



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Elimination of IVT units in the Carroll County-DFEMS

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Recently, Assistant Chief Zaney (EMS) issued EMS Operational Bulletin 1-11-24. In that extensive bulletin, the utilization of IV skills by EMT level personnel was clarified based on a review by Dr. Kemp, the DFEMS medical director and validated by Dr. Chizmar the MIEMSS statewide operational medical director.

Predicated upon this information effective immediately there shall no longer be an EMS unit designation within the Carroll County DFEMS known as an **IV** or **IVT** unit. That radio designation and applicable CAD coding will cease and desist. If an ambulance has an IVT on board the radio designation shall be “ambulance” as IV is no longer a level of care within Carroll County or Maryland. IV or IVT is simply a supplemental skills level available to EMTs through the EMS Division under established criteria. The rationale is clear based upon the above. This by no means negates the ability of CCDFEMS credentialed EMTs to perform associated venous access skills. However, these will be performed as a member of or in support of an ALS unit. Should a patient have an IV established based upon MD protocols then that patient would meet the criteria of an ALS response and would be managed and transported accordingly.

Any specific questions regarding this can be directed to any of the Captains/Shift Commanders or to Assistant Chief Zaney. Your cooperation regarding this transition is appreciated.