TITLE: **PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST AID (PSFA) SCOPE OF PRACTICE** EMS POLICY No.2200

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish and authorize the Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) scope of practice including optional skills in San Joaquin County.

AUTHORITY:

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, § 1797.176, 1797.183 & 1797.204, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2.3.

DEFINITIONS: See SJCEMSA Policy Definitions

POLICY:

I. Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) Scope of Practice:
   a. PSFA providers with a current and valid agreement with San Joaquin County EMS Agency (SJCEMSA) may function under this policy.
   b. A PSFA provider, after completion of training and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the approved training provider for each skill listed in this section, is authorized to perform the following medical care while at the scene of an emergency or while assisting other EMS personnel during transport:
      i. Evaluate the ill and injured.
      ii. Render basic life support, and emergency medical care to patients.
      iii. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
      iv. Perform automated external defibrillation (AED).
      v. Provide treatment for shock.
      vi. Use the following techniques to support airway and breathing:
         1. Perform manual maneuvers to maintain a patent airway, including head-tilt/chin-lift and/or jaw thrust.
         2. Manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children, and infants that are visible in the oropharynx.
         3. Place patients in the recovery position.
      vii. Perform the following during emergency care:
         1. Spinal stabilization and motion restriction;
         2. Splinting of extremities (not to include the use of traction splinting devices);
         3. Emergency eye irrigation using sterile water or normal saline;
         4. Assist with administration of oral glucose;

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5. Assist patients with administration of physician-prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone;
6. Assist in emergency childbirth;
7. Hemorrhage control using direct pressure, pressure bandages, principles of pressure points, approved hemostatic dressings and tourniquets;
8. Chest seals and dressings;
9. Simple decontamination techniques and use of decontamination equipment.
10. Care for amputated body parts;
11. Provide basic wound care.

II. PSFA Optional Scope:

a. In addition to the activities authorized in section I of this policy, PSFA personnel operating in their official capacity with a PSFA agency and authorized by SJCEMSA may use any or all the following optional skills:

i. Administration of supplemental oxygen therapy using a non-rebreather face mask or nasal cannula, and bag-valve-mask ventilation in accordance with SJCEMSA policy No. 5503, BLS Routine Medical Care and SJCEMSA policy No. 5520, BLS Respiratory Distress.

ii. Utilization of oropharyngeal airways (OPAs) and nasopharyngeal airways (NPAs) in accordance with SJCEMSA policy No. 5503, BLS Routine Medical Care and SJCEMSA policy No. 5520, BLS Respiratory Distress

iii. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis in accordance with SJCEMSA policy No. 5551, BLS Allergic Reaction and Anaphylaxis.

iv. Administration of IN naloxone in accordance with SJCEMSA policy No. 5542, BLS Poisoning and Overdose.

III. Competency Demonstration.

a. In accordance with CA Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2.3, Article 4, optional skills approved by the SJCEMSA Medical Director must include a competency-based skills exam for each optional skill, conducted at least once every two years.

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b. Records of skill competency shall be maintained by the provider and be made available on request of SJCEMSA.

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