

**BOISE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2006-20
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE EAST BOISE COUNTY AMBULANCE
DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Boise County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Idaho Code Title 31 Chapter 39, have the authority to set policy for an established ambulance district, and

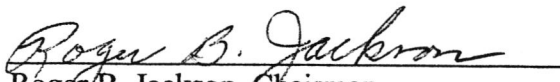
WHEREAS, the Boise County Board of Commissioners have established the East Boise County Ambulance Standard Operating Procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the Boise County Board of Commissioners wishes to set further policy for EBCA by establishing a Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy.

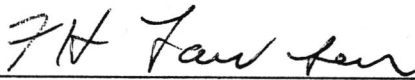
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Boise County, that the attached Exhibit "A" be adopted as the East Boise County Ambulance Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Boise County Board of Commissioners in open session on the 30th day of January 2006; with an effective date upon passage.

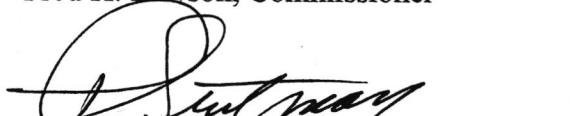
BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Roger B. Jackson, Chairman




Fred H. Lawson, Commissioner



Paul A. Stutzman, Commissioner

Attest:



Rora A. Canody, Boise County Clerk



East Boise County Ambulance District

Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy

Members (volunteers) of East Boise County Ambulance District (EBCAD) Units will be subject to specified types of testing for drugs and alcohol in keeping with Boise County Policy and the protocols of EBCAD.

The ambulance district has stated in its protocols that alcohol will not be used for eight hours prior to being on call or coming to an ambulance scene when not on call. There is an absolute prohibition against use of illegal drugs. Prescription drugs will be used within the recommendations of the individual's medical provider.

Volunteers to be tested under This Program

1. All EBCAD volunteers who operate EBCAD owned equipment or proceed to a scene in their private vehicle.
2. All individuals who provide extrication services to persons for whom Boise County has a responsibility after ambulance dispatch.

Types of Testing to be Performed

Testing for cause: Both alcohol and urine drugs of abuse screens will be performed within 4 hours on individuals implicated in an accident with county owned equipment. The EMT at the scene will be in charge of saying this must be done or the unit president if the EMT is involved. Drugs of abuse tested will be consistent with Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements. The welfare of any patients will supercede testing requirements (to be decided by the EMT in charge).

All information obtained in the course of this procedure will be confidential.

Testing for Cause

If any EBCAD member has an accident with county owned equipment resulting in equipment damage of \$750 (or more), injury to any individual, or smaller value claims if the EMT in charge deems it necessary that person must submit themselves for alcohol testing at the scene and screening for drugs of abuse within four hours of the accident. As this could occur at any time, the individual will need to go to Idaho City Clinic or Garden Valley Clinic if they are open. If not, they will need to report to hospital ER. In the event that weather at the time would place a person at risk when going to town, alcohol use should be evaluated by law enforcement and then the individual will present

themselves for a drug test within 24 hours of the incident This decision should be made by the unit president. In the unit president's absence a member of the executive board or lastly a Boise County officer can make the decision. Mileage will be paid by EBCAD at the county rate. The unit president must notify the county as soon as possible. Breathalyzer testing will be performed by the State Police, if available, or Boise County officers if State Police are not available.

Adulteration or Submission of a Concealed Specimen

If, during the collection procedure, the collection monitor detects an effort by the volunteer to adulterate or substitute a specimen, a second specimen will be immediately required. If a second specimen is provided, that specimen will be tested. If the request for a second specimen is refused, the collection monitor will inform the county risk manager of the refusal to submit a true specimen. In the event that a volunteer submits a specimen that the laboratory later identifies as a diluted specimen the risk manager will be informed.

Specimen Collection Procedures

Specimens will be collected by procedures in place at the testing site. All specimen collections should meet requirements of SAMSHA and DOT.

Notification of Test Results

All test results, both drug and alcohol, will be forwarded to the Medical Review Officer (MRO). Prior to Boise County being informed that a volunteer has tested positive for illegal drugs, the volunteer will be offered an opportunity to personally discuss the positive drug test with the MRO or his representative. The MRO will follow up on such information as appropriate. A volunteer who is taking a prescription drug that may have been the cause of a positive test result will be asked to provide the name of the medication and the identity of the prescribing physician for verification. The volunteer will be asked to sign a statement allowing the information to be obtained from the physician. If this is verified, the volunteer's test result will be reported as negative. If, after consideration of the matter, the MRO finds no reason to doubt the validity of the positive test, that result will be conveyed to Boise County's contact including the identity of the drug.

Refusal

A volunteer may not refuse to take a drug or alcohol test when requested to do so, consistent with the terms of this policy. Such refusal will be considered equivalent to testing positive for illegal drugs or alcohol.

A volunteer will be considered as refusing to test if he/she expressly refuses to take a test when so requested, or otherwise fails to provide an adequate breath or urine sample without a valid medical explanation. Additionally the volunteer will be considered as refusing to test if he/she engages in conduct that clearly obstructs the testing process.

Effect of Testing Positive for Drugs or Alcohol

Any volunteer who tests positive for the presence of illegal drugs will be dismissed from EBCAD. In view of the requirement of no alcohol eight hours prior to taking call or responding to a scene, the volunteer will be deemed to be out of compliance if an alcohol test for cause results in a blood alcohol value equal to or greater than 0.02%. Such a volunteer will be dismissed from EBCAD.