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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE POLICY

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If appropriate, prioritize requests via the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program. EMD appropriate requests would involve a primary medical emergency (for example: trauma or illness). If the behavioral emergency patient is violent, the primary response is law enforcement. Dispatch Fire/EMS resources according to CAD recommendations.

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