



Oakland County Medical Control Authority
System Protocols
ALTERNATIVE EMS RESPONSE TEAM

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Alternative EMS Response Team

Purpose:

The purpose of the policy is to provide a protocol for the use of alternative EMS response, which includes but is not limited to bicycles, golf carts, and other non-traditional response modes in the Oakland County Medical Control Authority (OCMCA) during events where their use would be advantageous.

Procedure:

Any agency that wants to utilize an alternative EMS response team (Team) will carry at least all the equipment listed in this protocol. Staffing of the alternative EMS response team will not exceed the agency's Oakland County licensing level.

When responding to an emergency, the Team will ensure they are able to request a transport capable unit, to assure appropriate transport of the patient(s). If needed/requested, and upon arrival of a transport unit, the Team will give a complete report of patient condition(s) and treatments to the transporting unit(s), and will follow the OCMCA protocols. Mandatory communication capabilities include, allowing the Team to reach their agency's dispatch and to reach an OCMCA approved hospital for medical control.

Equipment List:

MFR/BLS/Paramedic

- AED
- Jump Kit
- Oxygen/Oxygen supplies
- Airway management supplies
- Suction
- Communication device

Paramedic

- ECG Monitor/Defibrillator
- IV Kit
- Drug Box
- A-pack

Drug Box (ALS only)

Any ALS agency wanting to obtain a drug box and A-pack for use on an Alternative EMS Response Team vehicle will ~~take~~ use a standard Oakland County drug box, A-pack, or use a device that can be sealed and is capable of carrying all of the medications consistent with what is carried in



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the Oakland County drug box (see **9.6 SE Michigan Medication Exchange and Replacement Procedure**). Replenishment will be done at the agency Medical Control Hospital inpatient pharmacy only. Medication carriers other than standard drug boxes will not be exchanged in the Emergency Department. The agency must ensure that all medication boxes, A-packs, or carriers are secured via locking device, mechanism, or compartment, at all times when not in use. Only one set of (two) medication carriers may be filled for each paramedic Team an ALS agency deploys. Both medication carriers will be inventoried and sealed with an expiration date labeled on them. The ~~boxes~~ medication carriers will be kept in a secured area when not in use.

Drug Box Exchange:

1. During an event, all medications used by the team will be replaced from the drug box of the transporting ALS unit.
2. The transporting ALS unit will use their opened drug box for any additional treatment the patient may need during the transport. The ALS unit will be responsible for documentation of drug use. Upon arrival at the hospital, the ALS unit will follow the usual drug box exchange procedure.
3. The paramedic Team will keep a daily log of all patients treated, drugs used and replaced from an ALS drug box.
4. At the end of the paramedic Team's event, the medication carrier must be returned to the hospital pharmacy for update of its contents, seal, and expiration date.