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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.

2. Applicants must submit a letter to the Brigade Chief of the SWAT team and be approved by the Deputy Chief.
3. Must successfully complete the VBPD physical agility test.
4. Must complete an oral board interview. This board will consist of tactical medics and police officers.
5. Successful applicants must complete Tactical EMS training within one (1) year of appointment.
6. EMT-I candidates must be actively engaged in pursuit of their Paramedic Certification and become fully certified as a Paramedic within one (1) year of appointment.
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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 EMS Chief may only remove tactical Medics from the active roster.

CHAIN OF COMMAND:  The Tactical Medic reports to an appointed Team Captain. The Team Captain reports by way of the chain of command to their Brigade Chief and Division Chief to the EMS Deputy Chief and Chief.

This policy shall become effective upon the approval of the Chief of Emergency Medical Services.

APPROVED:

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EMS Chief

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