

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

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1. The EMS Medical Director of the Fire District works closely with the Assistant Chief of EMS and reports to the Chief of the Department and to the Board of Directors.
 2. In the absence of the Medical Director, EMS personnel should follow these protocols or receive orders from the Emergency Department Physician at their destination or closest hospital.
 3. All Fire District personnel must meet the requirements of the Fire District as established and be approved by the EMS Medical Director.
 4. Only the EMS Medical Director and/or an approved designee, including Physicians and Registered Nurses in the Emergency Department of the destination or closest hospital, may issue patient care orders to pre-hospital units.
 5. The Pre-Hospital Treatment Guidelines are to be considered as the standing orders of the EMS Medical Director and are to be adhered to by pre-hospital EMS personnel in the performance of patient care and by Emergency Department personnel in the issuance of radio-telephone patient care orders.
 6. Fire District personnel may utilize the pre-hospital treatment guidelines when necessary without prior voice contact with Medical Direction as per current Missouri Revised Statutes.
 7. Protocols are based on current American Heart Association and Basic Trauma Life Support Guidelines.
 8. All pre-hospital care providers must adhere to the following clinical performance standards to assure each patient receives the highest quality of care, delivered in a consistent and uniform manner:
 - a) Rapid initial assessment to identify and treat life threatening medical or traumatic emergencies through a primary survey.
 - b) Secondary survey to assure that treatments are initiated as indicated and to assess further signs and symptoms.
 - c) Ongoing assessment to determine responses to treatment or changes in patient condition.

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- d) Complete documentation on the Patient Care Record as part of the patient's medical record with accurate and thorough information recorded.
 - e) The correct and necessary equipment in good working order shall be brought to the patient upon arrival so as not to delay treatments that may be necessary.
 - f) Guidelines, as described in this manual, will be followed, without direct communication with EMS Medical Direction, unless noted on the protocol.
 - g) The patient is delivered to the appropriate facility as directed, in a safe and timely manner.
 - h) Caregivers shall only practice medicine to the level that they have been trained and are actively licensed by the State of Missouri. These protocols may detail skills that lesser-trained providers are not able to perform.
 - i) **Above all, members of the Mehlville Fire Protection District should always act in the patient's best interests.**