



# **SENECA COUNTY**

## **Emergency Medical Service**



### Policy/Procedure for Squad Cell Phone

Purpose: To define the rules of Cellular communication using county Cell Phone

### Policy/Procedure:

1. All Seneca County EMS units have been provided with a Motorola M800 Digital Bag Phone for use on Emergency Responses. These phones are paid for by Seneca County EMS.
2. All Seneca County EMS units will utilize these phones when needed to communicate with receiving hospitals to relay patient information during situations that normal radio communications are ineffective or unavailable
3. The Phones may be used at the coordinators discretion for county business pertaining to squad duties. i.e. Relaying information regarding personnel availability.
  - This policy is designed to clear any confusion as to what the phones may be used for.
  - The cell phone may not be used for personal communication of any kind.
  - The driver of the squad is not to use the phone while driving unless the hands free feature is utilized.
  - Each phone is equipped with a hands free feature that is simple to use and works reasonably well. If the phone is used by the driver this feature shall be utilized. County Policy prohibits the use of a cell phone without a hands free device while driving.
  - A basic phone list has been saved into the phone including all the county squad cellphone numbers, a list of local hospitals, EMS1, and the number for Seneca County Dispatch
  - Feel Free to enter any other hospital numbers, or squad personnel numbers as necessary.
  - This policy supersedes any previously written policy or guideline regarding the use of Cell Phones in Seneca County EMS ambulances.

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