



Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS

EMS Policies and Procedures

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I. PURPOSE

To identify the minimum necessary equipment that is needed at the patient side to perform EMS care at the highest level.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Patient Side – Where the patient is located. This could include inside a structure or at an outside location, wherever the first patient contact is made.
- B. Support Unit – Any non-transport unit or additional ambulance added to the call to support the transport unit.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. In order to provide the highest quality of care, all EMS personnel shall be required to carry the following items with them while performing patient care:
 - 1. ALS Crews at ALS dispatched calls
 - a. Oxygen/BLS bag
 - b. Advanced Life Support Bag with video laryngoscope
 - c. LifePak Monitor
 - d. Pediatric patient calls shall utilize the pediatric bag or appropriate bag.
 - e. Suction Device
 - 2. ALS Crews at BLS dispatched calls
 - a. Oxygen/BLS bag
 - b. LifePak Monitor
 - c. Pediatric patient calls shall utilize the pediatric bag or appropriate bag.
 - 3. BLS crews at ALS dispatched call
 - a. Oxygen/BLS bag
 - b. AED or LifePak Monitor
 - c. Pediatric patient calls shall utilize the pediatric bag or appropriate bag.
 - d. Suction Device
 - 4. BLS Crews at BLS dispatched call
 - a. Oxygen/BLS bag
 - b. Pediatric patient calls shall utilize the pediatric bag or appropriate bag.

- B. Support units shall assist the EMS crews with obtaining additional items as necessary. Consideration of the following items:
1. Cardiac Arrest
 - a. Lucas Device
 - b. Portable Ventilator (if available)
 - c. Additional medications as needed.
 - d. Any additional item requested.
 2. Trauma Patient
 - a. Additional trauma bandages
 - b. Additional medications and/or IV fluids
 - c. Additional stabilization or splinting devices
- C. It is understood that occasionally, the patient will present differently than the dispatched injury or illness and additional equipment will be necessary. The above listed equipment lists will allow for the highest quality of patient care without delays on a majority of calls.

IV. RECISION

This Standard Operating Procedure rescinds all directives regarding Minimum Equipment for Calls or similar content previously issued for personnel of the Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS.