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.