



Texas Emergency Medical Task Force

Position Description: TX EMTF Wildland Paramedic Unit

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS: Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (TX EMTF) Wildland Paramedic Unit (WPU)

Reports to:

The TX EMTF WPU reports to the TX EMTF Medical Unit Leader (MEDL).

Supervises:

N/A.

Position Specific Requirements:

The TX EMTF WPU is a 2-person team that will be mobile in a four wheel drive off road capable vehicle and/or UTV equipped with basket and/or stretcher.

The TX EMTF WPU will be required to work in close proximity of a fire line or other remote areas of an incident. The TX EMTF WPU would be expected to lead and participate in the evacuation of a sick or injured person from this environment coordinating with their assigned TX EMTF MEDL. The TX EMTF WPU would also be expected to perform these lifesaving skills with the equipment available to them on the fire line, which is significantly less than an apparatus in a typical urban EMS system. The WPU may be the only medical provider on scene for an extended period of time in less than ideal conditions. The TX EMTF WPU may direct the others on scene in providing care on critically injured or sick patients and will generally have the role of team leader in these situations in collaboration with the Incident Within an Incident (IWI) Commander.

Qualifications and Skills:

- + ICS 100, 200, 700, 800
- + S-130 and S-190
- + Valid TX Drivers License
- + Two (2) Valid DSHS EMS certified providers
 - o Staffed at a minimum with one EMT Basic and one EMT-Paramedic credentialed by home agency Medical Director to provide care at Advanced Life Support level
- + Be actively employed by an agency with a signed EMTF MOA with the Lead RAC
- + Meets home agency requirements for Arduous Work Capacity Test or equivalent
 - o Arduous Work Capacity Requirements will be based on NWCG requirements with date to be determined
 - [NWCG Work Capacity Test standards](#)
- + Completion of RT-130 annually or home agency approved competency refresher or equivalent
 - o RT-130 refresher requirements will be based on NWCG requirements with date to be determined



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Assigned Duties:

- + Safely operate 4x4 vehicle in moderate to rough terrain
- + Work in an austere environment
- + Attend daily incident command briefings
- + Understand basics of map reading and location orienting on hard map and personal phone
- + Use radio to communicate
- + Patrol roads where fire crews are working on or near
- + Provide patients with emergency care by utilizing appropriate techniques and equipment
- + Perform primary and trauma assessments, assess injuries, decide course of action, administer emergency medical care
- + Operate equipment such as automated external defibrillators (AEDs), oxygen tanks, bag valve mask resuscitators.
- + Perform emergency diagnostic and treatment procedures, airway management, or heart monitoring.
- + Coordinate work with other emergency medical team members, incident command, and fire personnel.
- + Communicate with incident dispatchers to provide information about situation, to arrange reception of patients, or to receive instructions for further treatment.
- + Immobilize patient for placement on stretcher for vehicle, ambulance or helicopter transport, using backboard or SKED
- + Liaise with incident command staff, other agency personnel, and local fire assets in a courteous and professional manner
- + Maintain vehicles, medical, and communication equipment
- + Maintain 24-hour on-call readiness.
- + Plan for and evaluate information and risk on any emergency and coordinate EMS resources to efficiently provide care for, extract, and transport patient(s) to definitive care in remote, austere settings with limited communication in collaboration with the IWI Commander.
- + Coordinate with Safety and Operations functional areas to communicate significant limitations to response capacity and/or emerging health trends.
- + Establish and maintain positive internal and external interpersonal working relationships.
- + Manage Risk
- + Account for and monitor health, safety, and welfare of firefighters assigned to incident.
- + Assure adequate personnel and equipment resources are available for emergency medical evacuation of personnel from remote areas.
- + Ensure personnel assigned to the incident are familiar with communication procedures and transportation plan detailed in the Medical Plan (ICS 206 WF).
- + Complete, authorize, ensure timeliness of, and route as required:
 - o Activity Log (ICS 214).
 - o Patient Care Reports (PCRs)
 - o Incident Personnel Performance Rating (ICS 225 WF).



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- + Maintain all required incident documentation generated through operation of the incident medical unit.
- + Participate in a transition briefing to any incoming TX EMTF assets and include documentation.
- + Coordinate an efficient transfer of WPU duties and outline any issues or unresolved items.
- + Other duties as assigned