



SENECA COUNTY

Emergency Medical Service



Subject: Driving a Seneca County EMS vehicle
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a guideline for personnel to follow for driving a Seneca County EMS vehicle.

Background:

The State of Ohio is one of the many states that allows a single volunteer responder to drive to the scene in an EMS ambulance. Two certified EMS personnel are required to transport a patient. Every member of Seneca County EMS must be a licensed driver in the state of Ohio.

Policy & Procedure

1. It is strictly prohibited for any member of Seneca County EMS to drive an ambulance if their license is under suspension for any reason.
2. All members shall drive all Seneca County EMS vehicles using due regard for other drivers, road conditions and shall utilize all emergency warning devices if warranted.
3. Any member who receives a DUI/OVI or other suspension of their drivers license shall not be permitted to respond as a primary or secondary member of any Seneca County EMS ambulance. They may be allowed to deliver patient care as a third person on the ambulance as long as both other EMTs are licensed drivers. If a member with a DUI/OVI conviction receives driving privileges from the court that includes the ability to drive an ambulance, documentation of this shall be delivered to the SCEMS director prior to returning to full duty and driving a SCEMS ambulance.
4. An incident report shall be completed and forwarded to the Seneca County EMS director anytime this policy is violated.
5. Refer to SCEMS Transport Policy #26 for more information regarding the transportation of patients.

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