

**CCEMS
OPERATIONS POLICY 100-11
PRISONER/RESTRAINED PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROCEDURE
TRANSPORT OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS**

I. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To assure the safety of the crew and the patient.
- 1.2 To define the policy and procedure for transporting a patient that is in the custody of a Law Enforcement Agency and/or requires restraints for any reason.
- 1.3 To define the policy and procedure for transporting patients that have been determined to need a psychiatric evaluation at another facility. This includes patients that have been “pink slipped” in accordance with Section 5122.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and for patients that have not been pink slipped and have voluntarily agreed to be transported for evaluation.

II. POLICY

- 2.1 In the event of a prisoner transport, CCEMS will transport patients to the appropriate care facility only if a custody officer will accompany the prisoner. The passenger/patient must be restrained for custodial purposes.
- 2.2 CCEMS will transport patients that have been determined to need psychiatric evaluation, against their wishes, in accordance with 5122.10 of the Ohio Revised Code. Typically, CCEMS will require that a law enforcement officer accompany the patient during transport. The decision to request a law enforcement officer to ride along with the patient will be made by all crewmembers involved with the transport. The CCEMS Leadership Team should be contacted for help and/or guidance when dealing with these types of transports. Safety of all individuals will be the key factor in handling these types of calls.
- 2.3 CCEMS will transport patients that have voluntarily agreed to seek psychiatric evaluation at another facility. Typically, CCEMS will not need to request a law enforcement officer to accompany the patient. However, the crew can always reserve the right to request a law enforcement officer to ride along with the patient. This decision will be made by all crewmembers involved with the transport. The CCEMS Leadership Team should be contacted for help and/or guidance when dealing with these types of transports. Safety of all individuals will be the key factor in handling these types of calls.

III. PROCEDURE

- 3.1 If the passenger/patient is restrained for medical reasons only, the medical crew will determine what level of restraint is necessary to effectively have safe transport of the patient and the crew without causing harm or injury to the patient.
- 3.2 If the passenger/patient is restrained for law enforcement/security purposes, the restraints must be 4-point metal restraints to assure the safety of the crew and still allow for access to perform patient care duties as necessary. If deemed necessary and patient poses a risk to themselves or others a sedative may be given to prevent harm to the patient or others by following CCEMS Protocol on sedative procedures.

3.2.1 If handcuffs or other key-type devices are used to restrain the passenger/patient, the medical crew must be able to identify the key and must be informed of its location during transport.

3.3 The law enforcement officer will ride in the vehicle and be positioned as determined by safety, crew needs, and security concerns.

Director: 

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