



PROGRAM POLICY

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1.0 PURPOSE

To guide the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario (RPPEO) staff as they interact with on-duty front-line paramedics.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all RPPEO clinical and medical staff participating in field ride-outs with certified paramedics.

3.0 REFERENCES

- Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario Performance Agreement, 2008

4.0 APPLICABLE FORM

- RPPEO Competency Evaluation Tool (CET)

5.0 POLICY STATEMENT

RPPEO staff may perform ride-outs for the purposes of paramedic assessment, orientation, or formative feedback. A physician and/or RPPEO clinical designate may complete ride-outs in accordance with local paramedic service agreements. Ride-outs may also be used to orient RPPEO clinical staff to service operations.

6.0 PROCEDURE

1. The RPPEO staff person will contact the appropriate delegate at the paramedic service to obtain approval and schedule the ride-out. With service approval, the RPPEO staff may transfer between various crews during a shift for broader exposure.



2. The RPPEO staff person will complete all documentation required by the paramedic service prior to the ride-out.
3. Staff must meet the PPE and immunization requirements as per the Ambulance Act and the insurer.

3.1. The RPPEO will supply required PPE to staff participating in a ride-out.

4. RPPEO staff, other than a Base Hospital Physician, will not provide patient care during a ride-out except under extenuating circumstances and only if requested by the attending paramedic.

4.1. All RPPEO staff must work within their professional scope of practice at all times.

5. During a ride-out, RPPEO staff may advise paramedics if a violation of the medical directives or an inappropriate controlled act is about to occur.
6. After a formative or feedback ride-out, RPPEO staff will complete a summary report. A copy may be provided to the paramedic service upon request.

REVISION RECORD

Version number	Revision Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	August 2016	Pre-existing 2015 version reviewed as baseline for new versioning system.
1.1	February 2019	Revised the procedure for clarity.
1.2	July 2023	Minor Corrections
1.3	July 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formatting aligned with RPPEO policy standards.• Canadian spelling applied.• Scope and policy statement sections added.• Version updated from 1.2 to 1.3.• Removed internal classification no longer supported by TOH.