



STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION
BETWEEN
UNDERSIGNED NON-MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE SERVICE
AND
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE

According to Commonwealth law (see the below section pertaining to Authority), all ambulances licensed to operate within Pennsylvania are required to provide emergency assistance upon request from the local Public Safety Answering Point (where 9-1-1 calls are answered). In addition, it is a Commonwealth requirement for licensure that all ambulances maintain operational radio equipment that can be used to communicate with the local Public Safety Answering Point. Philadelphia's Public Safety Answering Point is jointly operated by the Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments.

Medical response to public safety emergencies in Philadelphia (i.e. 9-1-1 calls) is primarily provided by municipal-owned ambulances operated by the Philadelphia Fire Department (PFD). However, in circumstances where an unusually large number of casualties require Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or a healthcare facility requires evacuation, the PFD would need to call upon the emergency assistance of Non-municipal Ambulance Services to provide ambulances and EMS personnel. This Statement of Participation explains the operational requirements necessary to comply in Philadelphia with Commonwealth regulations by the undersigned Non-municipal Ambulance Service.

AUTHORITY

1. Pennsylvania Code, Title 28 (Health and Safety), Part VII (Emergency Medical Services), Chapter 1005 (Licensing of BLS and ALS Ground Ambulance Services), Section 1005.10 (Licensure and General Operating Standards) provides as follows in pertinent part. Viewed online at http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter1005/s_1005.10.html.

Subsection (c)(1):

"(1) BLS and ALS vehicles shall carry medical equipment and supplies as published by the Department in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on an annual basis, or more frequently. "

Subsection (e)(4):

"(4) Response to dispatch by PSAP. An ambulance service shall respond to a call for emergency assistance as communicated by the PSAP, provided it is able to respond as requested. "

- II. The Pennsylvania Bulletin, Vol. 33, No. 39, Pg. 4852 Notices (33 Pa. B. 4852): Required Ground and Air Ambulance Equipment and Supplies implemented 28 Pa. Code §§ 1005.10(c) and 1007.7(c) (relating to licensure and general operating standards; and licensure and general operating requirements) by providing the following provision in pertinent part. Viewed online at <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/voI33/33-39/1904.html>.

"The ambulance must... Have operational radio equipment for communication with a public safety answering point (PSAP) and hospitals in the ambulance service's emergency service areas. A cellular phone may be used as a backup means of communication. "

REQUIREMENTS

- I. The Non-municipal Ambulance Service, provided it is able to respond as requested, must furnish EMS personnel and resources as may be necessary to provide emergency medical service at an incident of such magnitude that it is likely to be beyond the capacity of the Philadelphia Fire Department emergency medical response.
- II. The Non-municipal Ambulance Service will not respond to a request for services provided for in this agreement unless such request is received through the established communications channels, as described in the attached Policy & Procedures.
- III. All emergency response efforts will be performed in accordance with the National Incident Management System, existing local and regional Mass Casualty Incident plans, local and regional healthcare facility evacuation plans, as well as relevant laws, codes, and ordinances affecting patient transport and care.
- IV. The Non-municipal Ambulance Service will maintain operational radio equipment for communication with the Philadelphia Fire Department Communications Center as outlined in the attached Policy & Procedures.
- V. Parties to this agreement shall participate in joint planning, training and exercises as described in the attached Policy & Procedures.
- VI. The Non-municipal Ambulance Service has a duty to maintain Confidential Information (including PHI, as defined by the Policy and Procedures) as confidential and secret. The Non-municipal Ambulance Service must acknowledge that disclosure of any Confidential Information is made in the strictest of confidence and that the Non-municipal Ambulance Service shall avoid the unauthorized disclosure, use, publication, dissemination or other communication of the Confidential Information to any third party, including, without limitation, any parent, subsidiary, or affiliated or related entity of the Non-municipal Ambulance Service, any purchaser of the Non-municipal Ambulance Service or entity with which the Non-municipal Ambulance Service is merged, and any successor or assign of the Non-municipal Ambulance Service.

SIGNATURES

By signing this Statement of Participation, the Non-municipal Ambulance Service certifies and agrees that he or she has read, understands, and will comply the following:

1. Commonwealth law, specifically as referenced above in the section entitled "Authority;"
2. The attached Policy & Procedures for Emergency Assistance from Non-municipal Ambulance Services and all Philadelphia Regional EMS Procedures and Directives referenced therein; and
3. The City of Philadelphia Mass Casualty Plan.

The documents referenced above may be revised from time to time and the Non-municipal Ambulance Services will check with the Philadelphia Regional EMS Office for the latest versions of these documents.

Adam Thiel, Commissioner, Philadelphia Fire Department

Signed on behalf of the following Non-municipal Ambulance Service:

(Non-municipal Ambulance Service Name)

(Printed Name) (Title)

(Signature) (Date)