

# Madison County Department of Emergency Medical Services

## Standard Operating Guideline



<b>Title</b>	Transport of HAZMAT Patients
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### Purpose:

To provide a guideline for the transport of hazardous materials patients.

### Policy:

All career personnel shall adhere to this guideline when it is necessary to transport patients contaminated by hazardous materials to the hospital emergency department for treatment. Every effort to decontaminate the patient or patients should be attempted consistent with the urgency of their need for medical care and their potential to contaminate caregivers. Once the decision to transport has been made, these guidelines shall be followed:

1. Notify Madison County Dispatch, EMS Director, EMS Supervisor on duty, Emergency Services Coordinator, Incident Command (if established), and the receiving hospital emergency department as soon as it is known that a contaminated patient or patients will be transported to the hospital for treatment.
2. Provide as much information as is known about the incident, such as the type of contaminant, length of exposure, types of injuries, vital signs and length and type of on-the-scene decontamination procedures used.
3. All providers will act under the orders of the Incident Commander when preparing to treat and transport patients exposed to hazardous materials.
4. EMS providers will make every effort to protect themselves from contamination when handling patients.
5. Unprotected personnel are forbidden from entering the "hot" or "warm" hazardous zone.
6. All clothing will be removed from patients prior to placing them on ambulance stretchers. The patient will be decontaminated as directed by the Hazmat Incident Commander and Medical Control prior to transport.
7. Patients will be wrapped in disposable blankets, which will be sealed with tape to encapsulate the patient and prevent the spread of contamination.
8. Patient will be delivered through the entrance the receiving hospital advises.
9. After deliver of the patient to the hospital, county personnel will follow the instructions of the ER Hazmat Treatment Team relative to their own medical examination, treatment, and decontamination. Notify the EMS Supervisor on

duty of your status as soon as possible.

10. Personnel are reminded that at no time do they request a helicopter for the transport of a contaminated person.