

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

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1. While en route, EMS units should contact the hospital to give a patient report and to request any necessary orders. EMS units should contact the destination hospital for orders if needed. If given orders by the destination hospital, the crew should ensure that they follow their approved medical protocols. EMS units should avoid contacting multiple hospitals while en route, unless they have been diverted. EMS units should only receive orders from one facility during transport.
2. Communication of patient information for all patients will be in the following format:
 - a. Age, sex, weight.
 - b. Chief complaint or mechanism of injury.
 - c. Concise history of present illness.
 - d. Past pertinent medical history.
 - e. Current medications.
 - f. Allergies.
 - g. Vital signs and EKG interpretation.
 - h. Findings of physical examination.
 - i. Treatment rendered/request for orders/response to treatment.
 - j. ETA to Hospital.
 - k. Updates on patient condition as warranted.

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3. When treating a patient at a location where telephone contact is available, telephone communication is preferable to radio communication.
3. If a run number is given by the destination hospital to log the EMS report it should be recorded in the narrative section of the ambulance report.
4. Providing emergency care can be a stressful job. All personnel of the Mehlville Fire Protection District should be courteous and polite when giving report to the hospital or dealing with hospital staff. Any dispute should be handled through the chain of command after the call and not at the bedside.