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To: All Stations and Offices

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Bariatric Patient Transports

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Effective immediately, the following procedures will be adhered to when transporting bariatric patients. Standard Operating Procedures **I-B-13, Bariatric Patient Transport Procedures**, will be updated to reflect these procedures. The unit OIC on the scene with a bariatric patient will request additional resources based on the following:

1. **Level 1 Bariatric Transport:** A Level 1 Bariatric Transport will be requested for any patient weighing between 350-700lbs that can be safely moved with the personnel on scene, or with manpower from additional operations unit as determined by the OIC. The closest MDRF Rescue outfitted with the *Stryker Power Load System* will be dispatched along with any additional operations units requested to safely move the patient. The closest TRT unit with the cargo net for moving large/heavy patients may be requested to assist with patient movement. The following units are outfitted with the *Stryker Power Load System*:

Operations North- R-10, R-76, R-11, R-19, R-20

Operations Central- R-26, R-7, R-202, R-44

Operations West- R-29, R-37, R-40, R-58, R-56, R-9

Operations South- R-70, R-72, R-52, R-23

2. **Level 2 Bariatric Transport:** A Level 2 Bariatric Transport will be requested for any patient weighing greater than 700lbs who cannot be moved safely without the additional bariatric equipment housed at Station 19, Station 28, or Station 43. The closest TRT unit with the cargo net for moving large/heavy patients will be dispatched along with the closest Bariatric Rescue. The Bariatric Rescue will be dispatched to pick up two (2) ramps, the electric winch with remote and power cord, the Ferno 35X bariatric stretcher, a transition plate, a Stryker transfer plate, and a large body surface board. The patient will be treated and transported by the Bariatric Rescue, and the TRT unit will follow the Bariatric Rescue to the hospital to assist with patient movement. The following units have been modified to use the bariatric equipment:

Operations North- R-30, R-63

Operations Central- R-1, R-28, R-69

Operations West- NONE

Operations South- R-43, R-53

The officer on every Bariatric Rescue or Rescue with a *Stryker Power Load System* is responsible for notifying the FAO Chief anytime the unit is in a vehicle that is not bariatric capable.

If you need further clarification on this procedure, please contact your EMS Field Supervisor.

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