

Salt River Fire Department EMS Policies and Procedures

Transfer Of Medical Authority



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SCOPE

This policy is to outline the process by which SRFD members may transfer the care of a patient to an on-scene physician or receive medical direction from a non-base station physician.

POLICY STATEMENT

Members of the Salt River Fire Department may transfer medical authority to or receive medical direction from a non-base station physician by the approval and order of the unit's Administrative Base Physician only.

PROCEDURE

If a SRFD member encounters a physician on-the scene who requests that additional medical procedures be performed or requests that he/she assume responsibility for that patient, the member will make contact with the unit's Administrative Base Physician.

Once the situation has been relayed to the Administrative Base Physician, "medical control of any EMS incident may be relinquished to another...physician only with permission of the original Base Physician having medical control" [AEMS Transfer Guideline, 2002].

If control is transferred to an on-scene physician, such transfer should be clearly documented on an EMS Encounter Form.

No member in an attempt to cooperate with an on-scene physician should perform any skills or procedures that are outside the scope of practice prescribed by law and regional guidelines or any skills or procedures that the member feels may have an adverse effect on the patient.

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STANDARD

In accordance with the Arizona Department of Health Services Rules and Regulations, Arizona Revised Statutes, Arizona Emergency Medical Systems Policies and Procedures, and SRFD Treatment Guidelines.