

TITLE: RESCUE/AUTO EXTRICATION RESPONSE AND REIMBURSEMENT TO THE UNPROTECTED AREA EMS Policy No. 3204

PURPOSE:

The purpose this policy is to describe the process for San Joaquin County fire-rescue departments or districts to be included on a SJCEMSA maintained list of rescue/auto extrication resources to be dispatched to the Unprotected Area in San Joaquin County pursuant to EMS Policy No. 3205 Responses to EMS Incidents in the Unprotected Area and the procedures for reimbursement for those authorized rescue/auto extrication services.

AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220 & 1798 et seq.;

DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR" means a basic life support (BLS) or ALS non-transport vehicle operated by an EMR provider.
- B. "EMR Provider" means an organization authorized by the SJCEMSA to participate in the EMS system for the purpose of providing non-transport prehospital patient care.
- C. "MPDS" means the Medical Priority Dispatch System.
- D. "SJCEMSA" means San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency.
- E. "Valley Regional Emergency Communications Center" or "VRECC" means the EMD center operated by American Medical Response and designated as the EMS emergency ambulance dispatch center for all of San Joaquin County.
- F. "Unprotected Area" means is that portion of San Joaquin County bordered by the main San Joaquin River Channel to the north; the San Joaquin River to the east; the Old San Joaquin River and the Grant Line Canal to the south and west; and the Old River and Contra Costa County line to the west, and is unique in San Joaquin County for not having a fire district or other form of public fire service protection to participate in the EMS system.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the SJCEMSA to administer the process to be included on a SJCEMSA maintained list of authorized fire-rescue/auto extrication resources to be dispatched to the Unprotected Area in San Joaquin County pursuant to EMS Policy No. 3205 Responses to EMS Incidents in the Unprotected Area and to implement procedures to manage the reimbursement of those rescue/auto

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extrication services from funds specifically allocated by the Board of Supervisors.

PROCEDURE:

- I. San Joaquin County fire-rescue departments or districts that wish to participate in auto-responses to the Unprotected Area pursuant to EMS Policy No. 3205, Responses to EMS Incidents in the Unprotected Area may, through SJCEMSA agreement, be included in auto-response planning and be eligible for reimbursement for responses to rescue/auto extrication incidents to the Unprotected Area.
- II. San Joaquin County fire-rescue departments or districts must have a current Response to the Unprotected Area agreement with SJCESMA to be authorized to participate.
- III. Authorized fire-rescue departments or districts shall ensure appropriate resources, equipment, and staffing are provided to the response requests to the types of fire-rescue/auto extrication incidents as identified in the MPDS Protocol 29 Traffic / Transportation Incidents with a Level of Delta (29D - Determinants 1-5).
- IV. This authorized list of fire-rescue departments or districts shall be kept up to date and provided to the San Joaquin County authorized emergency ambulance dispatch center.
- V. For each incident that an authorized fire-rescue department or district was dispatched and arrived on scene to as described in EMS Policy No. 3205, Responses to EMS Incidents in the Unprotected Area, shall be eligible for reimbursement from the SJCEMSA based on the current California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) hourly personnel and apparatus straight time base rates. All rates will apply to responses at time of initial dispatch. A current CFAA personnel and apparatus rate sheet is attached as Exhibit A of this policy and a Rescue/Auto Extrication Reimbursement Request Form is attached to this policy as Exhibit B.
- VI. Each fire-rescue department or district shall be responsible to properly fill out and submit to the SJCEMSA for reimbursement no later than thirty (30) days after the incident date of service.
- VII. SJCESMA shall review and approve or deny all reimbursement requests no later

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than fifteen days after receipt. SJCEMSA may request additional supporting documentation as needed prior to any denial.

- VIII. Fire-rescue departments or districts shall not be eligible for reimbursement for self-dispatched assignments.

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