

COASTAL VALLEYS EMS AGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES - SUMMARY OF CHANGES

GENERAL FORMAT CHANGES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed Header 	EMS and Medical Director approval, and the Health and Safety Code Authority will be added to the cover page of the Admin Policy Manual. Effective/Review dates will be moved to the footer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any reference to CVEMSA/EMS Agency will now be "LEMSA". 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbering hierarchy change to be consistent with treatment guidelines. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy number changes, see specific policy summary. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon removing several policies, many policies renumbered to remain chronologic. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All California Code of regulations are generic to reference title 22 division 9 due to EMSA restructuring the division. 	During this most recent revision process of the LEMSA admin policies, EMSA is restructuring the division.
SECTION 1000 – SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1001 Medical Control – LEMSA (EMS) Medical Director 	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed "annual" review of policy requirements to "regularly". 	CVEMSA has a robust policy development committee and collaborative process that identifies policies needing revisions/updates. An annual review of all policies would limit the committee's capacity to set priorities and make important policy changes that impact patient care.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified language to include all level of EMS Providers. 	EMS provider levels are subject to change per the California Health and Safety Code. New language allows the policy to remain consistent regardless of changes to the California Health and Safety Code.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed reference to AED, EMR, EMT, Advance EMT, and Paramedic training programs. 	All EMS training programs are reference in a separate section of the policy. Removed to simply and avoid unnecessary redundancies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed "verification" of Paramedics. 	The LEMSA is responsible for local accreditation of paramedics.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaned up language to accurately reflect the role and responsibilities of the LEMSA. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1002 Online Medical Control 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deleted/Removed. 	Content of the policy was added to <i>1001 Medical Control – LEMSA (EMS) Medical Director</i> and online medical control language will be added to <i>5002 Base Hospital</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1003 Scene Management and Authority 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed large section language verbatim of the California Health and Safety Code language. 	Revised language is more concise and remains consistent with the California Health and Safety Code. Reviewed several other LEMSA's policies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added physician on-scene language. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will become policy 1002. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Personnel Identification 	Combined old 4001 Personnel Identification and added language to 1003 Scene Management and Authority.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1004 Emergency Medical Care Committee 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renamed to "Emergency Medical Service Committees". 	Includes additional stakeholder meetings, not just EMCC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will become 1003. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1005 Policy Development 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated internal LEMSA review process 	Removed time constraints for internal review.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalized the process for public comment submissions and review. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMS Special Memorandum section replaces "Treatment Policy Revisions Prior to Scheduled Review". 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed EMS aircraft language regarding implementation of policy/protocols in conflict with the LEMSA policy/protocols. 	Information regarding EMS Aircraft Policies is now available in the LEMSA policy <i>4007 EMS Aircraft</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added hearing process to be consistent with the EMS Ordinance. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will become 1004. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1006 Report of Personal Injuries Resulting from assaultive or abusive conduct 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to treatment guidelines. 	This policy is better suited in treatment guidelines and will be drafted and reviewed with the policy advisory committee. <i>Special Notes: Consider drafting a policy that address Assault/Abuse/Sex Trafficking/Domestic Violence policy that also includes adult and child abuse reporting.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1007 On-Viewing Medical Emergencies 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous policy number 1002 	Changed to policy number 1007

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b. Provide direction if an incident occurs within an exclusive operating area (EOA) and ensure patient safety.	Previous language left the transport decision to incident command and did not reference an EOA.
c. Will become 1005.	
d.	
• 1008 EMS Response to Hazardous Materials	
a. Move to treatment guidelines.	This policy is better suited in treatment guidelines and will be drafted and reviewed with the policy advisory committee. <i>Special Notes: Consider including Nerve Agent Antidote Administration (previous policy number 4013).</i>
• 1009 Crime Scene Management	
a. Move to treatment guidelines.	This policy is better suited in treatment guidelines and will be drafted and reviewed with the policy advisory committee. <i>Special notes: Active Shooter considerations, Preservation of crime scene, Follow Law instructions. Include law enforcement for discussion and review.</i>
• 1010 Organ Donor Procurement	
a. Move to treatment guidelines	This policy is better suited in treatment guidelines and will be drafted and reviewed with the policy advisory committee. <i>Special Notes: Consider including in Determination of Death</i>
• 1007 LEMSA Observation Policy	
a. New Policy	The LEMSA Observation Policy program is designed to provide an opportunity for oversight, observation, and review of the EMS system operations.
SECTION 2000 – STAFFING AND TRAINING	
• 2001 Ambulance Operations	
a. Delete	Language in this policy is already covered in policy 4001 Emergency and/or ALS Ambulance Permits a. Aircraft section is covered in EMS Aircraft b. Ambulances based outside the county is covered in 4001 Ambulance Service Provider Permits c. Ambulance Safety and Emergency Equipment is covered in 4001 Ambulance Service Provider Permits
• 2002 Prehospital Continuing Education (CE) Provider	
a. Delete now part of Training Programs	•
• 2003 First Responder Training Program	
a. New Policy No. - 2002 Training Programs i. Includes 2004 EMT Training Programs and 2006 Paramedic Training Programs b. Outlines approval process for each training program tier. c. Outlines scope of practice for each training program tier. d. Outlines procedure for suspension or revocation for each training programs. e. Includes CE Providers as an approved training program.	Includes all levels of training programs, moved to 2002 to fill in the blank.
• 2004 EMT Training Programs	
a. Delete	Combined with new policy 2002 Training Programs
• 2005 EMT Certification Review – Discipline Process	
a. New Policy- 2003 EMT Certification Review – Discipline Process	Created to meet LEMSA Obligations, no change to current practice.
• 2006 Paramedic Training Program	
a. Delete	Combined with new policy 2002 Training Programs
• 2007 County Evaluators and Preceptor	
a. New Policy No. 2004 County Evaluators and Preceptor b. Added LEMSA Medical Director Approval or "Designee". c. Clarifies approval process/notification. d. Removed reference to prehospital liaison nurse.	Moved to 2004 to fill in blanks
• 2008 Prehospital Continuing Education Provider (CE)	
a. Delete	Combined with policy 2002 Training Programs
• 2009 Special Event Accreditation	
a. New Policy No – 2005 Special Events b. Includes Accreditation	Moved to 2005 to fill in blanks

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Includes Scene Management (Physician on-scene staffed by event) d. Definitions added to Policy Purpose e. First Responder Fee replaced with "Special Event Paramedic Fee" f. Added new Section: Special Event Operations 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Base Hospital Physicians 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deleted 	Add to 5002 Base Hospitals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 EMT Certification 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Policy No. 2006 EMT Certification 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Revised to meet regulatory requirements 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 Paramedic Accreditation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Policy No. – 2001 Paramedic Accreditation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Interim accreditation process outlined with additional flexibility for independent practice. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Orientation criteria updated. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Base Hospital Physician 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deleted 	Language added to policy 5002 Base Hospital