



## *EMS Special Memorandum - #07-005*

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To: Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County EMS Providers  
Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County Fire Agencies  
Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma EMS Dispatch Centers

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Re: **Revision of EMS Aircraft Policy**

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Effective immediately, the following change is made to the Coastal Valleys EMS Aircraft Policy to identify the primary EMS Aircraft for Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. This change does not affect Napa County. This revision shall be incorporated into the existing policy and encompassed into future distributions of the policy manual.

Change – deletions shown as ~~strikeouts~~ and additions shown in ***bold italics***.

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Authorized dispatch centers will dispatch the ~~fastest (based on overall response time)~~ ***closest*** available ALS-rated Air Ambulance to the scene.

***Sonoma County - primary Air Ambulance is Reach 1.***

***Mendocino County - primary Air Ambulance is CalStar 4.***

***Napa County - closest available based on time/distance matrix approved by the EMS Agency.***

***In the event the primary aircraft is not available, the Dispatch center shall send the next closest Air Ambulance aircraft.***

In the event that an ALS rated Air Rescue is available and has the fastest response time to the scene, the Air Rescue will also be dispatched in addition to the Air Ambulance. It is the responsibility of the Incident Commander (or designee) to cancel the ~~Air Ambulance~~ ***either or both aircraft*** if the additional ALS resource is not needed. ~~Air Rescue~~ ***Any EMS Aircraft*** may cancel the ~~Air Ambulance~~ ***another aircraft*** when, in their best judgment, unsafe conditions exist.

Dispatch shall advise EMS aircraft and field personnel when multiple aircraft are responding.

An ALS Rescue Aircraft should be dispatched to any rescue incident.