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## **PURPOSE**

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To inform all personnel of the Reading Fire Department of the care that will be provided on emergency medical incidents.

## **STANDARD OF CARE**

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It is the philosophy of the Reading Fire Department that the well being of the patient is our primary concern. This is accomplished by practicing the highest standard of care as defined by current medical science, Standard Operating Guidelines, federal, state, and local laws. The Standard of Care is dynamic, changing and improving regularly. It is not possible to produce a written document that addresses every clinical situation or that is perpetually up to date. It is therefore necessary for Reading Fire Department personnel to continuously update their knowledge and at times rely upon clinical judgment not discussed in written policy. Compassion for the patient, tempered by intellectual honesty should direct Reading Fire Department personnel when applying these Standard Operating Guidelines to patient care.