

SILVER CROSS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

TITLE: **ALTERNATE RESPONSE VEHICLE (INCLUDES NON-TRANSPORT VEHICLES AND AMBULANCE ASSIST VEHICLES)**

POLICY: IDPH CODE 515.825 and 515.830

- I) **Ambulance assistance vehicles** are dispatched simultaneously with an ambulance and assist with patient care prior to the arrival of the ambulance. These assistance vehicles include fire engines, trucks, squad cars or chief's cars that contain the staff and equipment required by this Section. These vehicles shall not function as assist vehicles if staff and equipment required by this Section are not available. The agency shall identify these vehicles as a program plan amendment outlining the type and level of response that is planned. The vehicle shall not transport or be a primary response vehicle but a supplementary vehicle to support EMS services. The vehicle shall be dispatched only if needed. Ambulance assistance vehicles shall be classified as either:
- 1) Advanced ambulance assistance vehicles. These vehicles shall be staffed with a minimum of one EMT-P and shall have all of the required equipment; or
 - 2) Intermediate ambulance assistance vehicles. These vehicles shall be staffed with a minimum of one EMT-I and shall have all of the required equipment; or
 - 3) Basic ambulance assistance vehicles. These vehicles shall be staffed with a minimum of one EMT-B and shall have all of the required equipment; or
 - 4) First Responder assistance vehicles. These vehicles shall be staffed with a minimum of one First Responder and shall have all of the required equipment.
- II) **Non-transport vehicles** are dispatched prior to dispatch of a transporting ambulance and will have a transporting ALS ambulance within a 10 minute response time. These vehicles include ambulances and fire engines that contain the staff and equipment required by this Section. The vehicle service provider shall identify these vehicles as a program plan amendment outlining the type and level of response that is planned. These vehicles shall be staffed 24 hours per day, every day of the year.
- 1) ALS/ILS non-transport vehicles. These vehicles shall have a minimum of either one EMT-P, or one EMT-I and one other EMT-B, and shall have all of the required equipment.
 - 2) BLS non-transport vehicles. These vehicles shall have a minimum of two EMT-Bs and have all of the required equipment.
- III) Equipment requirements: Each vehicle used as an alternate response vehicle shall meet the following equipment requirements, as determined by IDPH by an inspection.
- 1) Oxygen cylinder (minimum 1200) with O₂ tank key attached
 - 2) Oxygen flowmeter/regulator for 15 lpm
 - 3) Oxygen equipment – adult, child, infant masks (1 each)
 - 2) Oxygen equipment – adult and child nasal cannulas (1 each)
 - 4) Adult squeeze bag-valve-mask with adult mask
 - 5) Child squeeze bag-valve-mask with child, infant and neonate mask

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- 6) Airways – Oropharyngeal airways (adult, child, infant)
- 7) Airways – Nasopharyngeal airways (size 23-34 with lubricant)
- 8) Adhesive tape rolls (2)
- 9) Bandages – arm slings / triangular (2)
- 10) Bandages – Vaseline gauze (3” x 8”) (1)
- 11) Bandages – Trauma/universal dressings (2)
- 12) Bandage scissors/Trauma shears (1)
- 13) Blanket (Milar accepted) (1)
- 14) Blood pressure cuffs (adult, child, infant) with gauges
- 15) Burn Sheet (1)
- 16) C-collars, adjustable or (1 each – Adult Large, Medium, Small, Child, Infant)
- 17) Cold Packs (2) and Warm Packs (2)
- 18) Flashlight and Pen light (1 each)
- 19) Obstetrical Kit, sterile with head cover (1)
- 20) PPE – isolation bags (1), non-porous gloves (2), face/eye mask (2), gowns (2)
- 21) Splinting devices (2)
- 22) Sterile solution (1000cc) in plastic bottles or bags
- 23) Stethoscope
- 24) Suction Device with tubing
- 25) Sterile single use suction catheters, one from each size range: 6-8; 10-12; 14-18
- 26) Tourniquet type bandage
- 27) Monitor/Defibrillator or AED with adult and pediatric pads
- 28) Communication equipment to contact hospital (cell phone required for ALS)
- 29) SCEMSS back-up paper run report forms (5)
- 30) ALS System-approved equipment:

Drug box: Each ALS ambulance assist vehicle operating within the System will maintain a System approved lockable box or container for the purpose of stocking and storing the following drugs, medications, and related equipment.

