

Salt River Fire Department EMS Policies and Procedures



Hospital Turn Around Times

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to limit the amount of time spent at hospitals by crews completing restock and EMS documentation and place rescue units back in service within the community.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Salt River Fire Department EMS Committee has determined the following timetable for EMS personnel to complete required tasks at receiving hospitals following patient transfer of care to emergency room staff.

PROCEDURE

This guideline is in regards to “**Code 2**” transports.

Once the paramedic has turned over care to the receiving care facility’s staff that individual (paramedic) shall complete all documentation and other associated tasks, such as drug restock, and is enroute back to the community within **30 minutes**. If for any reason the process shall take longer than 30 minutes the paramedic shall alert his/her captain and inform them as to the reason of the delay.

Guideline for “**CODE 3**” Transports:

The paramedic shall have an additional 20 minutes (total 50 minutes) to complete the tasks associated with code 3 transports before being required to be back enroute to the community. As before if there is going to be a greater delay the paramedic needs to contact his captain and advise.

Fire apparatus picking up man-power at the hospitals:

The company officer shall have 10 minutes from arriving at the hospital to pick up man-power before announcing that they are enroute back to the community.