



# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF RESCUE

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## INSTRUCTIONAL BULLETIN #13-23

**TO:** All Fire and Rescue Personnel

**FROM:** Ivan T. Mote - Division Chief/Rescue *ITM*

**RE:** **Out of County Patient Transports**

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Patients are not to be transported to hospitals out of Duval County (Orange Park Medical Center is the only exception) without first verbally discussing the necessity of the out-of-county transport with the appropriate District/Battalion Chief. Patients being transported by R49 or R35 may be transported to Baptist Medical Center (BMC) Nassau only if BMC-Nassau is closer than Baptist Medical Center Downtown.

Patients may be transported to Ed Frazier Memorial Hospital from the far west side of the county (generally R46, R43, R57, etc.). Patients are not to be transported to Shands Starke, but transported to UF Health Jacksonville (formally Shands/UF Jacksonville) instead if the patient does not select another facility.

Any questions, contact your District or Battalion Chief.

Thank you.

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