

	Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service Standard Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: Administration- Mobile Device Usage	SOG #100-009
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Description: Usage of mobile devices while engaging in the care of patients, while on the scene of an incident, or while operating any motorized vehicle

Purpose: The intention of this guideline is to provide guidance to members on guidelines regarding the use of mobile devices while on duty.

Definitions: For this guideline the following definitions shall be applied:

- **App-** An application, especially as downloaded by a user to a mobile device.
- **Mobile Device-** A mobile or portable device shall be considered a cellular phone, smart phone, tablet, laptop, or any combination thereof.
- **Use-** Use implies the act or practice of employing something, the fact or state of being used, and or a method or a manner of employing or making application of something (Specifically for this SOG, a mobile device)

Procedure:

1. The use of mobile devices is prohibited while actively operating any LPEMS vehicle.
 - a. This includes the operation of vehicle MDC.
 - b. Notification to the Hospital, when possible, shall be conducted by the provider administering patient care.
 - i. If provider cannot make notification and the vehicle operator must make notification operator must make notification either prior to leaving the scene or must pull over to make notification safely.
2. The use of mobile devices is prohibited while providing and/or rendering patient care*.
 - a. Mobile devices may be used for the purpose of patient care reporting or making hospital notification/obtaining command refusal/termination.
3. The use of mobile devices is prohibited while transitioning a patient to the hospital and on active incident scenes/locations except as noted above.

Exceptions: The exception to the procedure is the use of mobile devices in the direct performance of patient care such as medical consultations and the use of a mobile device app for the acquisition of directions to an incident location/destination.