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Standardized Response Time Language Statement

It is the position of the Governor’s Emergency Medical Services Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) that all air and ground medical assets, who have been summoned as an additional responding unit to an accident or event location, report their Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA), and updates, by providing the “clock time” they are expected to arrive on location (i.e. 11:04, 23:15, etc.). This will allow providers on scene to make accurate and patient focused decisions regarding their possible need to begin transport rather than waiting on the secondary responders (i.e. helicopter, additional ambulance, etc.). By providing a clock time, it eliminates the confusion of what an Estimated Time Enroute (ETE) may be. It also will eliminate confusion of ETE’s being passed through intermediaries (i.e. communication centers, Incident Commanders, etc.) who might unintentionally delay passing along the stated ETE or ETA given only as minutes.

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