



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: VEHICLE MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

SECTION: VEHICLE OPERATIONS

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PURPOSE:

To define the Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Medical Services System (CDHEMSS) requirements for vehicle staffing.

POLICY:

Vehicles operated under the CDHEMSS must meet the following minimums for operations. If staffing cannot be met, the CDHEMSS must be notified and the vehicle may not respond as an EMS agency.

Staffing requirements (provider licensure level(s) and /or experience level) can be waived by the EMS Medical Director (EMS MD) due to extenuating circumstances. These requests must be made in writing (via email) and approved by the EMS MD prior to allowing changes in these levels. For requests to be considered, staffing levels must be at or below 66% at the level of licensure that the request is being made. When requesting a waiver for staffing, the requesting agency shall specify the timeframe that staffing will be altered. If allowed to change the level of staffing, the highest-level licensure shall be the transporting care provider for the entire duration of the patient care process and the author of the patient care report (PCR).

Vehicle Level	Response Vehicle	Provider Licensure Level(s)	Experience Level
BLS – Ambulance Assist	Engine Truck Squad Utility Battalion Chief	1 or more EMT(s) and/or Paramedic(s)	20 monitored calls by equal or higher level of care
BLS – Ambulance Assist	Rapid Response Vehicle	1 or more EMT(s) and/or Paramedic(s)	≥ 1 year experience
BLS – Non-Transport	Engine Truck Squad Utility Battalion Chief	1 or more EMT(s) and/or Paramedic(s)	≥ 1 year experience

BLS – Transport	Ambulance	2 or more EMTs and/or Paramedics	A combined 6 months experience
ALS – Ambulance Assist	Engine Truck Squad Utility Battalion Chief	≥ 1 Paramedic(s) and ≥ 1 EMT(s)	A combined 12 months experience
ALS – Ambulance Assist	Rapid Response Vehicle	≥ 1 Paramedic(s)	≥ 3 years ALS experience in the 911 setting
ALS – Non Transport	Engine Truck Squad	2 Paramedics or 1 Paramedic and 1 EMT	A combined 12 months experience
ALS – Transport 911	Ambulance	2 Paramedics	A combined 12 months of experience between the 2 Paramedics
ALS – Transport 911 (Waived staffing)	Ambulance	1 Paramedic and 1 EMT	Paramedic must have ≥ 3 years 911 experience and system approval
ALS – Transport Private	Ambulance	2 Paramedics or 1 Paramedic and 1 EMT	A combined 12 months of experience between the 2 Paramedics

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Critical Care – Tier 3	Ambulance	<p>1 EMT or Paramedic 1 Critical Care Paramedic 1 PHRN / PHAPRN / PHPA</p>	<p>EMT / Paramedic ≥ 2 years experience</p> <p>Critical Care Paramedic ≥ 1 year Critical Care experience or 3 years 911 experience plus Critical Care Training</p> <p>PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA ≥ 2years PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA experience or PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA certification and ≥ 2years ER / ICU experience</p>
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