

ALS FIRST RESPONDER

PURPOSE

To define the role and function of the ALS First Responder within the Marin County EMS system.

DEFINITION

- A. The ALS First Responder is a licensed paramedic, accredited in Marin County and working for an ALS provider. This policy is applicable only when the paramedic is not staffing an ALS transport unit and is assigned to a first response vehicle.
- B. First Response vehicle refers to a fire department vehicle dispatched by an official dispatching agency in response to a request for medical assistance.

ROLE

To augment the currently operating ALS system by initiating defined ALS skills prior to the arrival of the ALS transport unit.

POLICY

- A. The ALS First Responder will carry the ALS equipment as listed in Policy 5010 (ALS First Responder level).
- B. The ALS First Responder will comply with all Marin County ALS Treatment Guidelines and all pertinent EMS policies and procedures. If ALS skills are initiated prior to arrival of the ALS transport unit, the name of the ALS First Responder will be documented on the PCR as defined in the Prehospital Patient Care Record policy #7006.