

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

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Purpose: To provide guidelines and protocols for ground ambulance crews to request a scene response by a helicopter air ambulances.

1. The following pre-requisitions must be met prior to requesting helicopter transport assistance:
 - a. Suitable weather conditions exist for the safe operation of the helicopter.
 - b. A Safe landing zone can be prepared.
2. The ground ambulance crew may summon helicopter air ambulance when one or more of the following criteria exists:
 - a. Severely injured or acutely ill patients are located in remote or off road areas not readily accessible to ground ambulance.
 - b. Ground resources exhausted (i.e. disaster)
 - c. Prolonged vehicle extrication time is anticipated (20 minutes).
 - d. Special environmental conditions (i.e. extreme cold) are present which affect potential patient outcome.
 - e. Delayed ground access to hospital (i.e. road, bridge damage, flood, traffic conditions).
 - f. A significant reduction in transport time exists compared to ground transport for seriously injured patient.