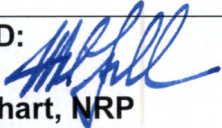
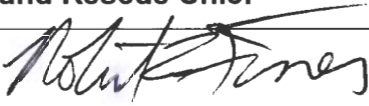
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A. PURPOSE

- 1.0 The purpose of this policy is to ensure the proper relationship between the released EMS provider and the department Operational Medical Director. EMS providers may not provide clinical care without permission from the Operational Medical Director as specified in this policy.

B. SCOPE

- 1.0 This policy applies to all certified Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support pre-hospital providers operating within their scope of practice of the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department.
- 2.0 This policy, in part, replaces EMS Policy 100.205 ALS Permission to Practice, Controlled Substances Control (01/15/2004)

C. DEFINITIONS

- 1.0 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider: EMS providers certified and released to function at the Intermediate (I99) or Paramedic level.
- 2.0 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Release Package: Department document titled Advanced Life Support Release Program Handbook for Intermediates and Paramedics. This document outlines the policies and procedures used for an ALS provider to show essential knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform advanced life support level.
- 3.0 Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider: EMS providers certified and released to function at the EMT level.
- 4.0 High Plains Records Management System (RMS): The centralized relational data system that includes multiple data files that can be queried in tandem; used by the SCFRD for purposes including scheduling, incident reporting, certification management, and statistical analysis.
- 5.0 Operational Medical Director: The department physician who provides guidance, leadership, oversight and quality assurance for the practice of EMS providers within Stafford County.

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- 6.0 Pre-Hospital Patient Protocol Agreement: Department document ensuring all released EMS providers agree to follow and have been trained on department pre-hospital medical protocols and the Virginia EMS Scope of Practice Tables.
- 7.0 Task Book: A compilation of job-related tasks which an employee must successfully complete to qualify for promotion. The completed book is submitted as part of the release and/or promotional process.

D. POLICY

- 1.0 The Operational Medical Director (OMD) has the authority and responsibility to grant or deny EMS provider permission to practice. EMS Operations will provide guidance and recommendation to the OMD within this process.
- 2.0 Basic Life Support (BLS) Providers and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Providers must complete the current Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department release process to be granted permission to practice under the license of the OMD.
- 3.0 BLS Providers shall utilize the EMS Provider Task Book, as issued by EMS Operations.
 - 3.1 Upon successful completion of the EMS Provider Task Book, the signed hard copy or electronic file shall be submitted to EMS Operations for final review, filing, and addition to the High Plains Records Management System.
 - 3.2 EMS Operations will forward BLS Provider release notification to the OMD.
- 4.0 ALS Providers shall utilize the ALS Release Package which may include the EMS Provider Task Book as appropriate, as issued by EMS Operations.
 - 4.1 Upon successful completion of the ALS Release Package (and EMS Provider Task Book if necessary) the ALS Provider shall schedule a meeting with EMS Operations to facilitate an overall review of the document and release process. Once all requirements are completed and verified, EMS Operations will schedule a meeting between the ALS Provider and the OMD.
 - 4.2 EMS Operations will update the High Plains Records Management System.
- 5.0 As a requirement of each release process, and to receive permission to practice, all EMS providers must be affiliated with the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department and shall sign the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department's Pre-Hospital Patient Protocol Agreement.
- 6.0 A letter signed by the OMD granting the EMS Provider permission practice at their specific level, either BLS or ALS, will be placed in the EMS Provider's training file.
- 7.0 All released EMS Providers must attend and pass a yearly "Skills Drills" evaluation as

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scheduled by Training and Occupational Safety to maintain their EMS Provider release status.

- 8.0** EMS Providers who have not practiced at their released certification level for the period of time as outlined in the EMS Field Provider Re-Entry Standard Operating Procedure, shall complete the necessary steps for re-release, as appropriate.
- 8.1** ALS Providers who have not practiced at the Advanced Life Support level for 1 year or more shall be considered inactive and will be required to return their medication and narcotic keys to EMS Operations.