

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.
Standard Operating Guideline

Title: Communications – Rough Terrain Unit Deployment
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I. Purpose:

To outline the procedures to be taken by EMS in the event that deployment of rough terrain 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 when access to the patient is impaired due to terrain or distance from navigable roadways, LCEMS has a 6 wheel drive, Polaris ASAP, patient transport ATV.

IV. Guideline:

In the event that access to the emergency scene or patient is impeded by terrain or distance from navigable roadways, the SSC, on-duty supervisor, and or, responding unit may initiate the deployment of an ATV to facilitate patient access and transport. This resource is housed at EMS HQ and will be deployed by towing the ATV to the scene. The on-duty supervisor, logistics staff, or other appropriate persons trained in vehicle towing, may be utilized to deliver the ATV as needed. The potential for utilization of the ATV should be assessed and implemented as early as possible due to the potential time involved in deploying this resource.