

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 1147

Amending MCC §21.406, Ambulance Staffing

(Language ~~stricken~~ is deleted; double underlined language is new.)

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1. MCC 21.406 is amended as follows:

§ 21.406 Ambulance Staffing.

(A) ALS ambulances responding to emergency calls shall be staffed with two EMT-Paramedics.

(B) ALS ambulances transferring patients from hospitals to other facilities may be staffed at the minimum with one EMT-Paramedic and one EMT-Basic.

(C) The EMSMD shall specify staffing requirements for critical care ambulances if such a license is required under this subchapter.

(D) All other ambulances will be staffed with EMT-Basic or EMT-Intermediates whose orders and level of service will be specified by the EMSMD and which will allow for the medically appropriate transportation of patients with the most cost effective staffing.

(E) Notwithstanding subsections (A) – (D), the EMS Medical Director (EMSMD) may temporarily alter staffing as necessary to meet public health needs during extraordinary circumstances which overwhelm the emergency transport system or cause a shortage of ambulances, including, but not limited to: mass casualty incidents, natural or man caused disasters, inclement weather, mass illness, epidemics.

(1) Certain of these events may require immediate action. Therefore, the EMSMD may issue standing orders for such events and shall make administrative rules for the implementation of those orders.

(2) The duration of any staffing alteration made under this subsection shall be limited to the period that coincides with that of the extraordinary event that was deemed to have been cause for the necessity of invoking the authority given under this subsection.

(3) Should the extraordinary circumstances persist for longer than 15 days, the EMSMD shall notify the Board of Commissioners that an alteration of ambulance staffing has

been implemented, the reasons for the necessity to continue the staffing alteration beyond 15 days and the estimated date that normal staffing as required in subsections (A) - (D) will resume. The EMSMD shall make a new notification to the Board every 15 days thereafter until normal staffing has resumed.

(4) The authority given herein to the EMSMD notwithstanding, the Board may order the EMSMD to rescind a particular alteration of staffing at any time that the Board deems reasonable.

(5) In the event of a sanctioned strike against or a lock-out by the ASA contract provider, the provider shall not be allowed to staff ambulances differently than as required in subsections (A) – (D) above.

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