

**Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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PURPOSE

To clarify the purpose, use and utilization of a single Paramedic to facilitate responses.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, Paramedic Superintendents and Senior Managers

RISK STATEMENT

Operating as a single Paramedic is effectively captured within the deployment model of Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Service. In all instances, Paramedics must consider their own safety.

PROCEDURE

All Paramedic Services response vehicles shall be appropriately equipped and staffed with a minimum of one Paramedic when responding to any incident, and;

All Paramedic Services response vehicles shall be equipped in accordance with the Provincial Equipment Standards, as amended from time to time, and;

Paramedic Services personnel assigned to a PRU or other Paramedic Services response vehicle shall respond to all emergencies as assigned by the CACC ACO and;

Paramedic Services personnel, while on duty, may be required to complete a single response in an ambulance, or PRU, in a non-transporting capacity.

When providing patient care as a single Paramedic, personnel shall do so in adherence to the Provincial ALS/BLS PCS and shall remain on scene until a transport ambulance with capacity to complete transfer of the patient arrives. The only exception for the direction to remain at scene with the patient would include imminent peril. In such instances, there is an allowance for an alternate authorized driver, as detailed in Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services. The use of an alternate driver will require completion of an Incident Report.

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An ambulance, already transporting a patient may be required to provide First Response for a higher priority call.

- Once on-scene, the nonattending Paramedic will provide patient care to the new patient while the Paramedic responsible for the existing patient will continue such care to the original patient.
- If policy Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services Policy regarding Multiple Patient Transportation can be complied with, Paramedics have the option to transport both patients.

Documentation for all responses must be completed as per the Regulation and Policy.

REFERENCE

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Paramedic Services Policy and Procedure regarding Allied Agencies Operator DSB Vehicles

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Paramedic Services Policy and Procedure regarding *Multiple Patient Transport*.

MOHLTC, Emergency Services Branch, *Documentation Standards*