

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

**SUBJECT: 600.01
5/08**

ORIGINAL ISSUE:

2/15 AIRWAY MANAGEMENT:

LATEST REVISION:

OXYGEN THERAPY

When oxygen is indicated, use the following guidelines:

- A. Administer oxygen as needed to keep oxygen saturation > 94%.
- B. Patients with history of COPD should be treated with oxygen to maintain an oxygen saturation between 88-92%
- C. Patients in severe respiratory distress with a history of COPD should not be denied oxygen if needed. Oxygen should be administered and preparations made to assist ventilation as needed.
- D. Continual assessment of the patients is imperative.