1. PURPOSE: To outline what skills/procedures that Paramedic students are allowed to perform while on duty in the City Of South Portland.

2. POLICY: The Department has received clarification from the Director of the Paramedic Program at South Maine Community College regarding our employees who are currently taking classes in the Paramedicine Program. These students are only allowed to perform at their current license level (normally the Basic-EMT level) unless they have specific written permission from the Director of the Paramedicine Program to perform any advanced skills. Once the students have tested out and are licensed as EMT-Advanced, they can then practice to that level. The department realizes that we all want to allow our new employees the opportunity to practice skills and gain valuable knowledge; however under Maine EMS rules, they are to operate at the level they are currently licensed at.

Under no circumstances are Basic EMT licensed employees or non-licensed employees allowed to practice skills not authorized under the basic license protocol.

Basic EMT’s that are riding with us as students with a prescribed preceptor under an approved program (SMCC or SMEMS) may perform skills as listed in their clinical information.

3. REFERENCES:
   • SPFD Bulletin 2012-05

By Order Of:

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