



Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Care Manual **Policy 211**

AMBULANCE TASK FORCE & STRIKE TEAM UNIT LEADERS

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Resources
None

I. Purpose

To identify minimum qualifications for Ambulance Task Force and Strike Team Unit Leaders in the County of Santa Clara to promote consistency and competency in the management of prehospital care operations both in county and when requested for mutual aid. This policy does not preclude any additional requirements deemed appropriate by an individual's employer.

II. Initial Qualifications

- A. An individual must complete all the following requirements prior to serving as an Ambulance Task Force or Strike Team Unit Leader.
1. Minimum of three (3) years field experience in the provision of emergency medical/prehospital care services
 2. Must be an Accredited Santa Clara County EMS Field Supervisor or EMS Duty Chief.
 3. Be in good standing with the Agency and/or EMS Authority.
 4. Completion of a course of instruction in the Incident Command System 100 or 195, 200, 300, and an introductory Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) module.
 5. Successful completion of an Ambulance Strike Team Unit Leader course or equivalent.

6. Complete a provider agency supervisor-training program that includes, but is not limited to; personnel management, conflict resolution, crisis management, CISM, and basic investigation skills.
7. Successful completion of a Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (FRO) course.
8. Introduction to the National Response Plan - IS 800A.

III. Duties and Responsibilities

- A. The Ambulance Task Force or Strike Team Unit Leader is responsible for:
 1. Overseeing the safety and condition of the team, personnel, and associated equipment.
 2. Coordinating the movement of the team traveling to and returning from the incident.
 3. Supervising the operational deployment of the team at the incident, as directed by the on-scene ICS Division/Group Supervisor, or other member of the incident management team.
 4. Maintaining familiarity with team operations, including assembling, responding, and direction the actions of the assigned units, keeping the team accounted for at all times.
 5. Contacting the appropriate incident personnel with problems encountered on the incident, including mechanical, operational, and/or logistical.
 6. Ensuring vehicles have adequate communications capability.
 7. Maintaining positive public relations during the incident (in coordination with the PIO)
 8. Prior to deployment, determining mission duration, special circumstances, staging area and contact information.
 9. Ensuring completion and submission of ICS documents as appropriate.