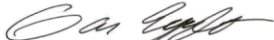




FIRE RESCUE

ALBEMARLE COUNTY

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

Subject:	Patient Transport Destination Guidelines
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Purpose: To provide department personnel with guidelines for selecting an appropriate receiving facility for EMS patient transports.

Background: With the addition of Martha Jefferson Hospital's (MJH) free-standing Emergency Department (ED) located at Proffit Road, these guidelines were developed to address specific situations when patients should NOT be transported to that facility.

Policy: Patients will generally be transported to the local emergency department of their choice. Exceptions to this practice include: (1) any patient requiring specialty care not immediately available at their preferred destination; (2) situations where patient preference requires bypassing a main hospital to travel to a more distant free-standing emergency department; or (3) hospital initiated patient diversions. In these cases, the patient will be transported to the closest, appropriate hospital.

Procedure(s):

1. Patients with the following conditions shall be transported to one of the main hospitals:
 - a. STEMI
 - b. Active CVA
 - c. Active labor
 - d. Trauma patients that meet Trauma Center criteria (UVA)
 - e. Patients in cardiac arrest or resuscitated from cardiac arrest
2. It is recommended that patients who have conditions likely to require significant diagnostic testing and/or admission be transported to a full hospital facility.
3. A patient with an unmanageable airway and/or condition of extremis may be transported to the MJH Proffit Road Emergency Department if the transporting unit Attendant-In-Charge (AIC) deems that facility to be closest AND immediate physician intervention is necessary.