- Adenosine 6mg/2ml (3)
- Atropine 1mg/10ml (3)

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- Albuterol (Ventoliin) 2.5mg/3cc (2), Neb. (1)
- Atrovent (Ipratropium) 0.5mg Squirt (2)
- Baby Aspirin Tabs - 81 mg - (4 individual tabs)
- Calcium Gluconate 10% 1gram/10ml Vial (1)
- Dextrose 50% 50ml (1)
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 50mg/ml (1)
- Epinephrine 1mg/ml (old packaging 1:1000) (2)
- Epinephrine 0.1mg/ml (old packaging 1:10,000) (3)
- Fentanyl 100mcg/2ml vial (1) *Narcotics require use of Controlled Substance Log Form
- Glucagon 1mg/ml (1)
- Glucose Paste (Oral Glucose Gel) – 20-25 gram tube (1)
- Lidocaine 100mg/5ml (3)
- Morphine 10mg (1) *Narcotics require use of Controlled Substance Log Form
- Narcan (Naloxone) 4 mg (2-2mg doses)
- NTG/Nitroglycerin (2) tabs or Nitrolingual Spray .4mg
- Sodium Chloride 0.9% 10ml prefilled syringe/multi dose vial (3)
- Tetracaine HCL .5% Eye Drops Tube (1)
- Versed (Midazolam) 10mg (1) *Narcotics require use of Controlled Substance Log Form
- Zofran (Ondansetron) ODT 4 mg Tablet (1)
- Zofran (Ondansetron) IV 4mg/2ml Vial (1)
- Syringes - 1ml, 5ml and 10ml (2 each)
- Carpuject Holder - if needed for delivery of medication
- Tubex Holder - if needed for medication delivery
- Needles (2 each) 21g, 22g
- Alcohol Wipes (5)
- Mucosal Atomization Device (MAD) - optional

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Airway equipment, including laryngoscope and assorted blades

- Laryngoscope handle (1) with replacement batteries
- Laryngoscope blades, straight and curved, with replacement light bulbs
- Magill forceps, adult and child (1 each)
- Endotracheal/nasotracheal tube(s) 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 8.0 (1 each size)
- Endotracheal/nasotracheal tube(s) 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, (2 each size)
- End tidal CO2 detector(s) one pediatric/one adult unless built into the BVM
- 10g Angiocath or Quicktrach (1)
- King Airway sizes 3, 4, and 5 (optional on NT)

IV equipment

- 0.9 Normal Saline, 1000cc bags (1).
- 10gtt tubing and Saline Lock (j-loop) (1)
- Angiocaths: 14g (1each), 16g (1 each) and 18g, 20g and 22g (2 each)
- IV start kits (2)

- IV) Registration of non-transport agencies: Each non-transport provider shall complete and submit to IDPH one of the following: the First Responder Provider Initial EMS System Application, the Non-Transport Provider EMS System Application, or the Non-Transport Provider Application.
- V) Inspection of non-transport and ambulance assist vehicles: IDPH will perform initial inspections. Thereafter, agencies shall perform annual self-inspections on their non-transport and ambulance assist vehicles, using forms provided by IDPH, and shall submit the form to the System upon completion of the inspection. The System will sign off on the inspection and forward to IDPH. IDPH may perform spot check inspections randomly or as the result of a complaint.
- VI) Issuance and renewal of license: Upon payment of the fee (when assigned), qualifying non-transport providers shall be issued a provider license that lists a number for each level of care approved. Licenses will not be issued for individual non-transport vehicles. Providers shall inform the EMS System and IDPH of any modifications to the application, using the System Modification forms (sys-mod). Licenses will be issued for one year and will be renewed upon receipt of self-inspections.

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