

# **Forsyth County EMS**

## **Patient Care Policy: Transport**

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**Background:** All individuals served by Forsyth County Emergency Medical Services (FCEMS) will be evaluated, furnished transportation (if indicated) in the most timely and appropriate manner for each individual situation.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide rapid emergency transport when needed, appropriate medical stabilization and treatment at the scene when necessary and protection of patients, FCEMS personnel, and citizens from undue risk when possible.

1. All trauma patients with mechanisms or history for multiple system trauma will be transported as soon as possible. The scene time should be 10 minutes or less.
2. Medical patients will be transported in the most efficient manner possible considering the medical condition. Advanced life support therapy should be provided at the scene if it would positively impact patient care. Justification for scene times greater than 20 minutes should be documented.
3. No patients will be transported in initial response or quick response vehicles (QRV's).
4. In unusual circumstances, transport in other vehicles may be appropriate and will be at the discretion of the on-duty Shift Supervisor and/or FCEMS Administrative personnel.
5. Stretcher patients will be securely restrained at all times by the use of lap and shoulder restraints.
6. Any patient being transported in any location other than on the stretcher will be secured by appropriate vehicular restraints.

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