

	Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service Standard Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: <i>Member Guidelines- Smoking / Tobacco</i>	SOG #101-024
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Description: To provide LPEMS membership with the expectations of the organization as it relates to smoking, vaping, chewing, and general usage to tobacco products while on duty, visiting an LPEMS Facility, or utilizing an LPEMS vehicle.

Definitions:

- **Chewing Tobacco** – Chewing tobacco is a type of smokeless tobacco product consumed by placing a portion of chopped tobacco between the gums or lower lip and teeth.
 - Unwanted juices from this product are then expectorated into a bottle, cup or simply onto the ground.
- **Electronic Smoking Device (ESD)** – ESD’s are battery powered nicotine delivery devices designed to vaporize traditional tobacco like products into a smoke like form.
- **Vaping**- Utilizing a battery powered delivery device designed to vaporize juices or liquid like products into a smoke like form.
- **Smoking** – Smoking is a practice in which a substance is burned, and the resulting smoke breathed in to be tasted and absorbed into the bloodstream.

Purpose: It is the intention of Lower Providence EMS to prohibit smoking, smokeless tobacco, and the use of electronic cigarettes (Vapor or Tobacco based) inside all company buildings or in any company vehicles. Lower Providence EMS intends to create a modified Smoke-Free Workplace.

Procedure:

1. The smoking of tobacco products and/or the use of products to include ESD’s Vapes, and chewing tobacco is prohibited in all LPEMS owned and/or operated properties and vehicles except for designated smoking areas.
 - a. Designated Smoking Areas are as follows:
 - i. Station 322
 1. Porch area
 2. Flagpole Area
 - ii. Station 322 A
 1. Backyard
 2. Front Door – Bench area
 - b. All materials used for smoking, including cigarette butts and matches, will be extinguished, and disposed of in appropriate containers. Management will ensure periodic cleanup of the designated smoking area. If the designated smoking area is not properly maintained (for example, if cigarette butts are found on the ground), it can be eliminated at the discretion of management or other decision-making body.

2. Personnel are to abide and observe “NO SMOKING” signs and areas without exception.
3. Smoking and the use of ESD’s in areas where flammable or combustible materials are stored is prohibited.
4. Smoking, the use of ESD’s or open flame within fifty (50) feet of refueling stations is prohibited.
5. Smoking, the use of ESD’s and chewing tobacco in patient transport compartments is strictly prohibited.
6. All members are responsible for informing guest(s) of this procedure.