

## TRANSPORT TO OUT OF AREA HOSPITALS

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Ambulances operated by the Union Vale Fire District routinely transport patients to hospitals in Sharon Ct. and Poughkeepsie NY. Depending on circumstances District ambulances may also transport patients to hospitals in Carmel NY and New Milford Ct. Transport to a hospital in any other area shall be provided by a private ambulance service.

The patient and / or family members shall be informed as to why out of area transport may not be in the patient's best interest. Medical control should be contacted for assistance. If necessary a police agency may be contacted for assistance. The Union Vale Fire District ambulance shall remain on the scene and treat the patient until the other ambulance arrives.

The above shall not apply to calls where a Union Vale Fire District ambulance is on a mutual aid call or where a MCI has been declared. The senior medical officer on the call may waive the above if doing so is in the best interest of the patient.