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Protocol	1.6 Use of Lights and Sirens – All Levels	Last Reviewed/Update Date	
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Response to Scene

The use of lights and sirens can be dangerous to both responders and the general public alike. EMS personnel should use lights and sirens based on sound judgment and justification, and all applicable State and local laws must be adhered to.

1. All 9-1-1 calls will be responded to with lights and sirens unless:
 - The use of lights and sirens would create a danger to the ambulance crew or general public that outweighs the severity of the patient's condition if known.
 - The dispatching agency has verified that use of lights and sirens is not needed.
 - Another EMS responder, known to the ambulance crew, is on scene and has verified that lights and siren response is not needed.
2. All inter-facility transfers, including nursing home calls, will be responded to without lights and sirens unless:
 - The facility requests an emergent response.
 - The patient's condition is urgent or life-threatening.
 - The EMS provider believes that lights and sirens response is appropriate.

Response from Scene

There are very few situations that require a lights and sirens transport to a hospital. The overall goal is safe transport for the patient and crew. It should be assumed that transport will be without lights and sirens unless the primary care provider has determined that delayed transport will be detrimental to the patient.

Medical Director's Signature

Date

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