

General Policy and Procedure

Tactical Emergency Medical Service Team (TEMS)

The purpose of this protocol is to provide for the use of tactical EMS paramedics in the Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority during police related activities and training in which their presence would be advantageous.

Procedure:

Any ALS agency that wants to utilize a TEMS team will provide personnel with at least paramedic level licensure in the State of Michigan and have those personnel trained in tactical scenarios.

When responding to a tactical scene, the TEMS paramedics will respond along with another transport capable unit. The TEMS paramedic will give a complete report of patient condition and treatments to the transporting unit. In the event the transporting unit is not ALS or if deemed necessary, the TEMS paramedic(s) will ride to the hospital and maintain patient care during transport.

The TEMS paramedic team will be comprised of Washtenaw/Livingston County cleared and licensed emergency medical personnel. The TEMS paramedics will follow the Washtenaw/Livingston County protocols. They will have radio capabilities which allow them to reach their agency's dispatch and to reach a Washtenaw/Livingston County approved hospital for medical control.

1. In tactical situations where it is not possible to contact medical control, all "post-radio" orders will become "pre-radio" and medical control should be contacted as soon as possible.
2. In the event of a TEMS activation, police personnel will contact dispatch and advise them of the need for TEMS personnel to respond to a situation.
3. TEMS personnel will contact the incident commander on scene for situation report. The TEMS personnel will "size up" the situation and request additional resources as needed.

Equipment List

Jump Kit/Pack
Airway management supplies with Combi Tube
Suction unit
IV kit, Saline lock kit
Drug box
Radios
Personal protection equipment
ECG monitor, defibrillator
Oxygen/oxygen supplies

Drug Box

1. Any ALS agency wanting to obtain a drug box for use on an EMS paramedic unit will take a device that can be sealed and is capable of carrying all of the new medications listed on the contents list to a medical control approved pharmacy to be filled. The agency must also provide a device that can carry all controlled substances and can be carried by a TEMS paramedic. Drug boxes will be inventoried and sealed with an expiration date labeled on the box. The boxes will be kept in a secured area when not in use.

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2. Contents will include: Epi pen, metered dose albuterol inhaler as well as those items listed in Protocol 1-27, page a.

Drug Box Exchange

1. During a tactical situation, all medications used by the TEMS paramedic team will be replaced from the responding ALS transporting unit's drug box.
2. The transporting ALS unit will then use their opened drug box for any additional treatment needed during transport. The ALS unit will be responsible for documenting **any** drug use. Upon arrival at the hospital, the ALS unit will follow the usual drug box procedure for an ALS unit.
3. The TEMS paramedic will keep a daily log of all patients treated and drugs used and replaced from an ALS unit.
4. At the end of the TEMS paramedic's situation, the drug box must be returned to the hospital pharmacy for update of its contents, seal and expiration date.

IV Kits/Fluids

1. The TEMS paramedic team will carry one (1) county approved IV kit, one (1) saline lock, and (1) 1000 ml bag of Normal Saline.
2. The TEMS paramedic team will replace the used kits and bag of IV fluid with the transporting ALS unit or at the hospital. The ALS unit will obtain a new IV kit at the receiving hospital following the normal IV exchange policy.
3. All remaining and used IV supplies will be given to the transporting ALS unit for proper disposal.

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