

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

Standard Operating Guideline

Title: Communications – Bariatric Unit Deployment
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I. Purpose:

To outline the procedures to be taken by EMS in the event that deployment of bariatric equipment is required for patient transport.

II. Responsibility:

It will be the responsibility of the LCEMS System Status Controller (SSC) and on-duty supervisor to evaluate and provide an appropriate response given the available information.

III. General Information:

In an effort to provide the highest level of care, safety and dignity to an ever-increasing population of morbidly obese patients, LCEMS has developed a “Bariatric Transport Unit” equipped with innovative equipment designed to transport patients weighing up to 1,600 pounds.

IV. Guideline:

While assessment of patient weight is not typically part of the Emergency call taking process, the caller may volunteer this information. If patient weight is known, this information should be added to the call notes and passed on to the responding unit(s).

Patient weight is frequently assessed in the Non-emergency transfer request process and should be utilized in determining the need for bariatric unit deployment.

Upon determination of bariatric equipment need, the communications center will activate BA 01 or BA 02 in CAD.

- For scene requests, the unit will be activated and typically staffed with a logistics, or supervisory staff member.
- For pre-scheduled bariatric transports, the unit will be activated and staffed as any other system unit.
- BA-01; Horton vehicle. (will vary based on vehicle availability)
- BA-02; vehicle #4048.