



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: EMS Staffing
	Section: Patient Care
	Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
	Effective: June 1, 2023

EMS STAFFING

I. MINIMUM STAFFING FOR AN AMBULANCE CONSISTS OF:

- A. Basic Life Support (BLS Level) - 2 IDPH licensed EMTs.
- B. Advanced Life Support (ALS Level) - 2 IDPH licensed Paramedics.
- C. Any 1:1 alternative staffing plan, including licensed Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), must be submitted as a wavier by the EMS agency to the Resource Hospital for review and IDPH approval.
- D. For 1:1 staffing, the EMS provider with the highest level of licensure shall be the primary patient care provider and remain in the patient care area of the ambulance during patient transport.

II. MINIMUM STAFFING FOR AN EMS NON-TRANSPORT UNIT CONSISTS OF:

- A. ALS Non-Transport - 1 IDPH licensed Paramedic and 1 IDPH licensed EMT.
- B. BLS Non-Transport - 2 IDPH licensed EMTs.

III. Any other alternate response staffing requires approval by the EMS Resource Hospital under the EMS System Plan.