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## **GROUND AMBULANCE STAFFING LEVELS**

### **I. AUTHORITY**

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.56 and 1797.220, Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5., Article 1., Section 1100.3; and, the California State EMS Systems Guidelines, Sections 1.23, 2.08, 4.02, 4.06, 4.16, 4.07.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. “Agency” means the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.
- B. “BLS Ambulance” means a Basic Life Support transport ambulance equipped per the requirements of Mountain-Valley EMS Agency policy.
- C. “ALS Ambulance” means an Advance Life Support transport ambulance equipped per the requirements of Mountain-Valley EMS Agency policy.
- D. "Critical Care Transport Ambulance (CCT)" means an ALS transport ambulance equipped per the requirements of Mountain-Valley EMS Agency policy.
- E. “Critical Care Paramedic Ambulance (CCP)” means an ALS Transport ambulance approved by the Agency and staffed with one EMT certified in the State of California and one Agency accredited Paramedic who is certified by the Board of Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification.

### **III. PURPOSE**

To establish the appropriate staffing levels for ground ambulances.

### **IV. POLICY**

- A. Ground ambulance minimum staffing requirements shall be as follows:
  - 1. BLS Ambulance - Two EMTs currently certified in the State of California.
  - 2. ALS Ambulance - One Agency accredited Paramedic and one EMT currently certified in the State of California.
  - 3. CCT Ambulance - One EMT currently certified in the State of California, and one attendant who must be either a Physician or a Registered Nurse, licensed by the State of California, with a minimum of two (2) years of critical care experience, and current certificate of completion from an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course.

4. CCP Ambulance. One EMT currently certified in the State of California and one agency accredited Paramedic who is certified by the Board of Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification
  - B. During Interfacility Transfers, a transferring physician is responsible for determining the need for additional staff and equipment.
  - C. The requirements of this policy may be suspended by the Medical Director or his/her designee during declared disaster situations or multiple casualty situations.