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1. Hillsborough County Fire Rescue has determined that there are zones within Hillsborough County where ground transport to the three trauma centers most commonly used is routinely less than twenty (20) minutes. Air ambulances should not be used in these zones unless there are extenuating circumstances. These areas are termed "Ground Transport Zones".
  - a. Situations that may dictate the use air ambulance helicopters within this zone may include, but are not limited to, prolonged entrapment, need to transport to a distant specialized trauma center, extreme traffic, etc.
  - b. The rationale for utilizing an air ambulance at a scene within a ground transport zone shall be fully documented in the patient care report.
2. **GROUND TRANSPORT BOUNDARIES**
  - a. Central Zone:
    - i. Northern Border – Lutz Lake Fern Rd east to Interstate 75 and west to Gunn Hwy.
    - ii. Southern Border – Big Bend Rd. east to U.S. 301 and west to Hillsborough Bay
    - iii. Eastern Border – Interstate 75 from Lutz Lake Fern Rd. south to Hwy 60  
Hwy 60 east to U.S. 301  
U.S. 301 south to Big Bend Rd.
    - iv. Western Border – Gunn Hwy. from Lutz Lake Fern Rd. south to Sheldon Rd.  
Sheldon Rd. south to Old Tampa Bay
  - b. Eastern Zone: (Adult patients only who are going to Lakeland Regional Medical Center):
    - i. Northern Border – Knights Griffin Rd. from C.R. 39 east to Polk County.
    - ii. Southern Border – Trapnell Rd. from C.R. 39 east to Polk County.
    - iii. Eastern Border – Polk County line.
    - iv. Western Border – C.R. 39 from Knights Griffin Rd. south to Interstate 4  
Interstate 4 west to Alexander St.  
Alexander St. south to C.R. 39  
C.R. 39 south to Trapnell Rd.