

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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References	Fresno County Ordinance #0-627; Kings County Ordinance #514; Madera County Ordinance #516; Tulare County Ordinance #6-07 Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations	Effective 02/01/94

I. POLICY

- A. First responder units (which are transport capable) and ambulance units responding as a first responder may transport patients in accordance with approved EMS procedures.
- B. Transport capable first responder units may be utilized for patient transport during multi-casualty incidents in conjunction with primary ambulance and helicopter units.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Incidents involving transport-capable ground first responder units:
 1. If the patient's condition requires a STAT transport, *when the patient is ready for transport*, the transport-capable first responder unit will contact the transport unit and the coordinating ambulance dispatch center for that county on the appropriate MED channel. The first responder unit will request the ETA and location of the transport unit. If the ETA is greater than **two** minutes, the ETA is not immediately available, or radio contact cannot be made, the transport-capable First Responder unit will proceed to immediately transport the patient. A rendezvous point should be coordinated with the responding transport ambulance.
 2. If the patient's condition is non-stat and all appropriate pre-transport treatment has been initiated, the transport-capable first responder unit will contact the transport unit and the coordinating ambulance dispatch center for that county on the appropriate MED channel. The first responder unit will request the ETA and location of the transport unit. If the ETA of the transport unit is extended and a delay in transport would be detrimental to patient care, the transport-capable first responder unit may begin transport of the patient. A rendezvous point should be coordinated with the responding transport ambulance.
 3. Transport-capable first responder units who transport a patient shall maintain contact with the coordinating ambulance dispatch center for that county on the appropriate MED channel and provide the following information: destination, transport priority, number of patients, and notification of scene departure and hospital arrival. If possible, A rendezvous point should be coordinated with the responding transport ambulance.

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4. The ground ambulance shall not be cancelled by the first responder unit except in situations where a transport-capable first responder unit is on scene and immediately available for transport. A first responder unit shall not cancel a responding ambulance based upon the response of a transport capable first responder unit which has not arrived on scene. A rendezvous point should be coordinated with the responding transport ambulance.
- B. Non-emergency medical transportation vehicles may be utilized for EMS incidents only in disaster or multi-casualty situations and after the approval of the EMS Agency duty officer.
- C. The involved dispatcher will immediately initiate an EMS Quality Improvement report noting incident date, incident number and a narrative describing the response. This report will be forwarded to the EMS Agency for review of the incident.