



# SENECA COUNTY

## Emergency Services



### Standard Administrative Guideline

Policy title: EMS Observers

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1. **Purpose** Seneca County EMS offers the opportunity to ride as an observer on an EMS vehicle.
2. **Statement of policy Permission** to observe may be granted based on the following criteria:
  - a. The potential observer must be at least 18 years of age
  - b. The potential observer must complete an Observer Request to Ride as an Observer Form
  - c. The request must be approved by the EMS Director. Confirmation may be done by phone.
- 2.1 Acceptance of observers will be contingent on the availability of space,
- 2.2 Once the observer's request has been accepted and confirmed, he/she should report to the Seneca County EMS office or other scheduled location, prior to the scheduled shift
- 2.3 During the observation shift, the observer is under the direct supervision of the Seneca County EMS crew
- 2.4 This experience will be strictly observational, with no direct patient care given and will adhere to the policies and procedures of Seneca County EMS
- 2.5 The observer will maintain strict confidentiality at all times with regard to patient care and information, and anything else that the observer may encounter during the observation shift
- 2.6 An observer may observe for one shift only
- 2.7 This shift does not fulfill, and may not be used as credit towards any requirements for EMT Courses credit of any kind – that requires paperwork from the educational institution.

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### **3. Responsible party**

3.1 The Seneca County EMS Director and all Seneca County EMS crew are responsible for the implementation of this policy

3.2 The standard EMS Cadet form may be signed and attached to this policy form for consent

**4 Supersedes:** Any pre-existing Seneca County EMS Observer Policy

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