

SAN FRANCISCO EMS AGENCY POLICY MANUAL

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Policy Revision Summary Effective September 9, 2013			
Policy Number	Title	Action Taken	Revision
NOTE: Format for all policies revised for all policies to improve readability and clarity.			
1000	Policy & Protocol Public Comment Process	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarified the processes for policy and protocol public comment, approval, exemptions and release without public comment (formerly called “Emergency Policies”).
1010	Advisory Committees	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Added a San Francisco paramedic training program representative to the EMS Advisory Committee.Added STAR and Quality Improvement Subcommittees.There were NO other substantial changes to content.
2040	EMT-1 Certification	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarified the processes for EMT certification.Requires photocopy of current Basic Life Support (Healthcare Provider Level) CPR Card from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or American Safety & Health Institute.
2050	Paramedic Accreditation	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarified the processes for paramedic accreditation.Requires photocopy of current Basic Life Support (Healthcare Provider Level) CPR Card from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or American Safety & Health Institute.
2052	Preceptors for Paramedic Interns Supervisor	Revision	Significant revision to incorporate new CCR Title 22 regulations that stress paramedic training programs and ALS provider agencies are jointly responsible for ensuring that student preceptors meet the standards delineated in this policy.
2052	Paramedic Field Supervisor	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deleted reference in I. Purpose section of the current policy about creating a pool of specially trained Supervisors for MCI’s. Substituted instead a requirement for MCI training and exercise with participation in a supervisory role in the ICS structure (noted with an underline).Moved requirement from the current policy 2052 section III about paramedic supervisor ratios to <i>Policy 4000 EMS Provider standards</i> (see below).Changed training requirements for COBRA to the more relevant subsection of that law – EMTALA.Moved OSHA standards for workplace safety, prehospital blood-borne pathogen exposures and HIPAA standards to <i>Policy 4000 EMS Provider Standards</i>.
3000	Medical Dispatch Center Standards	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allows for use of AMPDS to be suspended without prior approval from the EMS Medical Director during disaster situations or during periods of unusual extreme call demand.The Medical Dispatcher standard was moved to a new policy 3000.1 Medical Dispatcher Standards (see below).
3000.1	Medical Dispatcher Standards	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none">These standards were formerly in <i>Policy 3000 Medical Dispatch Center Standards</i> (see above).Medical Dispatcher Scope of Practice newly defined in policy.Requires current Basic Life Support (Public Level) CPR Card from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or American Safety & Health Institute.
4002	Controlled Substances	Revision	Re-format only with no substantial changes to content.
5000 / 5000.1	Destination Policy and Chart	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor changes to vital sign criteria for patients going to the Sobering Center. Changes were made at the request of the Sobering Center staff to better align their clinical guidelines with the EMS system.There were NO revisions to the 5000.1 Destination Chart.