

GENERAL SYSTEM OPERATIONS

PURPOSE

To define general system operational issues common to all providers within the system.

POLICY

- A. Fire Department personnel will be dispatched as first response agencies on all levels of medical response.
- B. The ALS unit of the zone provider will be dispatched according to EMD.
- C. The first on-scene paramedic will assume responsibility for care of the patient(s) and may relinquish care to another paramedic with mutual agreement.
- D. All persons requesting medical attention will be evaluated and treated according to Marin County BLS or ALS Treatment Guidelines. Following an appropriate examination, the paramedic may determine that ALS intervention is not indicated and request BLS transport (based on provider agency policies). ALS personnel will remain in attendance with the patient until BLS transport personnel assume the responsibility for patient care. If there is a Code 3 incident dispatched and the attending ALS unit is the nearest responder, the patient may be left with the non-transport BLS personnel.
- E. Patients will be transported to a receiving facility according to Marin County policies.
- F. Transport units will proceed to the receiving facility in the manner (Code 2 or 3) deemed appropriate by the patient care provider.