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Use of Emergency Lights and Sirens

Purpose: To provide direction to ambulance drivers responding to and from call using lights and sirens.

Background: Fatal and severe injuries continue to occur at an unacceptable rate to EMT's providing care in the field around the country. Safety of our EMT's is a top priority of the Mountain Lakes REMAC. Lights and siren use can decrease time to arrival to the hospital by a few minutes but at a cost of increasing the chance of an accident occurring resulting in an EMT or civilian injury.

Advisory: Lights & siren usage should be reserved for patients who may benefit from getting to the hospital as quickly as possible so that they may benefit from some time dependant therapy. Vitals signs, physical exam and a pre-hospital EKG can all assist in the EMT's decision to use lights and sirens. Lights and sirens should never be used to transport a patient more quickly the hospital who is not unstable.

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