

Now that rally season is in full swing in many parts of the country the Safety Committee would like to provide some guidance on qualified medical personnel. All mounted rallies require an Emergency Medical Technician (“EMT”) to be on site with equipment. The EMT must be currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. An EMT is a health professional whose primary focus is to respond to, assess, and triage emergent, urgent, and non-urgent requests for medical care, apply basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and medical transportation to/from an emergency or health care facility.

- The EMT is required onsite one hour prior to the first ride and remain until all riding has concluded.
- They may not have any other duties during the rally.
- They must have a reliable means of communication with all riding areas.
- They must have a reliable means of communication with the local Emergency Medical Service and knowledge of the closest hospital.
- They should be provided with a gas powered golf cart or other vehicle capable of carrying emergency medical equipment to any location on a cross country course in the event of a fall or injury.

A Paramedic would meet or exceed the minimum requirement. The Paramedic is a health professional whose primary focus is to respond to, assess, and triage emergent, urgent, and non-urgent requests for medical care, apply basic and advanced knowledge and skills necessary to determine patient physiologic, psychological, and psychosocial needs, administer medications, interpret and use diagnostic findings to implement treatment, provide complex patient care, and facilitate referrals and/or access to a higher level of care when the needs of the patient exceed the capability level of the Paramedic.

An on-site ambulance is recommended especially for higher risk activities such as the cross country phase of an Eventing Rally.

Facility requirements or rallies run in conjunction with a recognized event may have requirements that exceed the USPC EMT requirement.

USPC recommends the appointment of a Safety Coordinator for all mounted activities. The Safety Coordinator should not have any other duties during the activity. Their responsibilities include:

- Having a reliable cell phone in order to obtain medical assistance.
- Have access to the Emergency Response Contact Card (Appendix G of the Safety Handbook).
- Have access to, complete and submit an Incident Report Form when any incident occurs whether or not it results in an injury.