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Emergency Medical Services

What is BLS?

What is ALS?



The following is designed to assist with understanding terminology, training, and protocols for Emergency Medical Services.

EMS – Emergency Medical Services is the delivery of services from emergency personnel

BLS - Basic Life Support consists of an ambulance with two certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). This is provided for non-life threatening conditions

ALS – Advanced Life Support is provided by a certified Paramedic. These conditions consist of life – threatening emergencies.

911 Center – Owned and operated by the County of Chester to receive and dispatch fire and EMS emergencies within the township.

Medical Director – an individual that is a doctor and responsible for determining the emergency medical services protocols.

Medical Command – a resource that is available 24/7/365 to provide medical expertise for patient care and transport facility.

It is equally important to understand the impacts that the community can provide prior to and during a medical emergency.

Basic First Aid – Life saving practices that ensure quick and immediate response to medical emergencies.

CPR/AED Training – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are basic life saving tools that individuals can implement prior to emergency responder’s arrival.

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1. 911 Center – Receives calls via phone and text messaging. Calls are entered into a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to ensure appropriate level of resources are dispatched. Additional information is provided to first responders via radio and mobile data computers (MDC).



2. BLS – Dispatched with 2 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to all medical emergencies. Provides Basic Life Support Services and is the transporting

3. ALS – Dispatched on all life-threatening emergencies in a smaller paramedic responder vehicle. This vehicle is staffed by a paramedic carrying life support equipment and medications



4. Patient Assessment – The emergency services providers make contact and assess the patient. They follow the determined protocols and/or contact the medical director to make determinations for patient care

5. Transport – Patient is packaged and loading into the transporting ambulance. The destination can depend on patient and weather conditions.

6. Transport Destination - Patient destination is determined by patient choice unless the patient's condition requires transport to a specialty hospital (trauma, burn, stroke, pediatric, or cardiac)

