

PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: COUNTY-WIDE AMBULANCE MOVE-UP PROCEDURE

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I. PURPOSE:

To establish a procedure that, through the movement of ambulance units, assures the least possible response time to EMS calls by ambulance resources. This procedure will act as a guide for the County Ambulance Dispatch Center (Med-Com).

II. PROCEDURE:

A. Anytime an ambulance service area has no available ambulances, Med-Com shall make every effort to move available ambulances to predesignated locations to reduce the response time to the uncovered area.

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County Health Officer

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Date

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Executive Director, Emergency Medical Services Agency

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Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services Agency

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Date

- B. The predesignated ambulance staging areas shall be:
1. Avila Road to cover areas five and six
  2. Highway 58 and 101 to cover areas four and five
  3. Cuesta College to cover areas three and five
  4. Via Creek and Highway 1 to cover areas one and three
  5. Twin Cities Community Hospital to cover areas two and four
  6. Highway 46W and Vineyard Dr. to cover areas one and two for a unit stationed in Paso Robles.
  7. Highway 46W and Cypress Mountain Rd. to cover areas one, two, and four for a unit stationed in Cambria
- C. The areas listed above shall be known as Code 8 locations.
- D. Med-Com may request an ambulance unit move into another service area if they feel this will provide better coverage. If this occurs Med-Com will provide that ambulance unit with a location to stage. This location shall be known as the Code 11 location.
- E. This move-up procedure may be altered by Med-Com if they feel that the positioning of an ambulance, at an area other than the ones listed above, would provide better ambulance coverage.