

**SAN JUAN ISLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

Administrative Directive-Policy

Requirements for Maintaining Volunteer EMT Position

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PURPOSE

To provide for the consistent and communicated expectation of the Volunteer EMT in maintaining his/her required participation for active EMT status with the San Juan Island EMS.

POLICY

- A. Volunteer EMTs must have the physical strength to carry, lift, extricate and perform similar maneuvers in a manner not detrimental to the patient, fellow emergency medical technicians or themselves.(WAC 248-17-211)
- B. Volunteer EMTs must possess a valid Washington State Driver License. (WAC 248-17-211)
- C. Volunteer EMTs must be a Washington State currently certified Emergency Medical Technician.
- D. Volunteer EMTs must acquire and maintain a good working knowledge of all San Juan Island EMS equipment.
- E. Volunteer EMTs are required to attend the following:
 - a. A minimum of four aid calls per month or fifty-two calls per year.
 - b. A minimum of three training meetings per quarter.
 - c. Adequate CME classes or courses as to satisfy WAC 246-976-150 and San Juan Island EMS.
 - d. Volunteer EMTs must be at least twenty-one years old and have a high school diploma or equivalency qualifications. (WAC 248-17-211)
- F. Volunteer EMTs must have no citations within the past seven years for driving while intoxicated or reckless driving. Anyone convicted of these or any felony within the past seven years or while a San Juan Island EMS Volunteer EMT will be suspended from the San Juan Island EMS.
- G. Because of the intimate contact between EMT's and Patients of all ages, races and cultural backgrounds it is required that all EMT's:
 - a. Are clean and well groomed.
 - b. Are able to communicate well with people of all persuasions.
 - c. Are able to follow orders given by person or persons in charge, and give orders when required.
- H. Because of the high level of trust that the community places in our service, Volunteer EMTs shall maintain a good reputation in the community and shall not be viewed as unethical, dishonest, or quarrelsome.

- I. Volunteer EMTs shall maintain a positive attitude and high degree of cooperation with other EMTs, paramedics, and administrative personnel.
- J. Volunteer EMTs who cause division, rumors, or are seen as disruptive to the cohesive and positive working of the San Juan Island EMS may be removed from their position.
- K. No Volunteer EMT will drive any District vehicle after consuming any intoxicating liquor, narcotics or any other drug that may impair their judgment or ability to perform in a safe manner. (See Alcohol and rug Policy)
- L. All Volunteer EMTs of the San Juan Island EMS will carry the State of Washington legally required limit of liability insurance on any vehicle they use to respond to aid calls.
- M. It must be stressed that as a EMT you will enter a lot of people's lives. The EMT must be professional in His/her actions and appearance so as not to offend any patient.
- N. Volunteer EMTs will follow all prehospital guidelines approved by the County Medical Program Director and all State guidelines and laws as well as those of San Juan Island EMS.

Scope of care authorized, prohibited. (WAC 246-976-210, 284-17-216)

Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified by the Department of Health shall be authorized to provide only the following services:

- a. Services within the scope of training as contained in the approved course curriculum;
- b. Services within the scope of formally approved specialized training as described in WAC 246-976-070.
- c. Emergency Medical Technicians certified by the Department of Health are authorized by RCW 18.73.010 to provide immediate treatment for victims of the following prehospital emergency situations:
 - (a) Trauma;
 - (b) Suspected coronary illnesses;
 - (c) Other acute illnesses; and
 - (d) Emergency child birth.
 - (e) The Emergency Medical Technician may not perform any other routine medical service which would customarily be performed by a physician or other Certified or Licensed practitioner.