

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## B-8 LEVEL OF PREHOSPITAL SERVICES

### First Responder/Emergency Medical Responder:

- Basic life support measures:
  - CPR.
  - Airway management with BVM & O2.
  - Splinting.
  - Bandaging.
  - Suctioning.
- At least 1 licensed FR must be on every response.
- First Responders MAY NOT do the following:
  - Manage IV fluids
  - Use cardiac monitoring
  - Administer unapproved medications
  - Transport patients to the emergency department

### EMT-Basic/EMT:

- Basic life support measures:
  - CPR.
  - Airway management with BVM & O2.
  - Splinting.
  - Bandaging.
  - Suctioning.
  - Two (2) EMT-Basics must be on every response.
  - EMT-Basics MAY NOT do the following:
    - Manage IV fluids.
    - Use cardiac monitoring.
    - Administer unapproved medications.

### EMT-Intermediate/Advanced EMT:

- Intermediate life support measures:
  - Initiate and maintain IV fluid therapy and saline locks.
  - Advanced airway management including endotracheal intubation.
  - Administering approved medications.
  - Cardiac monitoring.
  - Resuscitation measures including:
    - Defibrillation
    - Cardioversion
    - Transcutaneous pacing
- At least one (1) EMT-Intermediate must be on every response.
  - The other crew member may be an EMT-Basic.
- EMT-Intermediates may only administer medications that are listed on the EMT-I medication list.
- EMT-Intermediates cannot initiate or monitor IV drips containing medications.

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### Paramedic:

- Advanced life support measures:
  - Initiate and maintain IV fluid therapy and saline locks.
  - Advanced airway management including endotracheal intubation.
  - Administer medications.
  - Cardiac monitoring.
  - Resuscitation measures including:
    - Defibrillation.
    - Needle decompression of the chest.
    - Cardioversion.
    - Transcutaneous pacing
    - Medication drips.
    - Needle cricothyrotomy.
- At least one (1) EMT-Paramedic or Field RN must be on every response.
  - The other crew member may be an EMT-Basic or EMT-Intermediate.
- EMT-Paramedics may only administer medications that are on the approved EMT-P medication list.
  - EMT-Paramedics ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE for monitoring IV drips containing medications that are not listed on the EMT-P medication list.