



EQUIPMENT ON CALLS



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

The goal of Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety is to provide the highest standard of care within a reasonable time frame that is consistent with recognized National and State Standards.

This includes, but is not limited to being prepared for medical emergencies ranging from very minor to massive trauma.

Information received and conveyed by the Dispatcher is often only as good as the information provided by the caller. This is not always accurate or precise and crews must be equipped and prepared to address a varying degree of scenarios.

The “Standard of Care” for Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety and supported by the Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety Medical Director is to be appropriately equipped upon arrival at every call. This standard applies to all EMT’s and Paramedics, while on duty and responding to calls within our area of responsibility. Standby’s are to be treated as a call, (e.g. Fire Standby, O2 bag at your side). When in doubt, error on the side of the patient and have those items necessary to provide a level of care indicative of the symptoms conveyed by the Dispatcher.

At an absolute minimum, you are always expected to carry a BP Cuff, Stethoscope, and Airway bag to all calls. Delay in treatment of a patient due to lack of available equipment only serves to compromise the appropriate level of care and contribute to a potentially unsatisfactory outcome.


As dedicated Healthcare Para-professionals, we are confident you will fully assess and evaluate the call information received and appropriately respond to the scene with those items necessary to properly treat the patient. It’s better to be over prepared, than find yourself without essential items that may make a difference in the outcome.



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