

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

SUBJECT: 100.02

**OPERATIONS:
MEDICAL DIRECTION AUTHORITY/
ACCESS TO MEDICAL DIRECTION**

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1. The EMS Medical Director is designated as the final medical authority of the EMS System. The physician staffing the Emergency Department of the destination or closest hospital will assume authority in the event that the EMS Medical Advisor is not on scene.
2. Physicians appearing at the scene of an emergency may, after appropriate identification and with the consent of Medical Direction via Radio-telephone communication, assume full medical responsibility for patient care provided that this physician will accompany the patient to the Hospital with the transporting EMS unit. The physician must also sign the release form (see Appendix C) accepting ultimate responsibility for total patient care.
3. If the physician at the scene will not assume full responsibility for patient care as defined above, the pre-hospital personnel will continue to function and provide care solely under the auspices of the physician staffing the Emergency Department of the destination or closest hospital.
4. It is strongly recommended that the EMS personnel tactfully decline the services of the physician appearing at the scene, thus avoiding conflicts that could arise in caring for the patient.
5. The EMS Medical Director will maintain an open door policy to all EMS personnel.