

# SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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1. **PURPOSE:** To provide guidance to personnel when responding to a request for ALS or Paramedic intercept calls.
  
2. **PROCEDURES:** When South Portland Fire Department receives a call from an out of town service requesting ALS/Paramedic intercept, every effort shall be made to supply the requesting agency with ALS/Paramedic in the quickest means possible. When sending a unit which is a distance away, the dispatchers will coordinate with the requesting EMS service to determine if the intercept is appropriate or to continue to the hospital.
  - If the EMS Coordinator is available and in position to effect the intercept, then he/she shall be utilized for the call.
  - If the EMS Coordinator is not available for the intercept, the South Portland Rescue with the quickest possible intercept shall be dispatched on the call.
  - If a rescue is not available a paramedic with an engine company shall be dispatched if available and appropriate.
  - After meeting the requesting service, the South Portland Rescue crew shall assess the patient and determine if it is in the patient's best interest to be transported in the requesting service's ambulance or in South Portland's ambulance.
  - If transport is done in the requesting service's ambulance, the South Portland ambulance or engine shall follow that ambulance, code 1, to the hospital to pick up the crewmember.
  - If the EMS Coordinator responds on the call, the requesting service is responsible for returning him/her to South Portland.
  - The responding crew shall make out a Maine EMS run report as well as obtain a copy of the requesting services Maine EMS run report.
  
3. **REFERENCES:**
  - None

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