

	Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service Standard Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: <i>Member Guidelines-</i> Medical Command Authorization	SOG #101-007
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Description: The following outlines the process for a PA State or Nationally Registered Paramedic to receive Montgomery County Command via Lower Providence EMS Service Medical Director. This SOG is not intended to replace the standard orientation process and is specific to medical command authorization only.

Purpose: To ensure that experienced and less experienced 9-1-1 Paramedic providers have a clear understanding of the process required to obtain command with Lower Providence EMS. The process is intended to ensure providers become familiar with the processes and culture of Lower Providence EMS while ensuring that documentation and skills are at the standard expected from this organization.

Procedure: Introduction to the Clinical Care Coordinator and when possible, the Service Medical Director, as well as the completion of a Medical Command Form with current Con-Ed report attached, a Letter of verification/recommendation from a current Service Medical Director that the provider currently operates under (if available), and copies of current Paramedic, CPR, ACLS/PALS credentials. Paramedic(s) must complete at least (3) three supervised orientation shifts with an approved LPEMS Paramedic Preceptor.

During these shifts as well as demonstrating the below listed tasks, the paramedic(s) must also complete the following based on experience and prior Medical Command status:

Paramedics with active Montgomery County Command (or Medical Command from an adjacent county that responds to Montgomery County – Chester, Bucks, Berks, Philadelphia, and Delaware) shall complete three (3) orientation shifts, at minimum (5) supervised patient care treatments and/or transports as the primary care provider. These treatment interactions must have a favorable rating by the precepting paramedic, ePCR completed by orienting paramedic with dual signatures or each paramedic affixed.

Additionally, the provider(s) will submit to the Clinical Care Coordinator (5) five (HIPAA info redacted) ePCR's from a current organization dated within the prior 180 days to be included in the packet for the Service Medical Director to review.

Paramedics without active Montgomery County Command (or Medical Command from an adjacent county that responds to Montgomery County – Chester, Bucks, Berks, Philadelphia, and Delaware) shall complete three (3) orientation shifts, at minimum (20) supervised patient care treatments and/or transports as the primary care provider. These treatment interactions must have a favorable rating by the precepting paramedic, ePCR completed by orienting paramedic with dual signatures or each paramedic affixed.

Task List

1. Ensure adequacy with ESO ePCR system.
 - a. Ensure explanation of LPEMS QA/QI process
 - i. Review QA Worksheet
2. Locate the ALS Bag and Ammo Can in each LPEMS unit.
 - a. Locate the drug pouch and box.
 - b. Locate the Narcotics box.
 - i. Demonstrate ability to open the pad lock and relock box.
 - c. Locate the EZ-IO Kit and contents.
 - d. Locate the Video Airway and spare blades
 - i. Demonstrate ability to operate.
 - e. Locate the I-Gel Airways
 - f. Locate intubation kit and identify LPEMS inventory.
3. Demonstrate ability to understand the drug sign off and restocking process.
4. Demonstrate ability to use LP15 monitor.
 - a. Transmitting to ESO & Hospitals
 - b. CO(Rainbow) Cable
 - c. See Stocking Sheet
5. Locate IV Tray and LPEMS Inventory
 - a. See Stocking Sheet
6. Locate LPEMS First -In bag and inventory (Red Bag)
 - a. See Stocking Sheet
7. Locate Pediatric BVM Mask locations.
8. Locate Quick-Trach system.
9. Locate Needle Decompression Equipment
10. Locate Unit copies of PA EMS Protocols
11. Review LPEMS Digital Forms
12. Ensure proper notification & Medical Command Numbers
13. Review of 800 Mhz Mobile and portable radios
14. Demonstrate ability to use MDT
15. Demonstrate ability to switch LPEMS HB from LPEMS to ShannGate Channel
16. Ensure adequacy with the Tapp Lock System.