





**SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH  
EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

<b>EMS POLICY</b>	<b>501</b>
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## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED AT SCENE**

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### **I. PURPOSE**

This policy establishes requirements for medical equipment that is required on scene of an emergency medical response.

### **II. AUTHORITY**

California Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, §1797.220, 1798; California Code of Regulations, Title, Division 9, §100096.03

### **III. POLICY**

- A. The first unit on scene is responsible for bringing all necessary ALS and BLS equipment to the patient's side.
- B. The first unit on scene is encouraged to communicate with Public Safety Communications to provide patient updates including equipment requests for the incoming unit(s).
- C. When the patient's location is likely to be more than 200 feet from where the ambulance is parked, the ambulance personnel shall also bring in the appropriate ALS and BLS equipment. This shall include, but is not limited to the airway bag, drug box, and cardiac monitor.
- D. The ambulance personnel are responsible for bringing in the gurney or stair chair when arriving on scene. The gurney or stair chair will be placed near the patient.
- E. If both first responder and ambulance personnel brought equipment into the scene, the first responder crew should assist the ambulance crew when leaving the scene, as the ambulance crew will be operating the gurney.
- F. The ambulance crew should consider the need for additional equipment when arriving on scene (e.g., if stairs are involved, consider the need for a stair chair for extrication).