



PROGRAM POLICY

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TITLE:	Rideouts by Regional Paramedic Program Staff
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PURPOSE: To guide the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario (RPPEO) staff as they interact with frontline paramedics while they are on duty.

REFERENCE: Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario Performance Agreement - June 2008

APPLICABLE FORM(S) RPPEO Competency Assessment Booklet

POLICY: Regional Paramedic Program staff will perform ride-outs as an assessment mechanism, inclusive of formative feedback, with frontline paramedics as required. A physician and/or designate will complete the ride-out(s). Ride-outs may also occur to orient RPPEO clinical staff to the operations of a service.

PROCEDURE:

1. The RPPEO staff will contact the appropriate delegate at the paramedic service to obtain approval to complete the ride-out(s) and to schedule a date and time for the ride-out(s) to occur. In some situations, with approval from the paramedic service, the RPPEO staff may transfer to various crews for a wider experience.
2. The RPPEO will ensure that the program staff completing a ride-out will have required PPE, required insurance coverage and immunizations as per the Ambulance Act.
3. The RPPEO will ensure required documentation required by the paramedic service is completed prior to the ride-out occurring.
4. RPPEO staff, other than a Base Hospital Physician, will not perform patient care during the ride-out unless in extenuating circumstances and requested by the attending paramedic. The Regional Paramedic Program staff will work within his/her scope of practice at all times. Generally the RPPEO staff is there for evaluation or orientation purposes only.
5. The RPPEO staff may advise paramedics if they are about to commit a violation of the medical directives or perform a delegated controlled act inappropriately.
6. After the completion of the ride-out the staff member will complete a Competency Assessment booklet. A copy of the completed booklet will be sent to the paramedic service if requested.

Revision Record

Version number	Revision Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	August 2016	Pre-existing 2015 version reviewed as baseline for new versioning system.