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# EMS Response for San Quentin

## PURPOSE

To provide guidance and procedures for EMS responses to San Quentin Prison.

## BACKGROUND

San Quentin Prison is a State-owned facility located in Paramedic Service Area "C". For several years, the Prison contracted with private providers for all ambulance services. In April 2018, the Prison informed the EMS Agency of their intent to resume using 911 for their emergent medical needs. Although response for these medical calls is the primary responsibility of Central Marin Fire and Ross Valley Paramedic Authority, other zone providers or private providers may be dispatched based on availability.

## AUTHORITY

Health & Safety Code 1797.200, 1797.218, 1797.222

## DEFINITIONS

1. *Medical emergency* – An emergent incident that requires 911 paramedic response and transportation to an acute care hospital.
2. *Scheduled transports* – non-emergency transports for routine medical appointments, tests or treatment.
3. *TTA – Triage and Treatment Area*, the primary location for healthcare services at the prison (see map).

## PROCEDURE *(see attached map for identified locations)*

1. When a medical emergency requiring an ambulance occurs at San Quentin, prison staff will call 911 and provide the following information:
  - a. Patient location (typically the TTA)
  - b. Patient condition or chief complaint
2. Responding EMS units will enter the prison property via the **West Gate** on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and follow Levee Road to the sally port. A correctional officer will meet units at the gate or sally port to escort EMS personnel to the TTA or other patient location.
3. The responding engine company shall stage at the San Quentin fire station outside the sally port and the driver/operator will remain with the apparatus.
4. The other engine crew members will accompany the ambulance crew through the sally port and to the TTA.
5. On rare occasions, responding units may be directed to another location in the prison and shall be escorted by a correctional officer.
6. For any unusual incidents, an EMS Event Form shall be completed and forwarded to the EMS Agency.

## POLICY

1. For non-emergency scheduled transports, prison medical staff shall use a contracted private ambulance provider instead of 911.

2. The ambulance shall remain locked at all times when unattended.
3. EMS personnel must provide photo ID in order to proceed thru the sally port to the TTA.
4. EMS personnel may not carry any firearms onto prison property.

