IV Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Field Operations or agree to obtain such training within six (6) months of applying for accreditation.
 9. Demonstrate knowledge and competency in performing those skills or administering those medications which are part of the Tuolumne County EMT-P expanded scope of practice.
 10. Successfully pass with a score of 80% or higher an examination of the Tuolumne County EMS Agency Advanced Life Support Treatment Protocols.
- B. The medical director shall evaluate any candidate who fails to successfully complete the field evaluation or the ALS Protocol Examination or demonstrate knowledge and competency of the expanded scope of practice and recommend further evaluation or training as required, or take other license review action deemed necessary in accordance with the provisions of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 6.
- C. Accreditation to practice shall be continuous as long as:
1. Employment by an approved Tuolumne County Advanced Life Support Provider is maintained.
 2. Licensure is maintained;
 3. ICS 100, ICS 200, IS 700 or equivalent courses and OES Region IV MCI Field Operations training course are completed within six (6) months of applying for accreditation;
 4. The individual re-applies for accreditation before license and accreditation expiration.
- D. The Tuolumne County EMS Agency shall notify individuals applying for accreditation of the decision to accredit within thirty (30) days of submission of a complete application packet.
- E. During an inter-facility transfer or emergency response into another jurisdiction, a paramedic accredited in Tuolumne County may utilize the Paramedic Scope of Practice approved for the Tuolumne County EMS System in another jurisdiction according to the Advanced Life Support Treatment Protocols adopted by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.
- F. The approved Tuolumne County Advanced Life Support Provider shall notify the Agency within two (2) business days of the separation from employment of an Accredited Paramedic. If the paramedic surrenders his/her local accreditation card, the card will be returned to the Agency.
- G. If the separated Paramedic does not surrender his/her local accreditation card to his/her former employer, he/she shall surrender the card to the Agency within two (2) business days of the separation from employment.

- H. Any Paramedic that is accredited by the Agency, but not employed by an approved Tuolumne County Advanced Life Support Provider at the time of adoption of this policy shall surrender the card to the Agency within one week of being notified to do so.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Individuals desiring to be accredited in the Tuolumne County EMS System shall complete and submit to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency in person or via U.S. Mail:
 - 1. A completed Tuolumne County EMS Agency Application for Accreditation;
 - 2. A photocopy of their current State of California Paramedic License;
 - 3. A photocopy of their State of California Driver's License or Identification Card;
 - 4. Proof of course completion for ICS 100, ICS 200, IS 700 or equivalent courses and OES Region IV Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Field Operations or a signed statement agreeing to obtain such training within six (6) months of applying for accreditation;
 - 5. Payment of the accreditation processing fee.
- B. An EMT-P who has completed the requirements of paragraph A above may work as an EMT-P, utilizing the State of California Paramedic Basic Scope of Practice, for an approved Tuolumne County Advanced Life Support Service Provider pending completion of the accreditation process, as-long-as the individual is working with and under the direction supervision of a Tuolumne County Accredited EMT-P.
- C. Paramedics desiring to maintain their accreditation in the Tuolumne County EMS System after successfully renewing their State of California Paramedic License shall submit to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency in person or via U.S. Mail:
 - 1. A completed Tuolumne County EMS Agency Application for Accreditation;
 - 2. A photocopy of their current State of California Paramedic License;
 - 3. A photocopy of their State of California Driver's License or Identification Card;
 - 4. A photocopy of their previous Tuolumne County EMS Paramedic Accreditation Card;