

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL	
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PURPOSE

To clarify the roles and responsibilities of staff involved in a Tiered Response event within our catchment area. The tiering of resources to assist with medical care is not intended to replace the need to respond allied agencies for core roles.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, Paramedic Superintendents, Management

RISK STATEMENT

The capacity for Paramedics to respond to every emergency without delay and in isolation of other agencies is neither realistic nor practical. As such, Paramedic Services has initiated collaborative programs where the capacity of allied agencies can be leveraged to mitigate impact on patient mortality and morbidity.

PROCEDURE

- 1) There are a several communities within the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB coverage area where Allied Tiered Response Agreements have been prepared and are in force. Agreements include the following medical events:
 - Known Sudden Cardiac Arrest, excluding confirmed Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) events.
 - Unconsciousness
 - Lack of Paramedic emergency coverage that would result in a delayed assignment to Priority 4 scene call of greater than 20 minutes.

- 2) Allied agencies may also be requested for response to motor vehicle collisions with reported injuries, where they have both a core responsibility and the additional capacity to assist Paramedics.

- 3) Where an allied agency is tiered to any event, under the agreement process, the personnel will provide medical aid until the arrival of the Paramedics. Upon Paramedic arrival, the first responder shall transfer the care of the patient(s) to the Paramedic(s).

- 4) In the event where Paramedics require allied agency personnel to operate a Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB ambulance, this must be facilitated in accordance with [Policy G.6.8](#), Allied Agency Operation of Paramedic Services Vehicles.

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The [Tiered Response Agreement](#) document is formally located on the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Website.

REFERENCE

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Paramedic Service Policy G. 6.8.

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Paramedic Service *Deployment Plan*