

**SAN JUAN ISLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

Standard Operating Guideline

Dual Role ALS Personnel

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Purpose: To establish a Guideline for the adequate patient care and supervision of patients requiring ALS levels of care on boat or plane when personnel fulfill dual roles.

Guideline:

1. When a patient is deemed to need or potentially need advanced life support care, a paramedic should be in attendance of the patient at all times. There should always be a minimum of two EMTs and paramedics or more in attendance when possible.
2. If the paramedic on-call is needed to fulfill a dual role, such as paramedic and boat skipper or pilot, an additional paramedic (when available) shall be requested to take over patient care, allowing the on-call paramedic to fulfill the alternate role.
3. If the on-call paramedic is requested to fulfill an alternate role, this should be as a last resort.
4. If no other paramedic is available, a nurse or physician should accompany the patient along with adequate BLS personnel, during the transport allowing for the advanced care to continue to be rendered.
5. If an additional paramedic, nurse or physician is unavailable, the paramedic may make a judgment call, keeping the patient's best interests at heart, keep in mind need for speedy transport, patient care needs, safety of crew and patient and adequacy of non-ALS level personnel needed.