PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the Treatment Unit Leader, Treatment Area Manager and Patient Transportation Unit Leader for transport decisions that provide the maximum utilization of hospital resources during a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI).

PRINCIPLES:

1. The Transport Priority Guidelines were developed to assist EMS personnel in determining which of the “Immediate” patients have the most life threatening injuries/illness requiring priority transport and would receive the greatest benefit from time critical medical interventions and definitive care.

2. Patients that meet Trauma Center Criteria (Ref. No. 506) should be transported to designated Trauma Centers whenever possible.

3. Pediatric patients should be transported to designated Pediatric Trauma Centers (PTC), Pediatric Medical Centers (PMC) or Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) as appropriate to their condition.

TRANSPORT PRIORITY GUIDELINES:

Immediate

Re-triage by conducting Detailed Focused Exam and provide medical treatment per available resources.

Trauma Transport Priority
- Respiratory Distress
- Signs and Symptoms of Shock
- Penetrating Neck and/or Torso

Transport to Trauma Centers/PTCs (consider Air Ambulance)

Medical Transport Priority
- Uncontrolled Airway
- Respiratory Distress
- Signs and Symptoms of Shock

Transport to MARs/EDAPs/PMCs

Other injured and ill patients

Transport to OTHER FACILITIES (based on available system resources)