

EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE

OPERATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID PATIENTS

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1 Purpose

1.1 To provide procedures regarding transporting of medical aid patients.

2 Reference

- 2.1 Patient Privacy Notice/Transport Information
- 2.2 Form 013 Patient Authorization to Transport
- 2.3 Policy 3410 – Incident Reports and Transport Documentation

3 Responsibility

- 3.1 All employees shall be familiar with and adhere to this policy.
- 3.2 All officers are to monitor and enforce this policy.

4 Policy

4.1 The Agency is the primary provider of basic life support (BLS) within the consolidated service area to include the transport arrangement of BLS patients when required.

5 Procedures/Guidelines

- 5.1 The Agency transports BLS patients who are sick and/or injured when resources are available, and when the incident commander determines the patient's condition requires such service.
 - 5.1.1 **EXCEPTIONS:** Private transport resources are to be used if:
 - 5.1.1.1 The company officer is concerned for the physical safety of the crew due to a violent patient;
 - 5.1.1.2 The patient has an IV in place;
 - 5.1.1.3 When resources are known to be at a critically low resource level.
- 5.2 The Agency transports BLS patients to local area facilities and regional hospitals.
- 5.3 Under normal situations, the Agency does not transport BLS patients to a "meet point" to transfer patients to private ambulances.
- 5.4 **Incident commanders shall be aware of resource availability in their battalion prior to transporting patients with department resources.**
- 5.5 When the Agency unit transports a patient employees shall follow the guidelines in Policy 3410.