



Oakland County Medical Control Authority

System Protocols

TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (TEMS) TEAM

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Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) Team

Purpose:

The purpose of this protocol is to allow for the use of tactical EMS paramedics, within the Oakland County Medical Control Authority, during police related activities and training. This protocol does not provide liability coverage as prescribed under the EMS law, for tactical teams that originate and/or operate out of non-life support agencies (i.e. police departments, sheriff offices SWAT teams).

Procedure:

Any ALS agency that seeks to utilize a TEMS team will provide personnel with paramedic level licensure within the State of Michigan, and training in tactical scenarios.

When responding to a tactical scene, within their geographical service area (GSA), the TEMS team shall respond along with an ALS unit from their Agency. If responding outside of their GSA an EMS transport unit, preferably ALS, should be requested from the local jurisdiction. This will only be done if tactically feasible or prudent.

If responding to a tactical scene outside of their GSA, an ambulance from the local jurisdiction should be dispatched, or placed on standby, as well. In the event a patient(s) arises out of the tactical situation, the TEMS paramedic(s) will provide a comprehensive verbal report upon transferring care to the transporting unit. If the transporting unit is not ALS, or when it is deemed necessary, the TEMS paramedic(s) will accompany the patient to the hospital as to maintain or optimize patient care.

The TEMS paramedic(s) will follow the OCMCA protocols and will have radio capabilities to contact OCMCA hospitals for the purpose of accessing on-line medical control.

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TEMS Equipment List

The following is a list of equipment that should be deployed with a TEMS team. In the interest of maintaining tactical mobility, items may be provided by the ALS unit providing standby.

- AED/Monitor (may be provided by standby unit)
- Jump kit/TEMS kit
- Oxygen and supplies (may be provided by the standby unit)
- Airway management supplies
- Suction (may be provided by the standby unit)
- IV kit
- Drug package/kit (modified)

TEMS Drug Package

Any ALS agency wishing to obtain a modified drug package may do so by working with their Medical Control Physician in developing a plan on how and which medications will be carried by the TEMS team. Once this plan is developed, it must be approved by the Medical Director of the OCMCA, or his/her designee.

Once approval is obtained, the agency must provide a device to the Medical Control Hospital Pharmacy, which is capable of being sealed. The drug package must remain with the TEMS team while deployed. This drug package must be inventoried and sealed with an expiration date listed on the label. The drug package must be kept in a secured area when not in use.