

## EMS Operations

Subject: Emergency Transfer of Critical  
Patients from the Initial Receiving  
Facility

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### 301.01 Purpose

To provide guidelines for the use of Fire-EMS Division resources to assist with the emergent transfer of critically ill or injured patients from Atlantic General Hospital to Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

### 301.02 Procedure

- A. When a request for emergent transfer is received from the Emergency Department Physician, the crew shall notify the Fire-EMS OIC immediately.
- B. After obtaining the approval of the OIC, the crew may remain at the hospital for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) minutes while the patient is prepared for transport.
- C. If it appears the transport cannot be initiated by the end of the thirty (30) minute period, the OIC shall be notified by the crew. Additionally, the Emergency Department physician shall be notified that the waiting EMS unit must return to service. If imminent transport does not occur, the EMS unit becomes unavailable for the transport and will return to service in Ocean City.
- D. If the EMS unit returns to service because of the 30 minute rule, an incident report will be completed by the members of the crew to explain the circumstances.
- E. If a condition in Ocean City dictates that an EMS unit cannot be spared for the transport, the Fire-EMS OIC may use discretion and declare a "Blue Alert" as outlined in the Maryland Region IV Alert Status System.
- F. When the crew takes possession of the patient, Communications will be advised and a new Incident Number shall be started for this transport.