

Policy and Procedures

Title: Bike Patrol

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Bike Patrol

Statement:

It is the intention of Cooperstown Medical Transport, Inc. (CMT) to institute an EMS bike patrol to further enhance our EMS services.

Purpose:

This policy is being developed to ensure compliance with all applicable New York State vehicle and traffic laws regarding bicycles, New York State Department of Health regulations and CMT policies. These policies are also in place to ensure the safety of all those participating with the bike patrol and those participants at events where the bike patrols are being utilized.

Scope:

This policy applies to all CMT employees involved in the bike patrol.

Policy:

1. Inventory Control:
 - a. The Supply Coordinator will control inventory.
 - b. Inventory will be monitored for completeness, outdates, open packages, etc. by personnel performing inventories prior to deployment per the standards set forth by the policy and procedures of CMT.
2. Medical Direction:
 - a. Medical control shall be used according to regional EMS protocols, the agency Medical Director and company policy.
3. Staffing:
 - a. Staffing will consist of a minimum of two CMT personnel, one of which must be an ALS provider.
 - b. The total number of personnel staffing events will be dependent upon the number of persons expected, type of event, terrain involved, etc.
4. Bike Patrol Use:
 - a. The bike patrol will be utilized whenever the need exists for events where ambulance access is inhibited by terrain, crowds, etc.
 - b. Requests for bike patrol use will be routed through the Director of Operations who will approve or disapprove bike patrol deployment to the event.
 - i. The Bike Patrol Coordinator will assist the Director of Operations and/or the Field Supervisor with the planning and deployment of the bike patrol.
 - c. A CMT fly car will accompany the bike patrol to the event for ALS and BLS supplies and equipment.

5. Equipment:
 - a. Bikes shall be medium to heavy-duty mountain bikes in compliance with NYS V+T law 1236.
 - b. A bicycle and supplies check shall be performed prior to deployment.
 - c. Each rider shall have means of adequate personal hydration, either pack mounted system or water bottles.
 - d. Personnel shall also carry basic patient care equipment (B.P cuffs, stethoscope, PPE, and trauma supplies).
 - e. All employees of CMT participating in Bike Patrols must wear an ANSI or Snell approved helmet at all times.

6. Communications:
 - a. The bike patrol will have direct communications with CMT dispatch through portable radios and cell phones.
 - b. Communications should also be available between the command post at the event and CMT's bike patrol. The bike patrol will also have communications with other EMS agencies (if applicable), on scene and Medical Control.
 - c. Ambulance dispatch shall be obtained by; CMT's dispatch center, county communications center, or the event command post, whichever is most appropriate.