

Detroit East Medical Control Authority

SYSTEM PROTOCOL

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT OF OPERATIONAL CANINES

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Ambulance Transport of Operational Canines

Purpose:

To provide guidance for providers who will transport an ill or injured operational canine in an ambulance, as permitted by Michigan MCL 333.20925.

Definition:

A. "Operational Canine" aka "Police dog" refers to a dog used by a law enforcement agency of the state, a local unit of government or a federal unit of government that is trained for law enforcement or operational work and subject to the control of a handler. This includes canine police officers and other operational canines such as search and rescue, cadaver, "bomb sniffing" or "drug sniffing" dogs.

B. This protocol does not apply to service animals, emotional support animals or pets.

Procedure:

A. An operational canine may be transported from a scene in an ambulance only if ALL of the following apply:

1. There are no human patients who require transport or emergency medical care who have not already received such care and transport
2. The operational canine has been muzzled
3. Whenever possible, the canine's handler or a secondary handler must accompany the dog during the transport.

B. Any medical care rendered to the dog should be performed with use of appropriate restraint, by the handler or a trained EMS provider

C. Medical interventions rendered to the operational canine should be limited to immediate life threatening conditions, and with the consent of the handler/owner, and based on the training of the provider or handler

D. Handlers/owners of the operational canine are permitted to provide first aid care to the canine

E. Destination: Operational canines will be transported to the nearest appropriate and open emergency veterinarian facility. The transporting crew should attempt to contact the receiving facility by phone.

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F. Canine transports are non-emergency transports

G. A paper or electronic patient care report (PCR) should be completed on the encounter

H. The ambulance should be decontaminated before return to service.

I. All cases of canine transports will be submitted the MCA PSRO for review.

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