
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Medevac Best Practice 2.1.1
Authorized Requestors

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Target Audience: Flight Comm. Centers, Public Safety Comm. Centers, Local Fire and Rescue Departments, Regional Councils, Hospital ED's

Area: Initiating a Medevac Response

Best Practice: Establish how Medevac will be requested to respond to patients in need of air medical transport. By establishing a list of authorized requestors it is hoped that situations such as multiple aircraft responding to one patient will be avoided, proper LZ's will be established, self dispatch will be avoided and EMS crew safety will remain high.

Goal: To ensure appropriate resource utilization and maximize the safety of all responding personnel, ground or flight.

Procedure: the following list of entities has been identified as authorized requestors by the State Medevac Committee:

- Emergency Managers (cities/counties/towns)
- Emergency Operation Centers
- Fire Departments
- Governmental Agencies authorized to request emergency services
- Industrial Safety Officers
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Licensed EMS Agencies
- Military
- Public Safety Communication Centers
- Regional Hospital Disaster Task Forces or Networks (including RHCCs)
- Virginia Dept of Health Emergency Coordinators

Education:

All flight programs licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, should educate EMS and hospital personnel of this recommendation.