Medical Priority Response & Transport

Purpose: To provide guidelines on the use of lights and sirens for EMS response and patient transportation.

1. Medical Priority Response
   A. Priority 1: Life threatening or potentially life threatening emergencies
      a. RESPONSE: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, use lights and sirens while responding to the scene.
   B. Priority 2: *Unknown Emergency
      a. RESPONSE: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, use lights and sirens while responding to the scene.
   C. Priority 3: Non-Life Threatening Emergency
      a. RESPONSE: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, responds with no lights and sirens to the scene
   D. *Priority 2: Response Alternatives (as determined by medical control):
      a. Emergency Vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Vehicle Code, respond with no lights and sirens to the scene **OR**
      b. Only the first responding life support vehicle, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, responds lights and sirens to the scene. All other life support vehicles respond with no lights and sirens to the scene unless upgraded.

2. Medical Priority Transport
   A. Priority 1: Imminent life threatening emergencies
      a. Examples include:
      b. Unsecured airway
      c. Ongoing severe respiratory distress
      d. Clinical signs of shock
      e. Deteriorating mental status
   B. TRANSPORT: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, use lights and sirens.
   C. Priority 2 and 3: No imminent threat to life
      a. Examples include:
         1. Chest pain
         2. Abdominal pain
         3. Extremity injuries
         4. Head injuries
         5. Spinal injuries
   D. TRANSPORT: Life support vehicles, in compliance with Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, transports with no lights and sirens.