

A. Introduction

In the rare event of a patient entrapment in which all resources have failed to successfully extricate the patient due to a trapped extremity or in which the patient's life is in immediate danger, field amputation of the trapped extremity and/or field blood transfusion should be considered.

B. Procedure for Requesting

General Care

1. Prior to instituting a request with the Fire Alarm Office, the Incident Commander/Unit OIC will ensure that a TRT unit and EMS Field Supervisor have been dispatched and are en route.
2. The Incident Commander/Unit OIC will identify the closest appropriate Adult Trauma Center that the patient will be transported to and advise the FAO.
3. The Incident Commander/Unit OIC will contact the closest appropriate Trauma Center via Medcom radio at the earliest convenience and provide a brief overview of the situation.
4. FAO will contact the Trauma Center identified by the Incident Commander/Unit OIC and communicate the request for a field amputation or field blood transfusion to the facility staff.
5. The FAO will dispatch Air Rescue or the closest appropriate ground unit to respond to the Trauma Center to provide transportation of blood and personnel to the scene. A physician and/or appropriate staff from the Trauma Center will accompany the Fire Rescue unit to the scene and be responsible for the field amputation and/or administration of blood to the patient.
6. Once on scene, the physician will assess the situation at hand and make the final decision regarding amputation.
7. Upon completion of the amputation procedure and patient extrication, the designated physician will be transported with patient to the appropriate trauma center along with any unused blood.