X. TSE EMS DESIGNATIONS

Application Process

A licensed Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency seeking a TSE designation must undergo the Idaho TSE Council verification to demonstrate compliance with the standards incorporated by the TSE Council.

To apply for a TSE EMS Designation as a BLS, ILS, or ALS level of licensure, the following is required:

- The EMS agency must be currently licensed in Idaho and must have at least one of the following EMS agency Operational Declarations:
  a. Prehospital-Transport
  b. Prehospital-Support
  c. Prehospital-Non-transport
  d. Air Medical-Transport
- Submit a completed application in IGEMS at the level of licensure; and
- Consent to verification site visits as determined by the TSE Council.

Once verified by the TSE Council, the agency will be designated for three (3) years, unless the designation is rescinded by the TSE Council for non-compliance.

Revocation and Negotiated Probationary Status

Any TSE designated EMS agency that has a loss of licensure or is found to no longer meet the standards for verification shall be reported to the TSE Council by contacting the Bureau of EMS and Preparedness staff. The TSE Council may elect to revoke the EMS agency's TSE designation or place on negotiated probationary status. If the EMS agency's TSE designation is placed on negotiated probationary status, the EMS agency must cooperate with the TSE Council to develop and implement the following:

- The agency's plan to achieve compliance;
- The timeline required for the agency to achieve compliance; and
- The methods by which the agency's progress to achieve compliance will be verified by the TSE Council.

Negotiated probationary status shall be valid for a maximum of one year.

- If an EMS agency is found to have achieved compliance, the agency's TSE designation will be removed from negotiated probationary status and restored in good standing.
- If an EMS agency is found to remain noncompliant at the end of one year, the TSE designation of that agency will be rescinded.
- A licensed EMS agency which has their TSE designation rescinded by the TSE Council will be eligible to reapply for TSE designation one year from the date the TSE designation was rescinded. Completion of the initial application process for TSE designation will be required.
- TSE EMS designations in negotiated probationary status will be kept confidential.

Fees

There are no designation fees associated with TSE EMS Designations. This designation will be voluntary and free to any qualified agency. Once verified, the TSE Council will send a certificate of designation and a set of stickers to be placed on the agency's emergency vehicles. The agency may purchase additional stickers by contacting the Bureau of EMS and Preparedness.

XI. APPENDIX B: DESIGNATION REQUIRMENTS

TSE BLS EMS Agency

Designation Criteria for TSE BLS EMS Agency

Criteria for designation of a TSE Basic Life Support (BLS) EMS Agency are the recommendations based upon the EMS Advisory Committee. Criteria verify the services and systems are in place to ensure optimal care of a patient exhibiting either trauma, stroke or heart attack (a.k.a. STEMI) symptoms. Each standard must be met for approval as a TSE EMS designated agency.

Criteria Element
1. The agency must be in compliance with all requirements for EMS agency licensure by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness as specified in IDAPA 16.01.03.
2. The agency must have policies, protocols, and/or procedures addressing trauma, stroke, and STEMI care including transport to the closest appropriate facility and provide annual training on such.
3. The agency must be an active and participating member of their TSE Regional Committee and participate in the regional QI process. An agency representative must attend 50% of these meetings either by call-in or in-person.
4. The agency must demonstrate their local QI process that clearly evaluates trauma, stroke, and STEMI patients.
5. The agency must demonstrate collaborative relationships with a local facility and/or regional TSE designated facilities.
6. The agency must demonstrate consistent medical director involvement working to achieve TSE standards.
7. The agency provides and participates in community outreach and education addressing trauma, stroke, and/or STEMI annually.
8. The agency must collect, track, and provide TSE with the following data annually to their TSE Regional Committee. The agency must create a QI process that demonstrates compliance with the following goals:
a. documented use of a recognized stroke scale on patients with primary impression of CVA at least 90% of the time;
b. documented “Last Known Well” time for patients with primary impression of CVA at least 90% of the time;
c. aspirin administration or documentation of contraindications, within 10 minutes of patient, contact for cardiac-related chest pain (suspected MI) at least 75% of the time;
d. on scene times less than 10 minutes with cardiac-related chest pain (suspected MI) at least 90% of the time *applicable for transport agencies only;
e. on scene times less than 10 minutes or documentation of extrication for Priority 1 and 2 trauma activations at least 90% of the time *applicable for transport agencies only; and

f. documentation that field providers are notifying receiving facility/agency of trauma, stroke, and STEMI activation at least 90% of the time.
9. The agency must provide documentation that all EMS personnel obtain CPR training at least once every two years.