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To: Missouri EMS Service Managers
From: Les Jobe, Chief, Bureau of EMS
Date: 2/3/2015
Re: Statutory Change Regarding Ambulance Drivers

The passage of Senate Bill 773 during the last Legislative Session resulted in the addition of language to section 190.105.2 RSMo, that became effective August 28, 2014. This added language states, in pertinent part, as follows:

... In emergency situations which require additional medical personnel to assist the patient during transportation, a first responder, firefighter, or law enforcement personnel with a valid driver's license and prior experience with driving emergency vehicles may drive the ground ambulance provided the ground ambulance service stipulates to this practice in operational policies.

If your service elects to utilize this provision in section 190.105.2, RSMo, please consider the requirements established in the language:

- The provision is limited to the utilization of three specific disciplines: first responder; firefighter; and law enforcement personnel.
- The service is required to verify that individuals utilized from these disciplines hold a valid Missouri drivers license.
- The service is required to verify that the individuals utilized from these disciplines have prior experience driving emergency vehicles.
- The service is required to address their utilization of the provision in written policy and procedure or protocol.
- The provision is allowed only during emergency transports where both licensed EMS personnel are required for patient care during the transport.
 - The provision does *not* remove the requirement for two licensed EMS staff on the ambulance as set forth in section 190.105.2, RSMo.

Bureau of EMS inspections will include verification of the above for services that utilize these provisions.

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