

Salt River Fire Department EMS Policies and Procedures

Patient Transfer to Ground Transport Agencies



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline the process of transferring the care of a patient to ground ambulance personnel.

POLICY STATEMENT

Salt River Fire Department EMS providers shall not conclude the EMS-Patient relationship once established until essential criteria are met:

- a) Transfer of care to an outside rescue/ambulance crew shall only be performed for BLS patients.
- b) In accordance with our base station and medical director Salt River Fire Department ALS personnel are not to turn over any ALS patient to outside ambulance or personnel, they must ride in with the patient to the receiving facility and maintain primary responsibility and transfer care to the receiving staff.
- c) The EMS provider must convey all relevant patient information and documentation to those accepting responsibility for the patient.

PROCEDURE

Once the criteria outlined in the policy statement has been met, the transfer can be completed. Subsequent procedures are as follows:

- a) Should the event be of a MCI Salt River Fire Personnel may turn over care to an outside agency as directed by the officer in charge of treatment and transportation or command and provide appropriate documentation of the event.

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STANDARD

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Arizona Department of Health Services Rules and Regulations, Arizona Revised Statutes, and Arizona Emergency Medical Systems Guidelines.