



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

TITLE: **TRANSPORTATION OF THE SICK AND INJURED**

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POLICY

It shall be the policy of this department not to transport sick or injured persons in a squad car except in a life or death situation where the time factor in reaching competent medical help is critical.

The Police Officer must first believe that, based on first aid signs and symptoms, a life-threatening emergency is happening and that any delay in transportation to a hospital where proper medical help is available would cause further serious injury or death. If transportation is made, it shall only be to the nearest emergency-receiving hospital. In the Crystal area this means North Memorial Medical Center. Extreme caution shall be used when transporting anyone to a hospital.

Police officers will not escort sick or injured persons to a hospital. The best course of action is to render aid and request an ambulance to the scene. In extreme instances, a Shift Supervisor may authorize an escort of a sick or injured person. This escort will only be to the closest hospital, which is North Memorial Medical Center.