

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY ALS PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 805

SUBJECT: ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT DISPATCH TO 911 MEDICAL AID CALLS

PURPOSE:

To establish a policy for dispatch of Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance / service providers as part of the 911 system, in order to provide prompt ALS response and transport to an emergency.

In the interest of patient care, every effort should be made by public and private, ALS first responders and ambulance providers to dispatch the closest, available ALS unit to a 911 request for medical aid.

AUTHORITY:

California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797 et seq. & 1798.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Section 1000143.

California Supreme Court Decision, County of San Bernardino v. City of San Bernardino, Riverside Super. Ct. No. 224288.

POLICY:

When a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) receives a call for medical aid within the S-SV EMS Region the following shall occur:

The **time closest**, available contracted private or public 911 ALS service provider shall be dispatched to all medical aid calls. However, Public 911 ALS non-transport service providers will not be required to go outside of their boundaries, except where agreements specific to the boundaries have been made between the effected response unit's department.

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