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Section: EMS Division

To: All EMS Providers

Subject: EMS Physician Vehicle (EMSDOC-1)

Purpose: Directive

The Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management has a fully equipped Dodge Durango that will be responding at times to scenes throughout the county as an EMS Physician Vehicle with the call sign EMSDOC-1. **This vehicle will allow for increased engagement between our EMS Physician team and our field providers and be a positive change for our system.**

Who will be responding?

EMSDOC-1 will be staffed and driven by OEM EMS Physicians. This will most commonly include:

- Dr. Weston—EMS Medical Director
- Dr. Chinn—EMS Assistant Medical Director
- EMS Fellows

It may also occasionally include other MCW/OEM EMS Physicians such as Drs. Colella, Grawey, Lenz, and Liu. These physicians may be accompanied by other individuals such as EMS administrative staff and educators.

What is the purpose of the response?

There are five primary purposes for on scene response:

- Quality oversight
- Education
- Advanced procedures
- Medical control
- Complex medical decision making

Which scenes will receive a response?

While EMSDOC-1 will typically respond to higher acuity scenes and situations, any scene has opportunities for the above purposes—particularly quality oversight and education. Much as we do with system education and quality oversight generally, we will work to engage the entire county in call responses.

What should providers expect when EMSDOC1 is on scene for a call?

The EMS Physician on scene is present primarily for education and quality oversight purposes. While certain special circumstances may warrant patient care, the physician's role is not to 'take over the scene' and become the primary caregiver for the patient. In most cases, the care of the patient and the actions you take will not be altered by the presence of the EMS physician. That said, feel free to engage the EMS Physician in discussion on guidelines, medical decision making, and procedural improvement. These EMS Physicians are also able to provide on scene medical direction so that you do not need to call in for medical oversight.

How will dispatch be engaged in response?

EMSDOC-1 will communicate directly with EMSCOM, who will remain in communication with the appropriate local dispatch/PSAP. Dispatch/PSAP will be made aware when EMSDOC-1 is responding to a scene, as well as times of arrival and back in service from the scene. Any special information (change in call type, directions on approaching the scene, scene safety concerns or hazards, etc) would be relayed to EMSDOC-1 through EMSCOM.

Please feel free to contact me directly (beweston@mcw.edu) with any concerns regarding the response of the EMS Physician Vehicle or the EMS Physicians.



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