



MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMS CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO *ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOLS*



PREHOSPITAL TRAUMA TRIAGE AND MASS CASUALTY CONSIDERATIONS

In cases of significant trauma, transport to a trauma center should be considered. Individual circumstances may demand flexibility and judgment on the part of the responsible paramedic or physician. These guidelines are not to be construed as mandatory or all inclusive.

Time, distance, and patient condition are extremely important variables to consider when triaging injured patients to hospitals. In the rural environment, an injured patient may be at a substantial distance from a trauma center. Such patients may be treated initially at the nearest JCAHO approved (24 hour physician coverage) emergency facility.

An MCI Exists If:

1. The number of patients exceeds the number of equipment, resources, and personnel to effectively manage the operation.
2. Any EMS response that generates 5 or more patients.

Protocol

1. In the event of an MCI, personnel will function and operate under the Miami Township Fire & EMS Incident Management SOP. Consideration of establishing Triage, Treatment, Transportation, and Staging Groups/Branches within the IMS are recommended.
2. Additional EMS resources will be requested per the Miami Township Fire & EMS, EMS Multiple Alarm document.
3. During any MCI the use of triage tags are required.
4. All patient care protocol sections contained within this protocol requiring contact with Medical Command are voided.
5. The only calls made directly to any hospital should be made by the Transportation Group Manager.