

## **LEON COUNTY E.M.S.**

### Standard Operating Guideline

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#### I. PURPOSE:

To provide guidance in the event a crew finds themselves on the scene of a second incident while responding to or transporting a patient from a different incident.

#### II. GUIDELINE:

Under normal operational conditions ambulances will not respond to another incident with a patient on board.

#### III. PROCEDURE:

- If, while transporting a critical patient under lights and sirens, a crew comes across the scene of another incident, that crew will continue on its way to the hospital without stopping to render assistance. The driver will contact EMS dispatch of the situation requesting appropriate assistance to respond.
- If, while responding to a Code 3 patient under lights and sirens but without a patient on board, a crew comes across the scene of another incident, that crew will stop and render aid only after notifying EMS dispatch of the situation. A second unit will be dispatched as appropriate.
- If, while transporting a non-critical patient, the crew comes across another incident, that crew will stop and the driver will render aid as necessary. The charge person will not abandon his/her patient to render aid. Further assistance will be called for through EMS dispatch as needed. If at all possible, any additional patients from a second scene will not be transported in the same vehicle with the original patient. A second or subsequent unit will transport patients from the second scene.
- EMS dispatch will divert ambulances to calls as necessary but will ordinarily avoid sending ambulances carrying patients to subsequent scenes.
- In the event of unusual circumstances the on-duty supervisor or System Status Controller will make decisions related to this guideline.