

CITY OF BEND FIRE & RESCUE
POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND INSTRUCTION

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SECTION: Emergency Medical Services

TITLE: Central Oregon Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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A. POLICY

- 1) Some members of Bend Fire & Rescue (BF&R) have volunteered to participate in the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team to provide counter narcotic/tactical operations medical support. As this is often on an emergency basis, tactical medics may occasionally be on duty at the BF&R when requested to assist the police department.
- 2) This policy is designed to assist the station officer when one or more crew members are being requested for emergency duty or training with CERT.

B. PROCEDURE

- 1) CERT medics are responsible for maintaining and storing their own personal medical gear and equipment necessary to function as part of CERT. This includes safe storage of weapons according to BF&R policy. Medics should be able to retrieve their gear in a quick and safe manner in the event of a callout.

C. INSTRUCTION

- 1) When the need for a CERT call-out or Training is identified, it is the responsibility of the CERT medic to notify the Shift Commander. The decision to release the CERT medic shall be at the discretion of the Shift Commander and will depend on such factors as staffing and call load. If the Shift Commander is unsure of which course to take, he may contact a Deputy Chief for direction. Shift Commander will backfill for deployed CERT medics.
- 2) Due to the sensitive nature of these types of operations, it may be necessary to exclude all unnecessary personnel from knowing the details of the call-out. All parties involved are encouraged to exercise discretion in communications. The tactical medics' primary responsibility is to injured CERT operators. Local ASA jurisdictions will have transport responsibility for all injured victims.

D. USE OF BF&R VEHICLES

- 1) Occasionally, law enforcement may request BF&R vehicles for use in tactical or standby situations. Vehicles may include the rescue, as a light or air resource, engine company or medic unit. All fire vehicles are to be parked at such a location as to completely obscure their view from suspects, and at no time will they be used for entry during a warrant service, surveillance or any type of law enforcement activity. BF&R vehicles will only be used for the sole purpose of providing air and air packs for entering hazardous atmospheres, fire protection,

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and EMS. Use of any BF&R vehicle is at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designees.

E. CERT TRAINING

- 1) CERT medics are responsible for maintaining all police and FF/Paramedic training requirements. Medics will provide the Shift Commander with training dates and times as soon as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts.

F. DOCUMENTATION

- 1) All training and staffing costs including on duty backfill or off duty overtime related to CERT will be paid by Bend Police. All documentation must be noted / coded as CERT related and time reports should be filled out for each occurrence and forwarded to payroll.