



# County of Santa Cruz

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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

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### **Emergency Medical Services Program**

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Medical Director

Subject: **FIRST RESPONDER FIRE ALS TRANSFER OF CARE TO TRANSPORT ALS**

#### **I. Purpose:**

In order to accomplish good continuity of patient care and field collaboration of all responders, the following shall be observed whenever possible:

- 1) Patients identified as Status Level IV (Severe Distress) or Status Level V (In Extremis) or identified as Major Trauma Victims (2 or 3 "hits" on the MAP Score) shall be accompanied by the First Responder Fire Paramedic during transport to the hospital or Landing Zone.
- 2) The Fire Paramedic will attempt to honor requests by the Transport Paramedic for the Fire Paramedic to accompany patient to the hospital.
- 3) Reasonable exceptions to the above criteria (1 & 2) may include situations where the transport unit (AMR) has an intern and enough resources on-board, or the Fire Paramedic is requested by his/her Captain to respond to an emergent fire call, or an MCI event where the Incident Commander requests the Fire Medic to remain an on-scene resource. All of these exception situations require cooperation between Fire and AMR.