

9 Non-Emergency Transport

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9.1 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.

9.2 Circumstances of Applicability

As determined by the crew-chief:

- Current circumstances permit definitive pre-hospital care.

9.3 Requisites

An available ambulance.

9.4 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 “Non-Emergency” mode. Consistent with the ambulance vehicle driver training SOG, the driver then must:

- De-activate or refrain from activating the vehicle’s flashing lights
- Not use the emergency mode audible warning devices (siren, horn, etc.)
- Observe traffic control devices and proceed with due regard within current traffic flow or posted speed limits in a manner safe for vehicle and occupants.