
 <p>Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board</p>	SECTION: Land Ambulance
	POLICY TITLE: Staffing Levels
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Purpose

To provide guidelines to ensure that sufficient qualified staff is available to provide ambulance services, as outlined in the established *Deployment Plan* and *Staffing Patterns*, as approved by the RRDSSAB Board.

Policy

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) ensures that each ambulance is staffed with appropriate qualified staff, in accordance with the approved *RRDSSAB Staffing Pattern* and *Deployment Plan*.

Procedure

1. Every ambulance that responds to a call for service is staffed by two Emergency Medical Attendants (EMA), with at least one EMA qualified as a Paramedic as defined within the requirements of:
 - a) *Ambulance Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A. 19*, as amended;
 - b) *Ontario Regulations 257/00, General*, as amended; and
 - c) *Patient Care and Transportation Standards*, as amended.
2. Every Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) that responds to a call for service is staffed with at least one EMA or Paramedic as required by legislation.
3. In the event upstaffing is required outside of the *Approved Staffing Pattern* and *Deployment Plan* as a result of increased demand or need, additional qualified staff may be contacted and vehicles may be placed in service. Any increase in service levels requires the approval of the Chief of Paramedic Services or designate