

COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Policy Title: Paramedic Support Vehicles		Policy Number 506
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- I. PURPOSE: To provide an additional Advanced Life Support (ALS) option to a County approved service provider by allowing a single paramedic to provide ALS services without a second paramedic or an EMT-ALS Assist in attendance.
- II. POLICY: At those times when a Paramedic Support Vehicle (PSV) is either the closest ALS unit to an emergency, for a multi-patient incident, or when a BLS ambulance is being dispatched to a potential ALS call, the paramedic who is operating a PSV may respond and begin ALS care, and may continue to function as a paramedic during patient transport.
- III. PROCEDURE:
 - A. **Dispatch of a PSV is recommended in the following circumstances:**
 1. The PSV is the closest unit to a call.
 2. A BLS ambulance is responding to a call that may require ALS services, and the PSV can make a response which will not delay in trauma, and will not delay inappropriately in other patient conditions, patient transportation to the nearest appropriate medical facility. All delays in transport shall be documented and reviewed by the PLP or PCC.
 3. During Mass Casualty Incidents
 - B. **Personnel Requirements**
A PSV will be staffed by a paramedic who has been designated as a Level II paramedic in Ventura County.
 - C. **Equipment Requirements**
A PSV will carry supplies and equipment according to Policy 504.
 - D. **Documentation**
PSV care shall be documented per Policy 1000.