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## Law Enforcement EMT-B

### 434.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Irvine Police Department has an approved Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) program. The purpose of the program is to allow EMT-B certified police officers and civilian field personnel to provide basic life support care as a collateral duty. Field personnel are frequently the first to arrive at or come upon the scene of a medical emergency or incident resulting in injury. The Department recognizes the unique capabilities EMT-Bs offer the public by providing immediate lifesaving medical assistance while awaiting the arrival of Emergency Medical Services/Fire (EMS/Fire) personnel. Additionally, during tactical incidents, Sworn EMT-Bs may provide lifesaving treatments, until it is safe for EMS/Fire personnel to enter.

### 434.2 POLICY

EMT-Bs may provide basic life support care to injured persons until such time EMS/Fire personnel arrive on scene. EMT-Bs may also assist EMS/Fire personnel (paramedics, other EMTs) at their request to; establish a triage area, assist in a mass casualty event or continue to provide basic life support assistance. EMT-Bs are permitted to provide care within the scope of their position and certification.

### 434.3 APPOINTMENT

Sworn personnel and civilian field personnel who possess a California EMT license may participate in an internal selection process as determined by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. Personnel qualified to participate include all sworn personnel, Park Safety Officers, Community Services Officers, Crime Scene Investigators, Civilian Investigators (Traffic and CID), Parking Enforcement Officers, and Animal Services Officers.

#### 434.3.1 TRAINING

Prior to designation as an IPD EMT-B, personnel must:

- Pass an Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course consisting of skills assessment as well as clinical training.
- Pass the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician examination.
- Obtain and submit a current CPR card along with the above-earned National Registry certificate to Orange County EMS and receive a California State EMT license.

### 434.4 CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Every two years, every EMT-B must complete the requisite continuing education, skills verification testing, and CPR recertification and renew their certification through the State by submitting all documentation to Orange County EMS. Additionally, EMT-B personnel are encouraged to complete the continuing education to meet the National Registry Recertification requirements. Each EMT-B is responsible for submitting all required documents to applicable regulating agencies

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and the EMT-B Supervisor. Failing to recertify with the State will result in the immediate release from the EMT-B Program.

#### **434.5 EMT-B PROGRAM SUPERVISOR**

The EMT-B Program Supervisor should be a sergeant who has or is in the process of successfully completing the Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course. The EMT-B supervisor is responsible for:

- Participating in the selection of EMT-B personnel.
- Coordinating, arranging and monitoring ongoing training.
- Maintaining all training records and files.
- After-action review of any EMT-B involved incident.
- Ensuring the department maintains EMT supplies.

#### **434.6 RESPONSE PROTOCOLS**

EMT-B personnel may be dispatched to a medical emergency or an incident involving an injury in the City of Irvine when:

- Based on proximity to the call, there exists the likelihood the EMT-B personnel would arrive on-scene prior to EMS/Fire personnel.
- Are authorized by a Supervisor.
- The incident or event is of such significance the response of an EMT-B personnel would support responding EMS/Fire personnel.

Nothing in this section shall prevent an EMT-B from rendering aid as an EMT-B when summoned by any member of the public or upon discovery (first on scene) of any incident wherein basic life support measures are needed. As soon as practicable after the EMT-B begins providing EMT-B services, they shall request the assistance of local EMS/Fire.

##### **434.6.1 CODE 3 RESPONSE**

Sworn EMT-Bs dispatched to a medical emergency may respond Code-3 if the circumstances require such a response as outlined by Irvine Police Department's Officer Response to Calls policy.

##### **434.6.2 DOCUMENTATION**

When an EMT-B renders aid or care to an individual and such aid or care is beyond the scope of standard first aid and CPR training, the EMT-B shall complete and submit an incident report detailing the incident and care provided and notify the EMT-B supervisor either verbally or via email prior to the end of his or her shift.

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#### **434.7 MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT**

EMT-B field personnel are responsible for the inspection of issued EMT-B kits at the beginning of each shift and for the proper maintenance and storage of the kit, consistent with current EMT-B best practices. The Program Supervisor will issue replacement equipment/kits.