

## **GLOSSARY OF SELECTED TERMS**

### **I. COUNTY CHARACTERISTICS**

**Rural:** Cities of less than 2,500 population and unincorporated areas.

**Urban:** Cities of 2,500 population or more, and the densely populated suburban areas near Boise City and Idaho Falls. Also includes the City of Pocatello and its airport area, the City of Chubbuck and a small area between it and Pocatello, and the Fort Hall Census Designated Place.

### **II. EDUCATION**

**4-year Bible College:** An accredited or unaccredited private college with a religion based curriculum.

**4-year University & Professional-Technical:** An accredited, publicly funded university offering professional and technical degrees or diplomas in addition to 4-year and advanced degrees.

**Private University:** An accredited or unaccredited university funded by sources other than state or federal government, offering multiple levels of degrees.

**Proprietary EMS:** A private, post-secondary institution conducted for profit offering professional or technical EMS instruction.

**Proprietary Technical College:** A private, post-secondary institution conducted for profit, offering professional or technical instruction strongly linked to the job market, and offering no higher than a 2-year degree or diploma

**Proprietary Technical College/Health Care:** A private, post-secondary institution conducted for profit, offering professional or technical instruction, linked to the health care job market, and offering no higher than a 2-year degree or diploma.

**Advanced Initial Course:** An Idaho EMS Bureau approved course that meets the training requirements for student eligibility to qualify for access to an Advanced level certification examination.

**Advanced Refresher Course:** A standardized modular training program for the Advanced EMT based upon the objectives of the initial training curriculum, which includes a structured evaluation of those objectives and is approved by the Idaho EMS Bureau.

**Basic Bridge Course:** An abridged training course for First Responders to move to the EMT-Basic level, approved by the Idaho EMS Bureau.

**Basic Initial Course:** An Idaho EMS Bureau approved course that meets the training requirements for student eligibility to qualify for access to a Basic level certification examination.

**Basic Refresher Course:** A standardized modular training program for the EMT-Basic based upon the objectives of the initial training curriculum, which includes a structured evaluation of those objectives or equivalent as approved by the EMS Bureau.

**First Responder Initial Course:** An Idaho EMS Bureau approved course that meets the training requirements for student eligibility to qualify for access to a First Responder level certification examination.

**First Responder Refresher Course:** A standardized modular training program for the First Responder based upon the objectives of the initial training curriculum, which includes a structured evaluation of those objectives and is approved by the Idaho EMS Bureau

**Instructor Orientation:** An EMS Bureau approved course designed to orient the new EMS instructor to EMS course standards, document management and testing processes.

**Paramedic Initial Course:** An Idaho EMS Bureau approved course that meets the training requirements for student eligibility to qualify for access to a Paramedic level certification examination.

### **III. HEALTHCARE ACCESS**

**Poison Control Human Exposures:** Actual or suspected contact with any substance which has been ingested, inhaled, absorbed through the skin, or injected into a person.

**Poison Control Animal Exposures:** Actual or suspected contact with any substance that has been ingested, inhaled, absorbed through the skin, or injected into an animal.

**Poison Control Information:** Calls received by the Poison Control Center from an individual requesting information regarding drug or environmental substances, without individual exposure involvement.

**Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs):** Geographic (a county or service area) where all populations have shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers. These areas are designated as such by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Health Resources and Services Administration.

**Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs):** Specific demographic populations (low income, Medicaid-eligible, cultural, etc.) who have shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers. These areas are designated as such by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Health Resources and Services Administration.

#### **IV. TRANSPORTATION**

**Term descriptions unnecessary**

#### **V. EMS SYSTEM CONFIGURATION**

**EMS Agency:** An organization licensed by the Idaho EMS Bureau to provide emergency medical services in Idaho.

**Advanced Life Support (ALS) Service Level:** An EMS agency licensed to provide medical care, medication administration and treatment with medical devices which correspond to the knowledge and skill objectives in the EMT-Paramedic curriculum currently approved by the State Health Officer in accordance with IDAPA 16.02.03.201.04 of the *Rules Governing Emergency Medical Services* and currently within the scope of practice as defined in the EMS Physician Commission Standards Manual.

**ALS-1:** Prehospital 911 ALS, ALS Interfacility Transfer and Critical Care Transfer.

**ALS-2:** Prehospital 911 ALS and ALS Interfacility Transfer.

**ALS-3:** ALS Interfacility Transfer and Critical Care Transfer.

**ALS-4:** ALS Interfacility Transfer.

**ALS-5:** Prehospital 911 ALS Non-Transport.

**Basic Life Support (BLS) Service Level:** An agency licensed to provide medical care and treatment with medical devices which correspond to the knowledge and skill objectives of the First Responder with Idaho Specific Enhancements or EMT-Basic curriculum currently approved by the State Health Officer in accordance with IDAPA 16.02.03.201.04 of the *Rules Governing Emergency Medical Services* and currently within the scope of practice as defined in the EMS Physician Commission Standards Manual.

