

Salt River Fire Department EMS Policies and Procedures

Patient Transfer to Police Departments



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline the circumstances whereby a patient may be transported by Police Departments.

POLICY STATEMENT

A patient may be treated, released, and referred to a receiving facility by SRFD, and transported by a Police Department under the following circumstances:

- a) The patient has met the criteria for and signed a RELEASE FROM RESPONSIBILITY or STATEMENT OF TREATMENT AND REFERRAL;
or,
- b) The patient refuses treatment, refuses to sign a RELEASE, has no obvious injuries or illness, and is not in need of medical treatment.

PROCEDURE

Once entered into an EMS-Patient relationship, a fire department member should not conclude that relationship unless the patient no longer requires emergency medical services and can be safely transferred by police personnel.

The patient must have a disposition of REFUSAL, TREATMENT AND REFERRAL (under stated department guidelines), or has been approved by medical control to be released to the police department.

Once the patient has been released, the facts surrounding the case (including the police officer's badge number and signature) should be documented on the EMS Encounter Form.

STANDARD

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

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Emergency Medical Systems Guidelines, and SRFD Treatment Guidelines.