

Oswego Town Volunteer Fire Department

EMS Patient Refusal Policy for School Bus MVA

- Triage all persons involved in the MVA.
- Properly treat and document all examinations, injuries and order appropriate transport. If possible, each pt's location should be noted on a diagram.
- When all injured patients (pts) are treated and transported, any patient refusing or for which treatment or transportation is refused must have a proper patient refusal completed in accordance with the appropriate patient refusal policy.
- All adult patients (18yrs and older) must sign their own refusal, if alert, competent and with capacity to do so.
- All student patients (<18yrs) must have a school district official sign their pt refusal, as well as any patient that refuses transportation or treatment that is not competent to do so (such as a mentally retarded individual).
- The school district official will sign one pt refusal form for all uninjured/refusing students with a list of uninjured/refusing students attached per CNYEMS policy statement.
- A PCR shall be completed for each pt treated and refusing care or treatment by the school district official. The EMT that does the pt assessments shall complete the PCR for those pts. Other personnel may assist with demographic information.
- Should there not be ample time to complete a PCR at the scene due to the emergency situation, PCRs that accompany patient refusals may be completed at a later time. A responsible party should be left with the patients to obtain whatever information is possible. A contact person should be arranged so that the information could be completed at a later time.