

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY EMS AGENCY  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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TITLE: **EMS AIRCRAFT PATIENT  
DESTINATION**

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### I. **AUTHORITY**

Division 2.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.220, California Code of Regulations, Title 22., Prehospital Emergency Medical Services, Chapter 8., Prehospital EMS Aircraft Regulations, Title 21, Public Works Chapter 2.5 Division of Aeronautics (Department of Transportation), Public Utilities Code Section 21662.1., and Federal Aviation Regulations

### II. **DEFINITIONS**

Refer to the "EMS Aircraft Policy Definitions" for definitions of terms in this policy.

### III. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for determining the appropriate destination for patients transported via EMS Aircraft from the Scene of an emergency.

### IV. **POLICY**

A. Patients meeting trauma triage criteria, as outlined in MVEMSA Agency Policy #553.25 - Trauma Triage and Patient Destination, and are being transported via EMS Aircraft, shall be transported in accordance with that policy. All other patients being transported via EMS Aircraft shall be transported to the closest appropriate receiving facility with a heliport.

#### **B.. RENDEZVOUS BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR AMBULANCE FOR PATIENT TRANSFER TO AIR AMBULANCE**

1. Transfers from ground ambulance to air ambulance shall occur at the closest landing site, including hospital heliports, airports, or Emergency Medical Landing Site deemed safe per pilot discretion.
2. Hospital Heliports and emergency landing sites located on hospital grounds are approved for rendezvous within the Mountain-Valley EMS region include the following:
  - a. Sutter-Amador Hospital

- b. Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital
  - c. John C. Fremont Hospital
  - d. Doctors Medical Center
  - e. Memorial Medical Center
  - f. Oak Valley Hospital
  - g. Emanuel Medical Center
  - h. Kaiser Modesto Medical Center
  - i. Local airports
3. In cases where a hospital heliport is used strictly as the ground-to-air ambulance transfer point, no transfer of care is implied or should be assumed by hospital personnel.

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