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Standard Terminology Relating to Emergency Medical Services¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This terminology covers standard definitions of terms which apply to all F30 standards, but which are more precise than common usage.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F1219 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Patient Initial and Detailed Assessment (Withdrawn 2006)³

F1253 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Patient Secondary Assessment (Withdrawn 1999)³

F1254 Practice for Performance of Prehospital Manual Defibrillation (Withdrawn 2007)³

F1255 Practice for Performance of Prehospital Automated Defibrillation

F1256 Guide for Selection and Practice of Emergency Medical Services Instructor for Basic Life Support/Emergency Medical Technician (BLS/EMT) Training Programs

F1257 Guide for Selection and Practice of Emergency Medical Services Instructor for Advanced Life Support/Emergency Medical Technician (ALS/EMT) Training Programs

F1287 Guide for Scope of Performance of First Responders Who Provide Emergency Medical Care

3. Terminology

3.1 Appropriate definitions for interpretation of terms used in ASTM Emergency Medical Services standards shall be determined in the following order:

¹ This terminology is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F30 on Emergency Medical Services and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F30.06 on Terminology.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

3.1.1 Specific definitions of terminology or description of terms provided in the standard. These will apply to use of the term in that standard only.

3.1.2 ASTM Standard Terminology Relating to Emergency Medical Services (F1177).

3.1.3 Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 16th Edition.⁴

3.1.4 Mosby's Emergency Dictionary.⁵

3.2 Definitions:

adjunct instructor—an individual with specialized subject matter expertise, who, on occasion, instructs a specific topic of a curriculum under the direction of the course instructor/coordinator. **F1256, F1257**

advanced life support—medically accepted life sustaining, invasive or non-invasive procedures; provided under the direction of a physician or other authorized health care provider.

ambulance—a vehicle for transportation of the sick and injured, equipped and staffed to provide emergency medical care during transit.

ambulance service—a qualified provider of medical transportation for patients requiring treatment or monitoring, or both, due to illness or injury.

ambulance service provider—a person or organization, either public or private, responsible for operation, maintenance, and administration of an ambulance service.

associate instructor—an individual who possesses the qualifications and education/training of a course instructor/coordinator, but, in a specific course, assumes a supportive or assisting role to the course instructor/coordinator. This individual may substitute for the course instructor/coordinator in case of necessity or, in other courses, serves as a course instructor/coordinator. **F1256, F1257**

basic life support (BLS)—medically accepted non-invasive procedures used to sustain life.

⁴ Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 16th Edition, F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia, PA, 1989.

⁵ Mosby's Emergency Dictionary, C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, MO, 1989.