

**OKALOOSA COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

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**Title:** Inaccessible Scenes  
**Policy:** 427.00  
**Purpose:** To provide procedures if personnel are unable to reach the patient due to scene inaccessibility.

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**Policy:**

Specialized vehicles available: When roads are impassable by conventional vehicles, the Department has 4-wheel drive vehicles that can be used to attempt access. The Shift Commander vehicle will be available if needed.

EMS Scenes: When a rescue unit is unable to reach a scene, equipment needed may be transferred to one of the Department's 4-wheel drive vehicles in order to reach the scene to provide initial care.

1. If no other means are available, the patient may be transported by the alternate vehicle to the medic unit for transport to a hospital.
2. If weather permits, a helicopter may be used for transport.
3. The ambulance should avoid attempting access on grounds where the possibility exists of the unit getting stuck.
4. OCEMS Logistics houses the department's ATV, which may be utilized for off-road patient access or special event coverage.

**Accountability and Compliance:**

1. It is the responsibility of all employees to ensure that safe methods are utilized to access emergency scenes.

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