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<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>STAFFING OF BLS VEHICLES – 300.7</b>		
<b>APPROVAL:</b>	VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; MANAGER OF EMS;		
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/1/2016</b>	<b>CURRENT REVIEW/REVISION DATE: 8/16</b>	<b>SUPERSEDES: N/A</b>	<b>ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/16</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC</b>		<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b>	

**I. Purpose:**

To standardize staffing of basic life support (BLS) vehicles to provide optimum patient care.

**II. Policy:**

All BLS vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of two licensed Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who will function at the scene of the emergency and in route to the hospital.

All BLS services will utilize two licensed EMTs trained in, but not limited to airway management, basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, control of shock, and bleeding and splinting of fractures, as outlined in the provisions of the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Standards relating to basic life support and any modifications to that curriculum specified in rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

**Approval:**

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**VP of Professional Services**

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