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MEMORANDUM

TO: All MCAEMS System Providers
FROM: Joel Nilles, DO
Medical Director
DATE: 12/13/2013
RE: Hazardous Roadside Responses

I would like to take this time to remind providers of the importance of safety at all scene responses, especially roadside responses. Please utilize established policies and guidelines to mitigate dangers to yourself and fellow responders.

- As a reminder, “third party” calls where the person states they did not call for EMS assistance do not require written refusals to be obtained (See *Patient Right of Refusal* Policy, dated 11/2011). An EMS run form must still be completed, but this should be completed in a safe location.

Further, anytime a provider deems a roadside scene is potentially dangerous, the following guidelines should be utilized:

- If refusals must be obtained, it is suggested that this be done at the nearest exit or other convenient area removed from traffic flow. Please work with law enforcement on scene if you are moving to a safe location. If law enforcement is not on scene, notify dispatch of your intention to move and the new location.
- It is imperative providers work with law enforcement to ensure scene safety and to mitigate traffic flow hazards.
- Each agency should have standard operating procedures in place with regards to protecting personnel in hazardous conditions. Agency personnel shall be intimately familiar with these agency SOPs as well as relevant system policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the EMS office. The delivery of prehospital services is inherently dangerous, but we all have the responsibility and duty to mitigate these hazards. Working together, we can achieve this goal.

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