

 Emergency Medical Services	SOG # 1	Title: Introduction / Disclaimer	
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Purpose:

To establish departmental guidelines to supplement the Duplin County Personnel Manual.

Guideline:

The Duplin County Emergency Services Standard Operating Guidelines cannot possibly cover every situation that may be encountered by Emergency Services personnel. Competence, effective judgment, and common sense must play a role in day-to-day operations. The Emergency Services Director, EMS Operations Officer, EMS Training Officer, or EMS Supervisor may override or modify any guideline as needed to maintain effective operations.

Any situations not covered in this manual are to be left to the employee's judgment and overseen by DCEMS Officers at the proper level of the Chain of Command.

This manual is for internal use only and is not for public distribution. Anyone not directly affiliated with Duplin County Emergency Services requesting a copy is to be directed to the Emergency Services Director.

These guidelines are a supplement to the Duplin County Policy manual, and will be deemed null and void in all cases where these guidelines are found to be in conflict with the Duplin County Personnel Policies, or local, state, and federal laws. The guidelines in this manual may be revised at any time to reflect changes in applicable laws, the policies of Duplin County Government or the North Carolina Office of Emergency Services Regulations.

Exceptions:

Occasions will arise when a given situation is not specifically covered or sufficiently anticipated by the SOG manual. When this occurs, every effort should be made to contact the appropriate officer for clarification. Should this be impossible or impractical due to circumstances, those involved will use their judgment to do what is best for the patient, Duplin County and her employees and the Department of Emergency Services, and will show due regard for the health and safety of all.