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PURPOSE

The following procedure is intended to provide the most efficient and effective transfer of patient care from Fire Department Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel to helicopter ALS personnel.

POLICY

The primary function of helicopters in the Peoria Fire Department EMS System is to provide transportation:

When the patient's location is not accessible to ground transportation;

When sufficient ambulances are not available;

When distance or delays are critical factors to patient care.

When helicopters are used, the Fire Department Officer-in-charge (Command) remains responsible for management of the scene, and support efforts by ALS personnel who are responsible for ALS treatment of individual patients.

It will be the mutual responsibility of all personnel at the scene to cooperatively utilize their capabilities to facilitate maximum patient care, triage, and transportation.

When Fire Department paramedics are not available at the scene, the helicopter ALS crew will be assigned patient care responsibilities. The Fire Department will remain responsible for the management of the scene and will provide support and available resource for ALS efforts.

The Fire Department Officer-in-charge of the incident (Command) will assign personnel to meet the helicopter crew when they arrive at the landing zone. The helicopter ALS crew must confer with Command before taking any action at the scene. Information regarding the patient's condition and treatment must be communicated to helicopter ALS personnel to eliminate duplication of physical assessment and treatment efforts.

In multiple patient incidents, a Transportation Sector Officer will be responsible for helicopter coordination.

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Patient loading will be accomplished under the supervision of the helicopter crew. When the patient has been loaded on the helicopter, patient care becomes the responsibility of the ALS helicopter crew.

Additional treatment requested by the helicopter ALS crew, while still on the scene, should be discussed with the Fire Department Paramedics on the scene.

If further treatment or a change in the receiving hospital is agreed upon, communication will be re-established with the original physician ordering treatment. That physician has the ultimate medical control responsibility.



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