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MEMORANDUM

To: All EMS System Agencies

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Subject: Requests for ALS Resources

Recently there has been some confusion regarding requesting ALS resources. I would like to hit the reset button and just take a moment to make sure everyone is on the same page and utilizing common terminology.

- Requesting an ALS intercept means that you have a staffed ambulance and only require a Paramedic and ALS equipment. It also means you do not require another transport vehicle. As a reminder to prevent missed intercepts please make the request as soon as you have made the determination that you need it. Also continue to share route of travel information and what hospital you are transporting to.
 - Ex: Metcom from 3-N-100 I need an ALS intercept from Bloomington we are traveling via I-55 and are transporting to Bromenn.
- If you do need an additional transport vehicle ALS or otherwise, instruct your dispatch center what it is you need.
 - Ex: Metcom from 3-N-100 I need an ALS transport unit from Normal to respond to the scene.
- If you need multiple resources the request should be phrased something like this
 - Ex: Metcom from 3-N-100 I need an ALS intercept from Bloomington and 1 ALS transport unit from LeRoy.
- The EMS office would like to advise against requesting specific units (EMS1), as that specific resource may be unavailable
- An ALS transport vehicle can serve as an intercept vehicle as well, particularly if an intercept vehicle is not available.
- As a general reminder if an ALS intercept is within 15 minutes BLS will remain on scene to work a cardiac arrest until ALS arrival.
- Finally when requesting a level of response remember that while the EMS office does not dictate to agencies their level of response the recommendation is that a CHARLIE response has a cold ALS response, while a DELTA response has a hot ALS response.