

SUBJECT: PREHOSPITAL EMS AIRCRAFT CLASSIFICATION

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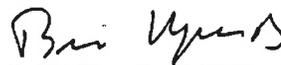
- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.201 and 1797.206; California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 8.
- II. **Purpose:** To establish criteria for classification of prehospital EMS aircraft service providers operating within the emergency medical services (EMS) system of the County of San Diego.
- III. **Policy:** All prehospital EMS aircraft operating within San Diego County shall be classified by the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services (EMS) prior to operation. Reclassification shall occur if there is a transfer of ownership or a change in the aircraft's category. Classifications shall be as follows:
- A. Air ambulance - any aircraft specially constructed, modified or equipped, and used for primary purpose of responding to emergency calls and transporting critically ill or injured patients whose medical flight crew has a minimum of two (2) attendants certified or licensed in advanced life support (ALS), one of whom is an RN.
- B. Rescue aircraft - an aircraft whose usual function is not prehospital emergency patient transport, but which may be utilized for prehospital emergency patient transport when use of an air or ground ambulance is inappropriate or unavailable.
1. ALS rescue aircraft - a rescue aircraft whose medical flight crew has at a minimum one (1) attendant certified or licensed in ALS.
2. BLS rescue aircraft - a rescue aircraft whose medical flight crew has at a minimum one (1) attendant certified as an EMT with at least eight (8) hours of aeromedical patient transport training.

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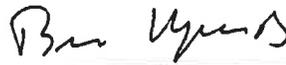
3. Auxiliary Rescue Aircraft – a rescue aircraft which does not have a medical flight crew, or whose medical flight crew do not meet the minimum requirements listed for the BLS rescue aircraft.

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