TRANSPORTING CADETS FOR MEDICAL CARE

1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum outlines The Citadel’s policy on transporting sick and injured cadets to receive on-campus and off-campus medical and psychiatric care.

2. REFERENCE


3. POLICY

A. General:

1) The Citadel Infirmary provides routine outpatient care and limited inpatient care for active members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. Most minor emergencies can be handled by the Infirmary. Since the Infirmary is not staffed to make "house calls," sick or injured cadets must either walk, or be transported, to the Infirmary to receive care.

2) Care for major emergencies, as well as medical or psychiatric conditions beyond the capability of the Infirmary, must be provided by off-campus medical centers or health-care providers. Transportation should be provided for these situations by civilian emergency medical services (EMS). These situations include, but are not limited to, those in which a cadet:

   a. Is not breathing;
   b. Is unconscious or unresponsive;
   c. Is bleeding profusely from an open wound;
   d. Is unable to walk with assistance, even a short distance, to a vehicle for transport to the Infirmary;
e. Has suffered severe trauma; e.g., motor vehicle accident, fall greater than 10 ft., suspected neck injury. **Do not move a cadet with a suspected neck injury.**

**Note:** EMS ambulances are available 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Contact EMS by dialing 9-911 on any campus phone. Immediately thereafter, contact Public Safety by dialing 811, and provide the location of the injured or ill cadet. PSAF will assist EMS in reaching the injured or ill cadet.

B. Transportation to the Infirmary:

1) Cadets who are able to walk, independently or with minimal assistance, will report directly to the Infirmary for evaluation and treatment of illnesses and injuries.

2) During duty hours (weekdays from 0730-1530), the Sports Medicine Department athletic trainers (3-6867 or 3-5447) will evaluate minor injuries and transport cadets to the Infirmary. Infirmary staff will arrange transport by the Citadel Courier for off-campus medical treatment.

3) After duty hours, Public Safety (3-5114) will transport cadets with minor injuries or medical conditions to the Infirmary, subject to officer availability.

C. Transportation to off-campus facilities

1) When the Infirmary staff or psychologist-on-call determines that a cadet requires off-campus, non-emergency medical or psychiatric care, the duty nurse will make the appointment.

   a. During duty hours (weekdays from 0730-1530):

      1. If the cadet is able to drive him or herself, he or she will do so.

      2. If the cadet is unable to drive him or herself, during duty hours, the Citadel Courier will transport the cadet to the medical appointment, provided the cadet is not combative or otherwise uncooperative.
b. After duty hours:

1. PSAF will provide transport, including transport for voluntary psychiatric evaluations, provided (1) the cadet is not combative or otherwise uncooperative, (2) a tactical officer is available to accompany the public safety officer, and (3) a public safety officer is available.

2) When the Infirmary staff or the Counseling Center determines that a cadet requires off-campus care as a result of a medical emergency, a psychiatric emergency which requires an involuntary psychiatric evaluation, or severe intoxication, EMS will be called to provide transport to the Emergency Room.

   a. Cadets receiving transport will be billed for EMS services.
   b. On weekends, a member of the cadet's company weekend-duty team may accompany the cadet to the hospital to provide assistance and to maintain contact with the cadet while at the hospital.

4. COMPLIANCE

Cadets who require off-campus care but who are combative or otherwise uncooperative may be arrested, as well as face disciplinary action, in addition to receiving medical attention. All other non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action.

5. NOTES

A. Dates of official enactment and amendments:

Approved by Director of Citadel Staff on 20 August 2009
Amended: 21 July 2011

B. Responsible Department:

Infirmary

C. Responsible Official:
The Citadel Surgeon

D. Cross References

None

6. RESCISSION

General Order Number 1, dated 8 January 2007 is rescinded.

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