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Transports Out of County – No Request Required

Periodically we hear EMS providers request online medical control direction for a simple out-of-county transports. Under a protocol change a couple years ago this is no longer required.

The currently Transportation protocol states that, *“If facility of choice is out of the county or an extreme distance away, the EMS provider should use their best judgment if this would be appropriate for the patient, and can occur without online medical control approval as long as it does not contradict other sections of this protocol.”*



Obviously use your best judgment when making an out-of-county transport decision. If you have questions or concerns you can always contact online medical control for assistance and guidance.

FIRE STANDBYS – WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Serving as a stand-by unit on a structure fire scene is a common part of an EMS provider’s career, but one that may not be as well understood as you would like. There are several important protocol requirements to keep in mind when you respond to these calls:

- Report to the Fire Incident Command Officer or Staging Officer.
- Ensure that EMS personnel, equipment and vehicle are in a safe location.
- Establish a triage location for potential firefighter or citizen care.
- Personnel are not to leave the location until they have been released by fire incident command.

For extensive, long-term fire incidents, you may also be expected to provide medical evaluation and rehab for fire personnel. Please make sure you review the Medical Evaluation and Rehabilitation of Public Safety Personnel protocol.

Finally, because we are never sure what a fire situation could entail, the protocol requires that an ALS unit be dispatched to all of these calls. In many cases it may seem like an unnecessary use of an ALS resource, but we never know what type of patient might come from a fire incident.

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