



Virginia Beach Department of Emergency Medical Services



OPERATIONS

TACTICAL MEDIC POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to provide designation and operational guidelines for the Tactical Medic.

APPLICABILITY: This policy will apply to all certified members of the Department of Emergency Medical Services.

POLICY STATEMENT: The availability of a Tactical Medic to provide austere and rapid medical support services is essential to an effective tactical operation. Tactical Medics are under the direct supervision of the Virginia Beach Police Department when deployed on active police cases. The Operational Medical Director of the Department of Emergency Medical Services provides medical direction. The position of Tactical Medic is hereby created to provide medical support service for the Virginia Beach Police Department.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for participation in the Tactical Medics' selection process, all candidates must meet the following qualifications.

1. Possess current certification as a Virginia Paramedic or EMT- Intermediate.
2. Must have been certified as an advanced life support provider for at least two (2) years.
3. Applicants must submit a letter to the Special Operations Brigade Chief and be approved by the Deputy Chief of Operations.
4. Must successfully complete the VBPD physical agility test
5. Must complete an oral board interview. This board will consist of the Special Operations Brigade Chief, tactical medics and police officers.

6. Successful applicants must complete Tactical EMS training within one (1) year of appointment.
7. EMT-Intermediate candidates must be actively enrolled in a Paramedic certification program and become fully certified as a Paramedic within one (1) year of appointment.

SELECTION: The selection of Tactical Medics will occur as designated by the EMS Chief or his designate. Tactical Medics are appointed positions and serve at the pleasure of the EMS Chief. The EMS Chief or Deputy Chief of Operations may only remove tactical Medics from the active roster.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: Administratively the Tactical Medic reports to an appointed Special Operations Team Captain. The administrative chain of command consists of the Team Captain, Special Operations Brigade Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations and EMS Chief. Operationally, the Tactical Medic will report to the appropriate on duty EMS and Police field supervisors.

ORDERED:



01/24/2017

EMS Chief

Date