MEDL Expectations

• Covered in this Section:
  – Goals
  – Expectations
  – Duties
MEDL - EXPECTATIONS

• GOALS of the Medical Unit are:
  – Provide the highest level of medical care to all personnel assigned to the incident
  – To reduce the impact of injuries and illness on the incident by:
    • Treating injuries early and preventing injuries with preventive care
    • Preventing illness through surveillance and early treatment
  – To maintain accurate and timely records and reports
MEDL - EXPECTATIONS

• EXPECTATIONS
  – Accept assignments as given
    • NO swapping unless approved by the MEDL
  – Be in appropriate uniform
  – Be on time for all assignments
  – Have all PPE in good condition and available at all times
  – Ask questions if you are unsure of your assignment
MEDL - EXPECTATIONS

– Work within your scope of practice
  • Paramedics will use BLS treatments unless authorized by their local EMS Agency or by contract
  • If authorized to use ALS treatments, work under your local scope of practice only
– Have all required licenses or certifications available at all times
– Advise the MEDL of skills, protocols and capabilities outside the basic scope of practice
MEDL - EXPECTATIONS

Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, subsection 100166 (l) – During a mutual aid response into another jurisdiction, a paramedic may utilize the scope of practice for which he/she is trained and accredited according to the policies and procedures according to his/her LEMSALA.
MEDL - EXPECTATIONS

The MEDL will make notifications to the LEMSA with jurisdictional authority of the incident and advise of EMTF/EMPF’s working in the area

Return all checked out equipment upon demobilization

Complete all documentation as required
EMTF/EMPF- DUTIES

• CAMP DUTIES
  – Keep the Medical Tent clean and orderly
  – Assess and treat incident personnel and the public impacted by the incident
  – Maintain supplies and order as needed
    • All orders are to be approved by the MEDL before sending to Supply or Ordering
EMTF/EMPF- DUTIES

– Maintain documents as required
  • State and Federal Forms
  • Injury Logs
  • Completed daily injury summary
  • Patient Care Reports on any injuries or illness that require follow up medical care or will result in loss of work time
  • Incident Summary 214’s
  • Other reports or documents as assigned

– Monitor camp staff for illness prevention
EMTF/EMPF- DUTIES

– Assure that all workstations have antiseptic waterless hand cleaner
  • Encourage staff to wash hands often
– Rotate the night call
  • Staff the Medical Unit during normal camp hours when the fire or incident is uncontained
    – 0500 to 0000 hours
    – Off hours require someone to be on call and available
– Take care of self and teammates
EMTF/EMPF- DUTIES

• Off Shift
  – This does not mean you’re not working
    • Be available
    • Consider work / rest ratio
  – Ready yourself for the your next shift
  – Use the time wisely
Off Shift Expectations

• Clean, repair and restock your gear and equipment
• Re-fuel
• Re-organize your gear
• Complete paperwork
• Wash clothes if necessary and available.
Off Shift Expectations

• Don’t neglect meals
  – Know times
  – Dress appropriately
  – Network

• Locate sleeping areas
  – Confirm meeting times before bedding down
  – Advise MEDL of sleeping location
  – Have your phone available
EVALUATIONS

• You will be evaluated at the end of your stay with the unit on the following points:
  • Obtain assignment, travel and incident information
  • Reported to the incident, check-in and Medical Unit
  • Obtains needed personal protective clothing
  • Obtains briefing from MEDL
  • Provides for safety at all times and implements LCES during field work
  • Reports to assignments on time and ready for work
EVALUATIONS

• Maintains Medical Unit (supplies and cleanliness)
• Completes required documentation, patient care reports, daily summary
• Obtains needed medical supplies for assignment
• Provides medical assessment to patients
• Provides medical treatment at base camp
• Provides medical treatment in the field
EVALUATIONS

• Assists with tracking of all fixed assets assigned to the Medical Unit
• Shows positive attitude and provides friendly service
• Works on assignments independently and shows initiative
• Practices safety in all aspects of the assignment
• Completes demobilization
COMMON SENSE

• PROBLEMS
  – Please try to solve problems at the lowest level possible
  – Bring operational problems to the MEDL early
  – Personal issues:
    • Will be dealt with in private
      – NO airing issues in public
    • All concerns about other staff’s qualifications or competency will be kept in private and will be brought to the MEDL for resolution
COMMON SENSE

– Remember that we all come from diverse backgrounds
– Be adaptable and utilize each other’s strong points
– Do not dwell on weaknesses of others
– Work together to make the unit strong and functional
– Be Nice