



Coffee Break Training - Emergency Medical Services

Characteristics of the Medical Components of the Incident Command System: Fireline Emergency Medical Technician

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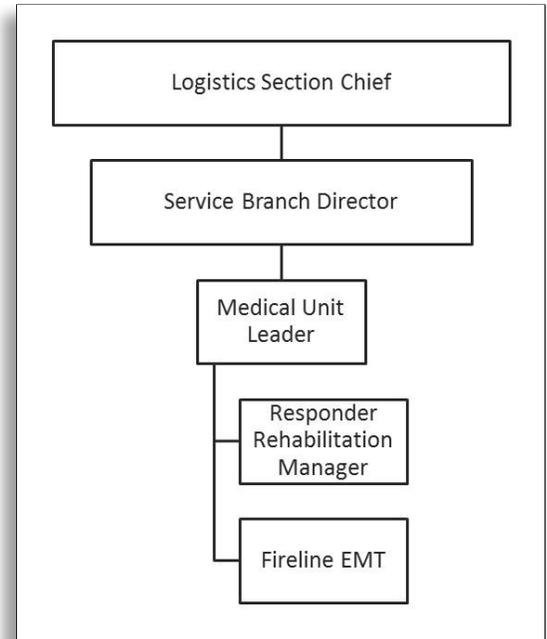
Learning Objective: The student will be able to understand the Fireline Emergency Medical Technician's (FEMT's) responsibilities.

FIRELINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – The FEMT provides emergency medical care to personnel operating on the fireline. The FEMT initially reports to the Medical Unit Leader, if established, or the Logistics Section Chief. The FEMT must establish and maintain liaison with, and respond to requests from the Operations Section personnel to whom they are subsequently assigned:

The checklist presented below should be considered as a minimum requirement for the position. Note that some of the activities are one-time actions while others are ongoing for the duration of an incident:

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Page 1-2).
- b. Check in and obtain briefing from the Logistics Section Chief, or the Medical Unit Leader if established. Briefing will include current incident situation, anticipated medical needs, and required local medical protocol including documentation.
- c. Receive assignment and assess current situation.
- d. Anticipate needs and obtain medical supplies from the incident.
- e. Secure copies of local emergency medical service forms/paperwork if available.
- f. Secure/check out portable radio with all incident frequencies.
- g. Obtain a copy of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and review the Medical Plan (ICS Form 206).
- h. Identify and contact assigned tactical supervisor and confirm your travel route, transportation and ETA prior to leaving your check-in location.
- i. Meet with assigned tactical supervisor and obtain briefing.
- j. Obtain briefing from the FEMT you are relieving, if applicable.
- k. Upon arrival at your assigned location, perform a radio check with your assigned tactical supervisor, incident Communications Unit and the Medical Unit, if established.
- l. Maintain ongoing contact and interaction with personnel on your assignment to assess medical needs and provide assistance when needed.
- m. Make requests for transportation of ill and injured personnel, through channels, as outlined in the Medical Plan (ICS Form 206).
- n. Make notifications of incident related illnesses and injuries as outlined in the Medical Plan (ICS Form 206).
- o. At the conclusion of each shift, advise your tactical supervisor that you are departing and will report to the Medical Unit Leader for debriefing and submission of patient care documentation.
- p. Secure operations and demobilize as outlined in the Demobilization Plan.
- q. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS Form 214).

For additional information regarding the FEMT's responsibilities, the U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Field Operations Guide can be accessed at <http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/materials/TRADE%20CD%20XVI//WebHelp/index.htm>.



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