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**POCATELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

Subject: Paramedic-Firefighter

To: All Personnel

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POSITION PURPOSE:

The paramedic/firefighter is accountable for responding to emergency medical and trauma incident in the County of Bannock providing in-field advanced life support triage, assessment, treatment and transportation of patients to Emergency Department physicians of the local primary care facilities.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. Provide in-field advanced life support care to medical and trauma patients through the use of advanced and basic life support procedures under a physician's control by radio, cellular phone or pre-established protocols.
2. Assist in fire, rescue and hazardous materials incidents by maintaining related training and skills.
3. Establish and maintain advanced and basic life support training and skills by successfully completing required training and self-study.
4. Maintains necessary levels of physical fitness through participation in on the job fitness programs and assessment.
5. Contribute to the operation of the fire station, apparatus and equipment through periodic inspections, maintenance and re-supply.
6. Documentation of medical and trauma incidents that will be utilized both as confidential medical record and quality assurance instrument by program and medical control physicians.
7. Contribute to the availability of required personnel standing-by during periods of non-emergency activity.
8. Produce and present public education information dealing with both fire and medical topics under a variety of circumstances as necessary.
9. Assure the fire prevention codes and regulations are adhered to by the general public by completing standardized fire inspections.
10. Have completed all requirements of Firefighter Level III.
11. Must maintain a valid State of Idaho Driver's License while on duty.

12. Performs related work as assigned by the Captain.

NATURE AND SCOPE:

The paramedic/firefighter shall report to the physician paramedic program directors, medical control physicians, EMS Chief, Duty Chief and assigned station captain as deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief and regulations governing EMS programs.

The paramedic/firefighter requires appropriate fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue extrication, incident command, hazardous materials and advanced life support training and periodic recurrent training.

The primary function of the paramedic/firefighter is to provide advanced life support assessment treatment and transportation for medical and trauma patients. While the primary emphasis is on medical and trauma emergencies, the paramedic/firefighter also provides assistance at fire, rescue and hazardous materials incidents.

This job requires interaction with physicians, nurses, EMT's (at all levels) and with the public in general. This requires a courteous, cooperative and professional attitude at all times. This position requires that all persons contacted are treated with dignity and respect.

The procedures and equipment commonly associated with this position are extensive in type and number. Included are those of the basic, and intermediate EMT life support provider as well as the more advanced life support procedures and equipment which include: initiate and maintain intravenous fluid therapy lines and administration of intravenous, endotracheal, intraosseous, intramuscular and subcutaneous emergency medications; electrocardiograph monitoring, transcutaneous cardiac pacing, manual cardiac defibrillation and synchronized cardio version; blood oximetry and glucometry; advanced airway management including invasive procedures such as surgical airways, endotracheal intubation, pulmonary resuscitation, suctioning and gastric cannulation; obstetrical and neonatal resuscitation procedures, equipment and devices; emergency thoracic decompression via thoracentesis and other procedures or equipment as covered in protocols.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

Fire Chief

Date

Union Representative

Date