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To: District Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Idaho Requirements for Hiring Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced
Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT), and Paramedics (PM) for Wildland Fire
Incidents (Casuals/Contractors)

Program Area: Fire Business Management.

Purpose: Provide supplemental direction to the districts on what is required of an EMT, AEMT and PM in order to be hired or sponsored by BLM Idaho.

Policy/Action: In an effort to ensure State Laws are adhered to, the following is required of medical personnel on an incident.

1. The EMTs, AEMTs, and PMs are required to provide the hiring/sponsoring unit with a copy of their current state Emergency Medical Services license. National Registry certification is not a form of state licensure.
2. The AEMTs and PMs will provide a copy of their protocols or Standards for Operations (SOPs) signed by their sponsoring physician. These should also identify that they will be working on emergency incident assignments which can include wildland fire and all-hazard incidents.

For EMS personnel traveling outside of their state into Idaho, the *Limited Request for Recognition* form must be filled out and submitted to the Idaho EMS Bureau. This will be handled through the incident Medical Unit Leader (MEDL). The MEDL will fill out and sign the Idaho EMS Limited Request for Recognition form which can be obtained on the NWCG Incident Emergency Medical Task Group (IEMTG) website at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/teams/shwt/iemtg/contactus.html>. Select the "Resources" bullet on the left side of the window, then click on the Idaho EMS Limited Request for Recognition link.

This signed form will be submitted to Idaho EMS Bureau by fax to (208) 334-4015 or by e-mail to idahoeems@dhw.idaho.gov. The form will also be brought back from the incident and provided to the hiring/sponsoring unit.

Timeframe: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) is effective immediately.

Background: Emergency medical personnel EMTs, AEMTs and PMs are required to carry proof of current state licensure or certification from their home jurisdiction. The AEMTs and PMs are required to have a physician sponsor or medical director to function at a level above a Basic EMT, if they have been ordered and are expected to perform at a higher level of care. For each AEMT or PM to function at an advanced level of care, they will provide a copy of their written medical control protocols or SOPs that identifies the level of care they are authorized to provide. Copies of these documents should be provided to the MEDL to help establish medical direction/control for the incident and ensure medical personnel are working within their scope of practice. It is also strongly recommended that the medical personnel have written documentation from their sponsoring physician or medical director stating they are authorized to practice outside of their normal geographic area of practice for each incident they are hired for.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: This IM was coordinated with the BLM Idaho Safety and Occupational Health Manager, the United States Forest Service Region 4 Fire and Aviation Management and Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau.

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Boise District with Union: Management is reminded to notify and satisfy any bargaining requirements prior to implementation.

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