

	Standard Operating Guideline: EMS 2	
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PURPOSE: Franklin County Public Safety is committed to the safe and efficient transport of the bariatric residents of our community. This policy outlines the performance capabilities, operations and safe practices of bariatric transports.

I. POLICY:

- A. Any patient weight greater than 350 lbs or 159 kg is to be recognized as a bariatric patient. If the crew does not feel it is safe to effectively move the patient they shall request the bariatric stretcher.
- B. Stretcher weight limits are derived from the manufacture of the stretcher. With the maximum weight capacity to be 1600 lbs or 727 kg at its lowest position, and 850 lbs or 386 kg fully extended. In accordance to the manufacture of the bariatric stretcher the minimum requirements to safely and effectively lift and maneuver the stretcher is four personnel.
- C. After it has been established by the providers on scene that the patient is a bariatric patient they should contact the ECC and request the bariatric stretcher.
- D. After he ECC has been contacted the on duty Operations Captain should be contacted to coordinate getting the stretcher to the requesting crew.
- E. The crew that brings the bariatric stretcher is only to assist the requesting crew safely move the patient to the ambulance. The crew that brings the bariatric stretcher is not responsible to bring the bariatric stretcher back to the administration office nor are they responsible for transporting the bariatric patient.

- F. If the bariatric stretcher is not functioning properly it must be taken out of service, and the on duty Operations Captain notified immediately.
- G. The bariatric stretcher may be requested at other times (i.e. girth) at the discretion of the AIC.