



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: Professional Ethical Standards and Behavioral Expectations
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PROFESSIONAL ETHICAL STANDARDS AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

- I. Professional status as an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Practitioner is maintained and enriched by the willingness of the individual practitioner to accept and fulfill obligations to society, other medical professionals, and the EMS profession. EMS Practitioners in Region 11 have a duty to the following code of professional ethics:
- A. To conserve life, alleviate suffering, promote health, do no harm, and encourage the quality and equal availability of emergency medical care.
 - B. To provide services based on human need, with compassion and respect for human dignity, unrestricted by consideration of nationality, race, creed, color, or status; to not judge the merits of the patient's request for service, nor allow the patient's socioeconomic status to influence demeanor or the care provided.
 - C. To not use professional knowledge and skills in any enterprise detrimental to the public well-being.
 - D. To respect and hold in confidence all information of a confidential nature obtained in the course of professional service unless required by law to divulge such information.
 - E. To use social media in a responsible and professional manner that does not discredit, dishonor, or embarrass an EMS organization, co-workers, other health care practitioners, patients, individuals or the community at large.
 - F. To maintain professional competence, striving always for clinical excellence in the delivery of patient care.
 - G. To assume responsibility in upholding standards of professional practice and education.
 - H. To assume responsibility for individual professional actions and judgment, both in dependent and independent emergency functions, and to know and uphold the laws which affect the practice of EMS.
 - I. To be aware of and participate in matters of legislation and regulation affecting EMS.
 - J. To work cooperatively with EMS associates and other allied healthcare professionals in the best interest of our patients.
 - K. To refuse participation in unethical procedures and assume the responsibility to expose incompetence or unethical conduct of others to the appropriate authority in a proper and professional manner.

Reference: National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), Code of Ethics for EMS Practitioners, <https://www.naemt.org/about-ems/code-of-ethics>