

- 1) All protocols shall be considered standing orders. Procedures and medications that need medical control will be indicated with “Contact Medical Control” or “Per Medical Control”.
- 2) Contact should be made to the receiving facility as soon as it is known. Primary contact shall be done by UHF radio and secondary contact should be accomplished by cell phone. Cell phone should be utilized in cases of STEMI, strokes, Trauma, and etc. when patient name should be given to the hospital to allow patient records to be accessed prior to patient arrival. Patient demographics shall only be conveyed to the hospital by phone.
- 3) If contact cannot be achieved to the receiving facility and a life threatening situation needing medical control exists, the other facility shall be contacted. The patient can be transported to original facility indicated by the destination protocol. The ED physician shall be informed of the situation upon arrival at the ED.
- 4) The OFD medical director should be consulted prior to intra-facility transports when questions occur with continued patient care and scope of practice. Contact can also be made with the OFD medical director during the transport.
- 5) In the case of conflicting medical direction, the final authority lies with the OFD medical director.