

8 Emergency Transport

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8.1 Purpose and Expected Results

Safe transport of patient and crew is a key element of emergency medical service. Statistically the use of lights and siren is correlated with increased probability of a motor vehicle accident. The risks taken in expeditious transport should be commensurate with the benefit accruing to the patient by the reduced duration of the transport.

8.2 Circumstances of Applicability

As determined by the crew-chief:

- The patient would receive significant benefit from immediate care available at a hospital; and
- Current circumstances do not permit such care to be provided pre-hospital.

8.3 Requisites

An available ambulance.

8.4 Procedure Description

At the discretion of the crew chief, at any time during a patient transport to a hospital, the driver may be instructed to transport in "Emergency" mode. Consistent with the ambulance vehicle driver training SOG, the driver then must:

- Activate the appropriate flashing lights
- Use the audible warning devices (siren, horn, etc.) as needed
- With due regard, proceed at an expedited speed, in a manner safe for vehicle, occupants and road conditions.