



Section 1: Administrative / Medical Control

GUIDELINE/PROCEDURES: SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENTS

PURPOSE:

Provide treatment / transport guidelines for on scene providers when faced with incidents involving school buses

PROCEDURE:

- Check with the school district regarding their specific school bus response policies
- School administrators are responsible for the students; a school administrator should be requested to the scene as soon as possible.
- Administrators may take the children back to the school in another bus or school vehicle; they may arrange for transportation back to the home or have the student parents pick them up at school.
- Children should be cleared from the scene as safely and as quickly as possible.
- **ANY** injury should be transported to the nearest most appropriate emergency department and the parents notified.
- EMS responders must be prepared to enact mass casualty protocols in the event of any serious school bus accident.
- If school administrators accept responsibility for the non-injured children as per their bus accident protocols / policies, then individual releases are not required.
- If for whatever reason there is no school administrator on scene, EMS providers must take responsibility for all children until school administrators arrive.
- If there will be a significant delay in the arrival of school administrators, and the accident is minor, the bus should be directed to return to the school or to a safe area out of traffic.
- Notification of the number and types of injuries should be communicated with the receiving facilities in the event of transportation of injured students to the receiving facilities as early as possible.