

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

Standard Operating Guideline

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I. PURPOSE:

To ensure adequate staffing during patient treatment and transport.

II. GUIDELINE:

Leon County EMS shall maintain adequate staffing during patient treatment and transport. At a minimum, a Florida certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) will be in attendance of the patient at all times.

III. PROCEDURE:

- Certain patients transported by ALS licensed ambulances require no ALS procedures to be instituted or provided. In such instances EMTs can attend to the patient during transport given the following guidelines are followed:
 - EMTs attending non-ALS patients may do so only after a Paramedic has conducted an ALS assessment of the patient to determine if the patient's condition warrants ALS care. If the incident is trauma related, the Paramedic must take into consideration the mechanism of injury. Patients presenting with a mechanism of injury consistent with potentially serious injuries will be attended to by the Paramedic. This ALS assessment must be documented on the patient care report.
 - The EMT must feel comfortable in providing care for the patient. If the EMT is not comfortable in providing care for the patient, the Paramedic will attend to the patient.
 - If any negative change in patient condition occurs the Paramedic will immediately attend to the patient.
 - Patients whom have received any ALS procedure, intervention and / or care will not be attended to by an EMT. Examples of patients that EMTs are prohibited from attending:
 - Patients with IVs that are medicated or initiated in the prehospital setting.

- Patients that are intubated or who require airway control.
 - A patient who's ECG is being or has been monitored.
 - Patients that have been administered any medications by the EMS crew.
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- The Paramedic will attend to the patient if any doubt exists as to what level of provider should attend to the patient.