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1.0 Purpose:

To ensure safe and optimal patient care at a scene with multiple pre-hospital care and/or paramedical professionals on scene.

2.0 Procedure:

To ensure optimal patient outcome.

3.0 Policy:

3.1 Paramedics who respond to a medical emergency as members of a First Response Agency (fire or police) are acting as medical first responders (MFRs); therefore, the highest registered paramedic of the ambulance crew on scene will have the authority for patient care. This means that a Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) crew will have responsibility for patient management even though an Intermediate Care Paramedic (ICP) or Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) may also be attending the patient as an MFR.

3.1.1. The above PCP crew may choose to ask the higher registered paramedic MFR(s) for assistance or request they take over responsibility for the management of the patient pending Advanced Life Saving (ALS) crew arrival or intercept.

3.1.2. In the event that a higher registered paramedic MFR performs skills or the patient requires ongoing medication outside the scope of practice of the PCP crew, that higher registered paramedic MFR must remain with that patient until able to transfer responsibility of care to an equal or higher registered paramedic.