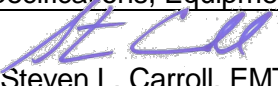



COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
Policy Title: Air Unit Specifications, Equipment and Supplies		Policy Number 1205	
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- I. PURPOSE: To define air unit specifications, equipment and supplies.
- II. POLICY: All air units transporting patients in Ventura County shall meet the requirements of this policy.
- III. PROCEDURE:
 - A. EMS Aircraft Configuration
 1. Air ambulances shall be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems
 2. All EMS aircraft shall be configured so that: There is sufficient space in the patient compartment to accommodate one (1) patient on the stretcher and one (1) patient attendant.
 3. There is sufficient space for medical personnel to have adequate access to the patient in order to carry out necessary procedures including CPR on the ground and in the air.
 4. There is sufficient space for medical equipment and supplies required.
 5. Additional VC EMS requirements are met.
 - B. Safety Equipment.
 1. Each EMS aircraft shall have adequate safety belts and tie-downs for all personnel, patient(s), stretcher(s) and equipment to prevent inadvertent movement.
 2. Providers shall assure that adequate safety equipment is available for the flight and medical crews to meet any Federal, State or local statutes, regulations or policies.
 - C. Each EMS aircraft shall have on-board equipment and supplies commensurate with the scope of practice of the medical flight crew as specified in VC EMS Policy 504. This requirement may be fulfilled through the utilization of appropriate medical kits (cases/packs) which can be carried on a given flight to meet the needs of a specific type of patient and/or additional medical personnel not usually staffing the aircraft.
 - D. Communications

1. In accordance with VC EMS policies, all EMS aircraft shall have the capability of communicating with:
 - a. Designated dispatch center(s).
 - b. EMS ground units at the scene of an emergency.
 - c. Designated base hospitals.
 - d. Receiving hospitals.
 - e. Other appropriate facilities or agencies.
2. All EMS aircraft shall utilize radio frequencies, in accordance with the Ventura County EMS Communications Plan, for dispatch, routing and coordination of flights.
3. Radio equipment may be inspected to assure compliance with the requirements of VC EMS.