



## Allegany County Emergency Services Board Policies and Standards

**Subject: Emergency Medical Services  
Ambulance and Patient Transport  
Vehicle Driving Requirements**

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**Emergency Services Board Chairman**

1. **Purpose:** This policy is intended to establish the minimum requirements to operate emergency medical services ambulance and patient transport vehicles in Allegany County. Individual departments may enforce a more strict set of guidelines, but must meet the minimal requirements established by this policy.

### 1. Driver Qualifications

#### a. Age & Experience

- i. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and have two years of driving experience.

#### b. Past Driving Record

- i. Company officers shall obtain a certified driving record for all individuals prior to initial drivers training.
- ii. Drivers of emergency equipment shall provide a copy of their driving record to the department annually following completion of drivers training.
- iii. Driving records must show less than 4 current points to be eligible to drive emergency vehicles owned and operated within Allegany County.

#### c. Licensure

- i. Individuals shall present and maintain a current valid drivers license which is of adequate classification to meet applicable state law.
- ii. Departments shall maintain a photocopy of the members drivers license in their training or personnel files. Upon expiration the drivers shall be required to present the new license for copy and filing.

**d. Drivers Training**

- i. Drivers training shall be conducted by a department officer or special designee.
- ii. Drivers training for class B equipment may be initiated upon presentation of a valid state learners permit.
- iii. Drivers training should include turning, backing, distance and clearance judgment, braking, parking, turn around, and any special roadway obstacles or conditions specific to the assigned response area.
- iv. If vehicles are equipped with air brakes or retarders, the candidate should be tested on the proper operations of these items.

**e. Other Training Requirements**

- i. All drivers must have a minimal of CPR training.
- ii. All drivers must have an assigned EPINS number and be trained to submit a report.
- iii. All drivers must obtain Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) certification within one year or be a current driver with 10 or more years of experience in emergency vehicle operations.
- iv. All drivers training shall include equipment familiarization

**2. Qualified Drivers List**

- a. A list of all qualified drivers should be maintained and updated regularly. Departments shall provide a copy of their current list to the County EMS Chief and update it as necessary to reflect changes.