

MEDICAL PRIORITY RESPONSE & TRANSPORT POLICY

I. Purpose:

To provide guidelines on the use of lights and sirens for EMS response and patient transportation.

II. Medical Priority Response

- A. Priority 1:** Life threatening or potentially life threatening emergencies
- RESPONSE: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, use lights and sirens while responding to the scene.
- B. Priority 2:** Unknown Emergency
- RESPONSE: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, use lights and sirens while responding to the scene.
- C. Priority 3:** Non-Life Threatening Emergency
- RESPONSE: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, responds with no lights and sirens to the scene.

III. Medical Priority Transport

- A. Priority 1:** Imminent life threatening emergencies
- Examples include:
- Unsecured airway
 - Ongoing severe respiratory distress
 - Clinical signs of shock
 - Deteriorating mental status
- TRANSPORT: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, use lights and sirens.
- B. Priority 2 and 3:** No eminent threat to life
- Examples include:
- Chest pain
 - Abdominal pain
 - Extremity injuries
 - Head injuries
 - Spinal injuries
- TRANSPORT: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, transports with no lights and sirens.