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MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

MRC Scope of Practice: EMT-1

Purpose: To define the scope of practice of a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician - 1 providing treatment as a MRC volunteer in Santa Barbara County or deployment area.

Authority: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, Section 100063.

Policy: The scope of EMT-I practice for the Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps shall be in accordance with applicable sections of the Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (Health and Safety Code, Section 1797-1799) and the regulations established by the EMS Authority pursuant to the provisions of that act. An EMT-I may perform any activities identified in the Scope of Practice of an EMT-I as defined in regulations.

- A. An EMT-I may evaluate the ill and injured.
- B. Render basic life support, rescue and first aid to patients with one or more of the following:
 - 1. Medical emergencies
 - 2. Trauma emergencies
 - 3. Environmental emergencies
 - 4. Psychiatric emergencies; and
 - 5. Obstetrical emergencies
- C. Obtain diagnostic signs including blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness and pupil status.
- D. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of mechanical adjuncts to basic Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- E. Use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids:
 - 1. Oropharyngeal airway
 - 2. Nasopharyngeal airway
 - 3. Suction devices
 - 4. Basic oxygen delivery devices; and

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5. Manual and mechanical ventilating devices designed for pre-hospital use.
- F. Use various types of stretchers and body immobilization devices.
- G. Provide initial pre-hospital emergency care of trauma, which includes:
 1. Controlling external hemorrhage
 2. Applying bandages and slings
 3. Immobilization of skeletal injuries; and
 4. Spinal immobilization
- H. Administer oral glucose.
- I. Perform simple extrication and disentanglement from entrapment.
- J. Perform basic field triage.
- K. Transport the ill and injured.
- L. Assist an EMT-P in the pre-treatment set-up for ALS Procedures.
- M. Manage patients within their scope of practice.
- N. Monitor peripheral lines delivering intravenous glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions including ringer's lactate during interfacility transport and in the pre-hospital setting in a limited advanced life support or advanced life support system with the following restrictions:
 1. The patient is non-critical and deemed stable by the transferring or base hospital physician and the physician approved transport by an EMT-I. Responsibility for patient care during the transfer remains with the transferring or Base Hospital physician.
 2. No medications have been added to the intravenous fluids and, in the pre-hospital setting, no other limited advanced life support or advanced life support procedures have been initiated.
 3. The EMT-I may only:
 - a. Monitor and turn off the flow of intravenous fluid.
 - b. Check the tubing for kinks and reposition the arm if necessary when loss of flow occurs.
 - c. Control bleeding at the IV site.
 - d. Turn off the flow of intravenous fluid when infiltration or loss of flow occurs.
- O. A certified EMT-I may accompany the patient in the rear compartment of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Unit during transport including; to the hospital, interfacility transports, transporting 5150s, and transports from hospital to home at the discretion of the EMT-P, who will be ultimately responsible for the overall care/supervision of the patient during transport.
- P. Perform automated external defibrillation (AED) when authorized by an EMT AED service provider that is authorized by the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency.