

KITTITAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

MPD OPERATIONAL POLICY #2

SUBJECT: PREREQUISITES FOR EMS PROVIDERS

Approved by MPD: ____ Signed copy on file _____ (Jackson S. Horsley, MD)

Effective: __8-1-13____

Recommended by Kittitas County EMS/TC Council (print and sign):

____ Signed copy on file _____ Date: __8-1-13__

I. PURPOSE

- A. To assure EMS providers are knowledgeable, in good standing, and competent with local protocols and procedures before performing prehospital medicine to patients who are ill or injured without senior supervision.
- B. To instill confidence in the new ALS provider through supervised protocol probation in the prehospital setting.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. The following are the Medical Program Director's prerequisites for recommendation for certification in Kittitas County.

Paramedics:

1. **Certification** - Meet the Uniform Standards of Measurement outlined in the MPD ALS Matrix #1 - #5 (See MPD Matrix);
 - a) Graduated from an accredited program.
 - b) Successfully passed the National Registry exam. Copy of Washington State Certification and/or National Registry (when applicable)
 - c) Two letters of recommendation from supervisors in the field of prehospital emergency medicine (hard copy or electronic w/ verifiable contact information);
 - d) Current on all CME/OTEP and skill maintenance requirements when applicable, to include current AHA HCP, ACLS, PALS, and PHTLS cards or approved equivalent;
 - e) Complete Acknowledgement of Protocols and Procedures process for Kittitas County, South Central Region, and Washington State (online: <http://www.kittitascountyems.org/certification.htm>).
 - f) Successful completion of the Kittitas County ALS Protocol/General Knowledge exam = 80%

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2. Protocol Probation –

New/Reciprocity/< 3 years WA State Certification -

- a) Document 50 ALS calls as lead provider while supervised by an approved senior paramedic in Kittitas County (log sheet attached)
- b) Meet the Uniform Standards of Measurement outlined in the MPD ALS Matrix #6 - #13 (See attached forms for log summary and matrix.)
- c) ***MPD and Agency approved Preceptor(s) will be assigned during protocol probation period.***
- d) ***Completion of Protocol Probation will require;***
 - i. ***Recommendation of Preceptor(s)***
 - ii. ***Recommendation of Agency Supervisor***
 - iii. ***MPD approved audit of ACLS calls, matrix requirements, and recommendations***
 - iv. ***Other as deemed necessary by MPD based on performance***

> 3 years WA State Certification –

- a) ***Document 25 ALS calls as lead provider while supervised by an approved senior paramedic in Kittitas County (log sheet attached)***
- b) ***Completion of Protocol Probation will require;***
 - i. ***Recommendation of Preceptor(s)***
 - ii. ***Recommendation of Agency Supervisor***
 - iii. ***MPD approved audit of ACLS calls, matrix requirements, and recommendations***
 - iv. ***Other as deemed necessary by MPD based on performance***

Emergency Medical Responder, EMTs, and Advanced EMT:

1. Certification

a) Initial Certification:

- Letter of recommendation from the Senior EMS Instructor from initial training course (hard copy or electronic with contact information);
- Acknowledgement of protocols, procedures, and policies for Kittitas County, South Central Region, and Washington State (online: <http://www.kittitascountyems.org/certification.htm>).

b) Personal Status Change or Recertification:

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- Two letters of recommendation from supervisors in the field of prehospital emergency medicine (hard copy or electronic with contact information);
- Documentation of current continuing medical education and skill maintenance requirements (if applicable);
- Documentation of current Special Skills, when applicable; and
- Acknowledgement of protocols, procedures, and policies for Kittitas County, South Central Region, and Washington State (online: <http://www.kittitascountyems.org/certification.htm>).

B. ALS Protocol / General Knowledge Exam Guidelines

Under WAC 246-976-920 (4) - In accordance with department policies and procedures, the MPD may;

“(ii)(e) Utilize examinations to determine the knowledge and abilities of certified EMS personnel prior to recommending applicants for certification or recertification.”

- Prior to the MPD recommending an ALS provider for certification/recertification in Kittitas County, the provider must pass the MPD approved ALS Protocol/General Knowledge exam with 80%.
 - Two (2) initial attempts will be allowed to pass (test A & test B).
 - If unsuccessful, a third test attempt (test C) will be granted after a 90 day review period for initial certifications and recertifications.
 - If third test attempt is unsuccessful, the paramedic (paramedic applicant) will be required to complete a 48 hour NREMT Paramedic refresher course (or approved equivalent training) within six months to be eligible for one final test attempt.