MEDICAL SUPPLIES & PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

• Covered in this section:
  – Medical Supplies
  – Personal Equipment
Medical Supplies

• It will be expected that you respond to an incident with basic medical supplies
• FIRESCOPE recommends the use of ICS 223 Appendix A ‘BLS’ Pack inventory and ICS 223 Appendix B ‘ALS’ Pack as a minimum inventory
• Assemble medical supplies prior to going available for assignments
Medical Supplies

• Advanced life support medical supplies may be carried if within your scope of practice
  – Always discuss with Medical Unit Leader
  – Consider expanded scope
    • Advanced Airways
    • First Line Meds
Medical Supplies

• Additional medical supplies or restocking may be obtained from the Medical Unit through the MEDL
  – Limited availability to re-stock, particularly within the first 3 operational periods
  – All supplies are closely tracked
  – Ensure MEDL approval and that all documentation is completed before taking supplies
Medical Supplies

• Consider sharing medical supplies when teamed with an EMPF
  – EMPF inventory is much more extensive than the EMTF
  – It is mandatory that the EMTF/EMPF stay paired when supplies are shared
Medical Supplies

• 10 Man Packs
  – A basic medical pack that contains the bare bones minimum required on the fireline
  – Should be augmented to meet medical needs of the incident
  – May be checked out from supply
  – Must be returned
Medical Supplies

• Medical Unit
  – Medical Units are established to treat large numbers of ill and injured incident personnel
  – Should be stocked with larger amounts of medical supplies
  – EMTF/EMPF’s should be familiar with all medical supplies available in the Medical Unit
  – Medical Units may be supported by private companies providing medical supplies
Medical Supplies

• NOTE: FIRESCOPE does not currently condone the dispersing of OTC medications and will continue to look into the practice and make recommendations
Safety Equipment

• It is imperative that the EMTF/EMPF arrives at an incident with all of their safety gear
• You will not be allowed to work in the operational area of an incident without it
• You should always follow your Department Policies regarding safety gear
• Create inventory sheets
Safety Equipment

- The following is a list of safety equipment the EMTF/EMPF should consider:
  - Helmet
  - Shroud
  - Goggles / eye protection
  - Wildland jacket
  - Wildland pants
  - Wildland boots
  - Wildland gloves
  - Web gear / Line pack
  - Head lamp
  - Bandana
  - Ear protection
  - Long sleeve t-shirt
  - Work gloves
  - Whistle
  - Belt
  - Bee veil
  - Long handle tool
  - Fire shelter
  - Incident programmed radio
Personal Line Pack
(Web Gear)

• Your personal line pack should be tailored for your comfort and the type of incidents that you are assigned

• When preparing your pack, considerations for packing should include but are not limited to:
  – Type of assignment assigned
    • Walking versus driving
    • Spike operations
  – Work period (day or night?)
  – Terrain
Personal Line Pack
(Web Gear)

• Other factors to consider are:
  – Types of resources that are assigned to your area
    • Hot shot crews
    • Inmate crews
    • Type 1 engine companies
  – You may not have the opportunity to restock once in the operational area
  – Remember…you must pack out what you pack in
Personal Line Pack
(Web Gear)

• The following is a list of equipment that the EMTF/EMPF should at a minimum consider for their personal line pack:

  – Water bottles
  – MRE / Food
    • Non perishable
  – Flagging
  – Spare batteries
  – GPS
  – Compass
  – Signal mirror
  – Knife
  – Writing materials & forms
Personal Line Pack  
(Web Gear)

• The following is a list of “nice to have” items that the EMTF/EMPF should consider for their personal line pack:

- Long sleeve t-shirts
- Baby wipes
- Socks
- Bivy sack
- Glow sticks
- Sun block
- Spare boot laces
- Medications
- Small bandages
  • Blisters
Personal Gear

- EMTF/EMPF’s should be prepared to be deployed for 7 days without access to restock or purchase personal items
- You should pack your personal gear with these parameters in mind
- Prepare for the worst and hope for the best
Personal Gear – Red Bag

- The following is a list of items that the EMTF/EMPF should consider when packing their personal gear:
  - Long sleeve t-shirts
  - Short sleeve t-shirts
  - Uniform shirts
  - Uniform pants
  - Underwear
  - Socks
  - Sweat shirt
  - Beanie cap
  - Soft cap
  - Gloves – thermal
  - Toiletries
  - Medications

- Shower sandals
- Shorts
- Towel
- Flashlight
- Tent – good stakes
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Air mattress or pad
- Cot
- Ground tarp
- GPS cables and software
- Cell phone with chargers
- Laptop computer with cables
- Cold Weather Gear