



# **SENECA COUNTY**

## **Emergency Medical Service**



### **Seneca County Emergency Medical Services Standard Administrative Guideline**

**Policy title:** EMS Observers

- 1. Purpose** Seneca County EMS offers the opportunity to ride as an observer on an EMS vehicle.
- 2. Statement of policy** Permission to observe may be granted based on the following criteria:
  - a. The potential observer must be at least 18 years of age
  - b. The potential observer must complete an Observer Request to Ride as an Observer Form
  - c. The request must be approved by the EMS Director. Confirmation may be done by phone.
  - 2.1 Acceptance of observers will be contingent on the availability of space,
  - 2.2 Once the observer's request has been accepted and confirmed, he/she should report to the Seneca County EMS office or other scheduled location, prior to the scheduled shift
  - 2.3 During the observation shift, the observer is under the direct supervision of the Seneca County EMS crew
  - 2.4 This experience will be strictly observational, with no direct patient care given and will adhere to the policies and procedures of Seneca County EMS
  - 2.5 The observer will maintain strict confidentiality at all times with regard to patient care and information, and anything else that the observer may encounter during the observation shift
  - 2.6 An observer may observe for one shift only
  - 2.7 This shift does not fulfill, and may not be used as credit towards any requirements for EMT Courses credit of any kind
- 3. Responsible party**
  - 3.1 The Seneca County EMS Director and all Seneca County EMS crew are responsible for the implementation of this policy
  - 3.2 The standard EMS Cadet form may be signed and attached to this policy form for consent
- 4. Review date** Biannually
- 5. Updated** September 2010
- 6. Supersedes:** Any pre-existing Seneca County EMS Observer Policy

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