

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

Standard Operating Guideline

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline is to ensure that all appropriate equipment required to provide essential patient care is carried into every scene. Emphasis is placed on airway and breathing.

II. GUIDELINE:

It is the guideline of LCEMS that every patient will receive a high level of consistent care. The “Standard of Care” for LCEMS and supported by the Medical Director is to be appropriately equipped upon arrival at every call. This standard applies to all EMTs and Paramedics, while on duty and responding to calls within our area of responsibility. Any standbys are to be treated as a call.(e.g. if at a fire stand by, have oxygen and jump bag with you). When in doubt, err on the side of caution and have items necessary to provide a level of care indicative of the symptoms conveyed by the dispatcher (e.g. have the cardiac monitor if going to chest pain/cardiac patients; have suction if going to possible airway problems). Delay in treatment of a patient due to lack of available equipment only serves to compromise the appropriate level of care and contribute to an unsatisfactory outcome.

III. PROCEDURE:

1. On all calls you will carry, at an absolute minimum, the Thomas Pack. Equipment in the Thomas Pack should include:
 - Airway Supplies should include; oral airways, nasal airways, BVM, oxygen cannulas, oxygen masks, endotracheal intubation supplies, EGD (King-LTD Airway), 10cc syringe.
 - A portable Suction
 - Glucometer
 - IV supplies (Needles, tubing, tourniquet, tape/dressings and fluids)
 - Minimum drugs: All medications inside the designated drug pouch
2. You must also take in oxygen tank and portable radios.
3. Any additional supplies/equipment can be retrieved or applied once inside the unit pending patient evaluation.

NOTE: As dedicated Healthcare Para-professionals, we are confident you will fully assess and evaluate the call information received and appropriately respond to the scene with those items necessary to properly treat the patient. It’s better to be over prepared, than find yourself without essential items that may make a difference in the outcome.