

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

Standard Operating Guideline

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline is to provide guidance for crews in allowing and or disallowing additional non-patient passengers to accompany a patient to the hospital in the ambulance.

II. GUIDELINE:

The LCEMS crew will be responsible for determining what, if any, additional passengers will accompany a patient to the hospital in the ambulance. Transport of an additional passenger may be considered if the person is:

- a. The parent or guardian of a minor child
- b. An interpreter
- c. Minor with a parent being transported, if this would cause the minor to be left unattended.
- d. Family member with medical information
- e. Caretaker
- f. Law Enforcement Officer
- g. Firefighter

Transportation of pets is prohibited in ambulances with the exception of service animals.

The paramedic in charge will determine where the passenger rides. Passengers should be seated in a fashion that allows for use of safety belts. Family members, walking wounded and other non-employees shall not be permitted to ride in the cab of the ambulance if they are visibly contaminated with blood or other body fluids, under any circumstances.