

Torch Lake Township

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

ACRONYMS AND TERMS

KINDS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND LEVELS OF SERVICE

MFR- Medical First Responder- lowest level of training, equal to BLS but not allowed to transport to a hospital

BLS- Basic Life Support- lowest level of EMS training but allowed to transport to a hospital

LALS- Limited Advanced Life Support = middle level of EMS Service

ALS- Advanced Life Support = highest level of EMS Service

LEVELS AND TRAINING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT)

EMS PERSONNEL= EMT

MFR= Medical First Responder- **60 hours*** of training

EMT Basic= Emergency Medical Technician – **194 hours*** of training

EMT Advanced = Specialist= Limited Advanced Life Support (LALS)

Additional **134 hours**** of training. (194+134=328 Hrs.)

Paramedic= Medic= Advanced Life Support (ALS)

additional **1024 hours***** of training. (328+1024= 1352 Hrs.) Highest level of pre- hospital medical certification (ALS)

*minimum hours for certification

** in addition to EMT Basic

*** in addition to EMT Basic and EMT Advanced

OTHER EMS/AMBULANCE TERMS

Run / Call - Emergency call from Antrim County Sherriff's Dispatch Center to a patient location or address.

Run Time - The amount of time between when a dispatch is received by the ambulance crew at the Community Services Building and when they arrive at the scene of the emergency.

Transport- Emergency call where the patient is taken to a hospital

Simulcast- Two ambulances are dispatched for the same call.

Priority Dispatch- the prioritization of the emergency of an EMS call by an emergency dispatcher at the Antrim County Sheriff's Department based on information given by the caller.

Levels of Priority

Priority 1- requires ALS Dispatch or ALS with BLS (heart attack, difficulty breathing, possible stroke, falls, unconsciousness, vehicle accident, obvious serious injury)

Priority 2- requires ALS or LALS or BLS (Determined by the Dispatcher based on the information given by the caller- this may be upgraded after the ambulance arrives)

Priority 3- requires a BLS level of service. May be upgraded after the ambulance arrives.

Transfer= Ambulance is required for the movement of a patient between two medical facilities.