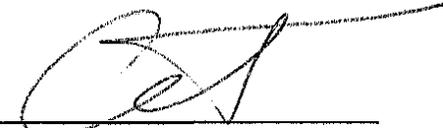




TRANSPORT LIMITATIONS FOR ALS FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES

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1. The ALS First Responders will not transport any patient to the hospital in the first responder apparatus. 2. There are two exceptions this:
 - 1.1. In rare circumstances upon direct request from the County that the ALS First Responder agency provides transport to a receiving facility. When an ALS First Responder agency provides transport as a result of a request from the County, notification will be submitted to the EMS Agency by the transporting ALS First Responder agency within two working days of the incident.
 - 1.2. Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) and the County Fire/ CAL FIRE (CF) have rescue/transport vehicles which may be used to transport patients only the following conditions are met:
 - 1.2.1 The patient's location is within the jurisdictions of the WFPD or CF.
 - 1.2.2 It is staffed with at least one paramedic.
 - 1.2.3 It is equipped with the medical equipment and supplies as specified by the County for such a vehicle.
 - 1.2.4 The estimated time of arrival at the incident location of Contractor's closest ambulance, be it an advanced life support ambulance or basic life support ambulance, is greater than 30 minutes from the time of initial dispatch.
 - 1.2.5 No air ambulance, provided by an entity having a written agreement with County, is available to respond to the incident location with less than a 30 minute estimated time of arrival.
 - 1.2.6 The condition of the patient to be transported meets the following criteria:
 - Obstetrical emergencies with abnormal fetal presentation (leg, arm, buttocks), third trimester vaginal hemorrhage, prolapsed umbilical cord, or severely distressed neonate.

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- Patients meeting major trauma patient criteria specified in EMS policy who also:
 - Have penetrating trauma to the head, neck, trunk, or groin, and/or
 - Have significant hypotension (adults systolic blood pressure less than 90/children over 3 years systolic blood pressure less than 70), and/or
 - Have a rapid respiratory rate (adults respiratory rate greater than 30 per minute/children under 3 years greater than 50 per minute/children over 3 years greater than 40 per minute), and/or
 - Have slow respirations (adults less than 10/minute/children under 3 years less than 20 per minute/children over 3 years less than 16 per minute), and/or
 - Are unable to follow simple commands.
- Non-trauma patients with inadequate ventilation and/or severe respiratory distress
- Cardiac arrest
- Profound shock with systolic blood pressure less than 90 systolic
- Uncontrolled external hemorrhage
- Severe allergic reaction with respiratory distress or cardiovascular compromise
- Status epilepticus

1.3 In each case where the WFPD paramedics or the CF paramedics determine that the above criteria are met and want to utilize a rescue/transport vehicle to transport the patient, the paramedics will immediately:

1.3.1 Notify San Mateo County Public Safety Communication (SMC-PSC). SMC-PSC will immediately notify Contractor's on-duty supervisor. The ambulance that was initially dispatched to the incident will continue responding to the incident until transport has either been initiated by the WFPD or CF, or until the responding ambulance has rendezvoused with a CF rescue/transport vehicle.

1.3.2 The WFPD or CF will ensure that the EMS Agency administrator on-call and Contractor's on-duty field supervisor are paged in each case in which the WFPD or CF rescue/transport vehicle is used to transport a patient.