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GROUND AMBULANCE STAFFING LEVELS

I. AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.56 and 1797.220, Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5., Article 1., Section 1100.3; and, the California State EMS Systems Guidelines, Sections 1.23, 2.08, 4.02, 4.06, 4.16, 4.07.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. BLS Ambulance - An ambulance equipped per the requirements of Agency Policy # 407.00 Equipment and Drug Inventory; and specifically constructed, modified, or equipped, and used for the purpose of transporting sick, injured, convalescent, infirm, or otherwise incapacitated persons.
- B. ALS Ambulance - An ambulance that meets the requirements of a BLS Ambulance and is equipped per the EMS Agency Policy # 407.00 Equipment and Drug Inventory
- C. Critical Care Transport Ambulance (CCT Ambulance) - An ambulance that meets all requirements of an ALS Ambulance and any equipment required by the transferring physician and EMS Agency policy.
- D. Agency – means the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.

III. PURPOSE

To establish the appropriate staffing levels for ground ambulances.

IV. POLICY

- A. Ground ambulance minimum staffing requirements shall be as follows:
 - 1. BLS Ambulance - Two EMT-Is currently certified in the State of California.
 - 2. ALS Ambulance - One EMT-P accredited by the Agency and one EMT-I currently certified in the State of California.
 - 3. CCT Ambulance - One EMT-I currently certified in the State of California, and one attendant who must be either a Physician or a Registered Nurse, licensed by the State of California, with a minimum of two (2) years of critical care experience, and current certificate of completion from an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course. One attendant must be authorized to provide nasotracheal and orotracheal intubation.

- B. During Interfacility Transfers, a transferring physician is responsible for determining the need for additional staff and equipment.

- C. The requirements of this policy may be suspended by the Medical Director or his/her designee during declared disaster situations or multiple casualty situations.