

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**Effingham County Emergency Medical Service and Medical Transport and
Ambulance Standard of Care
Amending Ordinance No. 14-70**

Be it ordained by the County Board of the County of Effingham, State of Illinois, that:

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to provide a standard of care for all patients transported by any ambulance, medical transport service or emergency medical service, operating by ground ambulance on a regular basis in the County of Effingham; to provide a diagnostic and / or treatment process that an emergency clinician should follow for certain types of patient illness or clinical circumstances; to establish a level of competence with which the typically prudent care provider within a given community, region or system would treat the patient; and to establish a standard of uniformity in Effingham County as to how a qualified practitioner would manage the care of patients under the same or similar circumstances.

All Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances operated within Effingham County as a normal part of business, based in Effingham County, or doing business as a result of any agreement with Effingham County, shall be operated as follows:

1. All vehicles will be current on registration, safety inspections, insurance and any other inspections required by any government or controlling medical entity.
2. All vehicles must be manned by at least one Illinois-licensed paramedic with current, valid certifications in
 - a. Basic life support;
 - b. Advanced cardiac life support;
 - c. Pediatric advanced life support (PALS) or Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals(PEPPS);
 - d. Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PTLS) or International Trauma Life Support (ITLS); and
 - e. Successfully tested and approved by the EMS System to work in the system under system protocols
3. The Paramedic must be assisted by another like-qualified paramedic or Illinois-licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-~~Basic~~ approved to operate under the EMS System Protocols.
4. Paramedics and EMT-~~Basics~~ shall be trained – with documented testing to proficiency – on all equipment listed herein, all equipment available on any given ambulance, and all systems protocols.
5. Each Paramedic and EMT-~~Basic~~ shall complete documented annual training as required by OSHA, the Illinois Department of Labor and the Illinois Department of Public Health, and must show proof of successful completion of any other training required by all relevant units of government relevant to the operation of emergency medical ground transportation in

Effingham County, including - but not limited to - the following subject areas, for which training must be completed within one year of employment with the ambulance service:

- a. Blood borne pathogens;
 - b. Back safety;
 - c. Workplace violence;
 - d. Emergency service vehicle operations;
 - e. Health Information Patient Privacy Act (HIPPA);
 - f. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM); and
 - g. National Incident Management (NIMS) 100, ~~2300~~, 700, 800.
6. Each Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician-~~Basic~~ shall complete and pass at least two mandated clinical skills review competency tests every six months from the medical director or their designee to determine any necessity of remedial training.
7. Each Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician-~~Basic~~ shall provide proof of Hepatitis B Series vaccinations, an annual TB skin test, and shall be offered an annual flu shot (including a declination form or proof of currently valid test results) to be provided at the expense of the ambulance service provider.
8. Every Advanced Life Support ambulance shall possess the following equipment on board in operational and currently maintained status:
- a. All required Illinois Department of Public Health and Emergency Management System listed equipment;
 - b. 12 Lead EKG monitor/defibrillator with telemetry operational capabilities to send EKG readings to the hospital receiving system;
 - c. Carbon Dioxide ETCO2 (End Tidal Carbon Dioxide) Monitoring with Capography wave form;
 - d. Transport Intravenous (IV) medication pump;
 - e. Non-invasive continuous blood pressure monitoring equipment;
 - f. Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) and Biphasic Positive Air Pressure (Bi-PAP);
 - g. Transport Ventilator;
 - h. ~~EZIO Intravenous (IV)~~Intraosseus (IO) Access devices for adult, child and infant
 - i. ~~King-LT Blind Insertion~~ Airway Devise (BIAD) ~~Rescue Airway~~ - All sizes; and
 - j. Power Patient Cot
 - k. Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL)
9. All medical equipment shall be maintained and calibrated according to manufacturer recommendations by qualified technicians.
10. All medical replacement supplies shall be maintained and replaced by the ambulance provider to maintain required levels of equipment supplies at all times.
11. All providers must ensure adequate crew quarters to provide rest and comfort and health for crews and to ensure maximum alertness while responding to emergency medical calls. Crew quarters shall be maintained to the appropriate standards, including – but not limited to – the following:
- a. Reasonable climate control;
 - b. Adequate shelter from weather elements; and

- c. Reasonable cleanliness, free of harmful germs, molds, mildew, and materials that would threaten crew health.

Fines upon conviction for violating this Ordinance shall not exceed \$1,000 per day for each day the violation occurs.

**This Ordinance Passed, Amended, Adopted and Approved This _____ Day of _____, 20184,
At a Regular Meeting Date of the Effingham County Board.**

Motion _____

Second _____

James Niemann
Chairman of the Board
Effingham, IL

ATTEST: _____
Kerry J. Hirtzel
Effingham County Clerk