

Washington Township Fire Department Standard Operating Procedure

Division 600: Communications and Fire Alarms Office
Section 602: Fire/EMS/Rescue/HazMat Emergencies
Subject 602.04: Temporary Rerouting of Emergency Patients
Supersedes: SOP 5.2.25 Dated June 01, 1988
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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for the temporary rerouting of patients from hospital emergency rooms. These guidelines are to be consistent with the policy statement agreed to by the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association, Greater Miami Valley Emergency Medical Services Council and the Greater Montgomery County Fire Chiefs' Association, dated December 18, 2000. A copy of that policy statement is attached to this directive. Information is provided as to how the Fire Alarms Office is notified of rerouting situations.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of Fire Alarm Operators to become familiar with the operation of the alpha/numeric pager* and the Broadcast Summary Key provided by the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association. All personnel must become familiar with the established rerouting guidelines.

PROCEDURES:

The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association has provided an alpha/numeric pager, maintained in the Fire Alarms Office, so notifications can be received pertaining to the rerouting status of local hospital emergency rooms. The hospitals and reroute categories, as listed in the Broadcast Summary Key, are as follows:

<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Code</u>
Children's Medical Center	CMC
Community Hospital, Springfield	COM
Dayton Heart Hospital	DHH
Good Samaritan Hospital	GSH
Grandview Hospital	GVH
Kettering Medical Center	KMC
Mercy Medical Center, Springfield	MMC
Miami Valley Hospital	MVH
Middletown Regional Hospital	MRH
Southview Hospital	SVH
Sycamore Hospital	SYC
UpperValley Hospital	UV
Wayne Hospital	WAY
Wilson Memorial Hospital	WMH
Department of Veteran Affairs MC	VA
74 th Medical Center, WPAFB	WP

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<u>Reroute Categories</u>	<u>Code</u>
Normal Operation	NORM
Reroute All Emergency Patients	ALL
Reroute Intensive and Coronary Care	ICOR
Reroute All but Major Trauma (Major Trauma Only)	MTO
Forced Open	FO
Emergency Reroute	EMR

The "Hospital Status" icon on the alpha/numeric pager must be maintained in the **audible alert** mode. When the pager is activated, Fire Alarm Operators must check the pager to determine the status of the hospitals listed above. After a medic call has been dispatched and as responding apparatus (first responder and medic) go enroute, the Fire Alarm Operator must advise the responding apparatus of the status of the hospitals, i.e., all hospitals open (normal operation), Kettering Hospital rerouting all patients, etc. Should the status of hospitals change while apparatus are on the scene of the incident, they must immediately be informed of the change in hospital status. In the event there is a change in the status of a hospital while the medic is responding to that hospital, i.e., an open hospital (normal operation) changes to a reroute status, the medic must be so informed of the change in status by the Fire Alarm Operator, however, the medic should continue their response to that facility.

Detailed information pertaining to the temporary rerouting of patients from hospital emergency rooms is contained in the policy statement agreed to by the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association, Greater Miami Valley Emergency Medical Services Council and the Greater Montgomery County Fire Chiefs' Association, dated December 18, 2000. This policy statement is attached and the contents are to be considered as part of this Standard Operating Procedure.

* Should the alpha/numeric pager become inoperative, contact should be made with the Deputy Chief, EMS Captain or Fire Marshal. Until such time as the pager is repaired or replaced, hospital status information may be obtained on the Internet by clicking twice on *Internet Explorer*, clicking once on *Favorites* (located on top tool bar), list of favorites will appear on left side of page. Scroll down to *HOSPITAL STATUS* and click once. Enter *User Name* and *Password* (Fire Alarm Operators have been provided this information), press *Enter*. Hospital status information is now available for review. The Internet must only be used for this purpose if the pager is inoperable.