**Intermediate Life Support (ILS) Service Level:** An agency licensed to provide medical care, medication administration and treatment with medical devices which correspond to the knowledge and skill objectives in the Advanced EMT (NHTSA I-85) curriculum currently approved by the State Health Officer in accordance with IDAPA 16.02.03.201.04 of the *Rules Governing Emergency Medical Services* and currently within the scope of practice defined in the EMS Physician Commission Standards Manual.

**Government Ambulance District:** An EMS agency designated as a governmental entity under the authority of an Ambulance District.

**Government City:** An EMS agency designated as a governmental entity under the authority of a city.

**Government Federal:** An EMS agency designated as a governmental entity under the authority of a federal or military organization.

**Government Fire District:** An EMS agency designated as a governmental entity under the authority of a Fire District.

**Government Hospital District:** An EMS agency designated as a governmental entity under the authority of a Hospital District.

**Government Tribal:** An EMS agency designated as a governmental entity under the authority of a tribal organization.

**Private Corporation:** A for-profit EMS agency incorporated under the laws of Idaho and subject to Idaho Code § 30-1-101.

**Private Non-Profit Corporation:** An incorporated EMS agency (under the laws of Idaho) that is not intended to provide a profit to the owners or members and subject to the provisions of the Idaho nonprofit corporation act and subject to Idaho Code § 30-1-101.

**Private Sole Proprietorship:** An EMS agency licensed by an individual under their own name as sole proprietor, who assumes personal liability for all business obligations and debts.

**Fire Department Based:** An EMS service provided by a fire department.

**Hospital Based:** Ambulance service provided by a hospital.

**Law Enforcement Based:** An EMS service provided by law enforcement.

**Third Service:** Government agencies separate from fire or police departments devoted to the delivery of EMS.

**Non-Transport:** An EMS service licensed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, EMS Bureau, operated with the intent to provide personnel and/or equipment for medical stabilization at an emergency scene, but not intended to be the service that will actually transport sick or injured persons to definitive care.

**Ambulance (Transport):** Any privately or publicly owned ground vehicle, nautical vessel, fixed wing aircraft or rotary wing aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, the transportation of sick or injured persons who may need medical attention during transport from one location to another location by a licensed EMS agency.

**All Career:** An agency made up of all career personnel.

**Compensated:** A method of reimbursement by an agency to compensate individuals in some way for their time and contribution to the agency.

**Compensated Volunteer:** An agency made up of all compensated volunteer personnel.

**Predominantly Career:** An agency made up of more than 50% career personnel.

**True and Compensated Volunteer:** An agency made up of both uncompensated and compensated volunteer personnel.

**True Volunteer:** An agency made up of all uncompensated volunteer personnel.

**True/Compensated Volunteer Run by Career Person(s):** An agency with uncompensated and/or compensated volunteers and 1-2 career personnel in administrative positions.

**Volunteer/Career Mix:** An agency made up of true and/or compensated volunteers with less than 50% career personnel.

**EMS Vehicle:** Any dedicated EMS vehicle(s) used by an agency as disclosed by the EMS agency (including all primary, secondary and/or back-up EMS response vehicles).

**Confined Space Rescue:** A team trained and capable of providing search and rescue services to individuals in an enclosed area with limited entry or egress, which has a configuration not designed for human occupancy, such that an entrant could become trapped or asphyxiated. An Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) permit is required for confined space operations.

**Haz Mat:** A team trained and capable of responding to Hazardous Materials incidents where a substance or material is present which has been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety and property when transported in commerce.

**Rope Rescue:** A team trained and capable of responding to perform a rescue through the use of rigging techniques, anchor systems, belays, mechanical advantages, subject extrication techniques and low- and high-angle rescue techniques.

**Search and Rescue:** A team trained and capable of responding to locate an overdue or missing individual or individuals, then stabilize and evacuate distressed or injured individuals by whatever means necessary to ensure their timely transfer to appropriate care or to a place of safety.

**Motor Vehicle Extrication:** A team trained and capable of responding to a motor vehicle accident for extricating or removing distressed or injured individuals by whatever means necessary to ensure their timely transfer to appropriate care.

**Water Rescue:** A team trained and capable of conducting surface and subsurface search and rescue operations in all types of water environments, including swift water and flood conditions.

**Wildland Fire:** A team trained and capable of responding to any non-structure fire that occurs in wildlands with the necessary equipment required to safely and effectively conduct fire operations or staff a medical unit at a fire camp.

**Dedicated Grants:** An award program titled Account III Grants, IDAPA 16.02.04, funded from driver's license fees. Idaho licensed EMS agencies that are governmental or non-profit entities are eligible to apply for these grants.

**Vehicle Grant Awards:** Monies from the Idaho EMS Bureau's dedicated grant program for the purchase of transport or non-transport vehicles used by EMS agency personnel in the performance of their duties.

**Equipment Grant Awards:** Monies from the Idaho EMS Bureau's dedicated grant program for the purchase of equipment used by EMS agency personnel in the performance of their duties.

**Training Grant Awards:** Monies awarded by the Idaho EMS Bureau for training purposes.

## **SOURCES**

### **I. COUNTY CHARACTERISTICS**

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