



<b>Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy</b>	
Subject:	Transporting Deceased
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**Purpose:**

Ambulance crews in Nelson County are limited. Often, especially during the evenings, there is only one crew available for the entire county. In order to maximize availability for true 911 emergencies Wintergreen Fire & Rescue strives to avoid transporting deceased patients to funeral homes or hospitals.

**Policy:**

We will transport in the following circumstances:

- Family members on scene are distraught to the point where waiting on a funeral home may cause them harm.
- The death is a medical examiner's case and law enforcement has requested the transport for purposes of preserving evidence.
- The location of the deceased is causing a disruption to vehicle and/or pedestrian flow.
- Any situation when the supervisor of Wintergreen Fire & Rescue deems it appropriate.

Transport mileage shall not be recorded for the purpose of billing. Transports of deceased patients shall be considered non-billable.

Attention shall be paid to local government jurisdiction. A Medical Examiner case from Augusta County will be handled by the Roanoke office and therefore the deceased shall be transported to Augusta Health. A Medical Examiner case from Nelson County will be handled by the Richmond office and therefore the deceased shall be transported to UVA Hospital.

UVA will not accept deceased patients not related to a Medical Examiner's case. If a patient expires while enroute to UVA do not unload the patient upon arrival. Contact UVA Police and have them advise on the disposition of the deceased.