


East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

	SOP 503 Responsibilities	
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This section assigns Emergency Medical Services (EMS) functions and responsibilities for the level of capabilities:

Advanced Life Support (ALS): Three (3) ALS units.

Paramedic and EMT Standards

- a. Paramedics and EMT's will perform according to the standards set forth by the Pinellas County EMS Medical Director (Medical Operations Manual) and the orders received from On-Line Medical Control (OLMC). Each Paramedic and EMT, will be responsible for understanding and applying the standing orders according to his or her skill level.
- b. Performance of skills and service will include all procedures and policies additionally set forth by this department.

Line of Authority at Scene of an Emergency Involving Patient Care

- a. **Chief Officer**: Primary role is to evaluate on scene activities. If presented with a large-scale emergency or unacceptable actions, a chief officer may elect to assume command, assist command, or supervise patient care.
- b. **DC-57**: Command of overall scene, unless ranking officer assumes command.
- c. **Shift Lieutenant**: Command of overall scene, unless relieved by a higher ranking officer.
- d. **Paramedic**: Responsible for the specific patient care and treatment under general supervision of the Shift Lieutenant or incident commander. In the absence of an officer, the paramedic in charge will assume responsibility for scene control and patient care and treatment.
- e. **Emergency Medical Technician**: Responsible for patient care and treatment under supervision of the Paramedic or a ranking officer.