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1. HCFR members from suppression companies may be required to drive HCFR rescue units to the hospital. The rescue officer shall determine if this shall be *necessary* due to the *medical condition* of the patient.
  - a. The suppression company officer will provide a qualified member to drive the rescue unit.
  - b. In the event there is only one paramedic assigned to the rescue company for the day (e.g. rescue officer and EMT), the suppression company's paramedic will, if available, assist with patient care and the EMT crew member assigned to the rescue will drive.
  - c. In all situations where a member from the suppression company is temporarily assigned to the rescue company the rescue officer **shall** be in the patient compartment attending to the patient.
2. If the rescue officer is uncertain of their paramedic's ability to care for the patient and such condition *does not* warrant two (2) paramedics attending the patient, the rescue officer will attend the patient and the other paramedic drive.
3. Once the suppression company has provided members to the rescue company, the suppression officer will notify EDC of the situation and operate under guidelines for "short crew" response as applicable.
4. If the rescue unit is transporting to a hospital in the suppression company's first due territory, the suppression company will proceed to the hospital to retrieve their crew member.
  - a. The suppression officer will have the option of retrieving personnel in the same manner if the hospital is near but outside the first due area.
  - b. If the hospital is outside the suppression company's first due territory, the provided member may be returned to their station by the rescue company, taxi, or Battalion Chief.