

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT RESPONSE GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION:

The following criteria are established minimums to identify certain situations which should warrant an ALS response from River Falls Ambulance personnel. The first out ambulance for 9-1-1 response will always be staffed at the paramedic level. The second through fourth ambulance for 9-1-1 response may or may not be staffed with paramedic personnel pending additional paramedic availability at the time.

CRITERIA FOR ALS RESPONSE:

MEDICAL	
• Pulseless Non-Breathing	• Pediatric Emergency
• Chest Pain/Cardiac Signs & Symptoms	• Altered Level of Consciousness
• Respiratory Distress/Severe SOB	• Anaphylaxis
• Diabetic	• Psychiatric
• Seizure	• Overdose, Drug/ETOH
• CVA/TIA	• Rectal Bleed
• Bleeding, unknown etiology or uncontrolled	• OB/GYN emergencies

TRAUMA	
• Drowning/Near Drowning	• Motor Vehicle Crashes/Rollovers
• Farm Accidents	• Industrial/Hazmat/Electrical
• Falls over 12 ft.	• Gunshot Wounds
• Trauma with potential significant injury or Mechanism of injury	• Major fractures or dislocations (For pain control)

OTHER	
• Any airway compromise	• Any questionable altered LOC
• Unknown situations	• Questionable patient condition

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. The ALS Unit may respond to other types of calls as well, depending upon information given at the time the ambulance(s) are paged.



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