

		SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES			
TITLE: LIGHTS AND SIRENS					
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PURPOSE:

To address the Illinois Vehicle Code Section 625 ILCS 5/11-1421 within the Southern Fox Valley Emergency Services System.

POLICY:

Recognition:

The use of visual and audible warning devices from the scene to the hospital is authorized by the EMS Medical Director for time sensitive patients requiring interventions within the hospital unless contraindicated by the individual SOP.

2. Definition - Time-Sensitive/Priority Patients:

These patients require time-sensitive interventions at the hospital or physician intervention for patient stability.

Plan of Action:

3. This does not imply that the rate of transport speed is accelerated, but rather, there is emphasis on rapid patient packaging and limiting on-scene time. (barring prolonged patient access) Examples: these examples are not all inclusive, (Chest pain suggestive of AMI, Trauma patient requiring surgery) the patient condition along with the safety of the crew will also dictate how a patient is transported.

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