

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