

**Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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**PURPOSE**

To clarify the purpose, use and utilization of a single Paramedic to facilitate responses.

**APPLICATION**

Paramedics, Paramedic Superintendents and Managers

**RISK STATEMENT**

Operating as a single Paramedic is effectively captured within the deployment model of Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Service. Any personnel deployed on a PRU, or acting in a first response capacity, are doing so in the best interest of their patient. In all instances, Paramedics must consider their own safety.

**PROCEDURE**

- 1) All Paramedic Services response vehicles shall be appropriately equipped and staffed with a minimum of one Paramedic when responding to any incident, and;
- 2) All Paramedic Services response vehicles shall be equipped in accordance with the [Provincial Equipment Standards](#), as amended from time to time, and;
- 3) Paramedic Services personnel assigned to a PRU or other Paramedic Services response vehicle shall respond to all emergencies as assigned by the CACC ACO' and;
- 4) Paramedic Services personnel, while on duty, may be required to complete a single response in an ambulance, Emergency Support Unit or PRU, as a First Response resource only.
- 5) When providing patient care as a single Paramedic, personnel shall do so in adherence to the Provincial **ALS/BLS Standards** and shall remain on scene until a transport ambulance with **capacity to complete transfer of the patient** arrives. The only exception for the direction to remain at scene with the patient would include imminent peril. In such instances, there is an allowance for an authorized driver, as detailed in Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services [Policy G.6.8](#). When the use of a stand-in driver has been utilized

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the Paramedic involved with the call shall complete an Incident Report

- 6) Occasionally, an ambulance which is already transporting a patient may be required to provide First Response for a higher priority call.
- Once on-scene, the nonattending Paramedic will provide patient care to the new patient while the Paramedic responsible for the existing patient will continue such care to the original patient.
  - If policy Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services Policy [G.4.28](#) (Multiple Patient Transport) can be complied with, Paramedics have the option to transport both patients.
- 7) Documentation for all responses must be completed as per the legislation, and Policy.

**REFERENCE**

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Policy and Procedure G. 6.8 *Other Agencies Assistance - Driving*

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Policy and Procedure G.4.28 *Multiple Patient Transport.*

Ministry of Health, Emergency Services Branch, *Documentation Standards*, The Crown in Right of the Province of Ontario