

# **DISTRICT PROCEDURE FOR MAINTAINING EMS OPERATIONS DURING PERIODS OF MULTIPLE HOSPITAL INTERNAL DISASTER DECLARATIONS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish a standard guideline for EMS personnel to address periods of multiple hospital declarations of internal disaster in Clark County.

**DEFINITION:** To afford hospitals the opportunity to decompress from instances of increased volume and acuity while maintaining an effective EMS response for everyone in the community.

- I. The hospital resources in the valley will be placed in one of four regions:
  - A. Northwest
    1. Centennial Hills Hospital Medical Center
    2. MountainView Hospital
    3. Summerlin Hospital Medical Center
  - B. Southwest
    1. Southern Hills Hospital & Medical Center
    2. Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center
    3. St. Rose Dominican Hospital - San Martin Campus
  - C. Central
    1. Valley Hospital Medical Center
    2. University Medical Center
    3. North Vista Hospital
    4. Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center
    5. Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center
  - D. South
    1. St. Rose Dominican Hospital - Siena Campus
    2. St. Rose Dominican Hospital - Rose de Lima Campus
    3. Boulder City Hospital
    4. Henderson Hospital
- II. Northwest, Southwest and South Regions:
  - A. If one hospital in any one region declares internal disaster that facility will be bypassed by ambulances as outlined in the protocol manual.
  - B. If more than one hospital in any one region declares internal disaster all hospitals in the region will be considered open.
- III. Central Region:
  - A. If one or two hospitals in the Central region declare internal disaster those facilities will be bypassed by ambulances as outlined in the Emergency Medical Care Protocols.
  - B. If more than two hospitals in the Central region declare internal disaster all hospitals in the region will be considered open.
- IV. If any hospital is on internal disaster because of physical plant disruptions (for example: fire, flood, active shooter, building damage rendering the facility unsafe, etc.), that facility will be bypassed by all ambulance traffic.
- V. The reason for all internal disaster declarations will be documented in EMResource at the time the internal disaster is declared.