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## ***Downgrade of Response***

**Purpose:** To allow downgrading of EMS vehicles responding to an EMS incident.

- I. If information is received, while en route, that the incident is not life-threatening, then that ambulance may use that information to alter response accordingly.
- II. No EMS vehicle shall be canceled, once a request for emergency assistance is received, unless one of the following occurs.
  - A. A police/fire department unit reports that no person/accident can be found at the location,
  - B. Any licensed EMS personnel on the scene cancels the responding EMS vehicles.
  - C. A 1st party caller (the potential patient) states they no longer require a response from emergency medical services AND an EMS response is no longer requested AND there is not another indication that an emergency exists.

**MCL 333.20967** If an emergency has been declared, the declaration that an emergency no longer exists shall be made only by a licensed EMS provider or a licensed health professional who has training specific to the provision of emergency medical services in accordance with protocols established by the local medical control authority.

Note: For the purposes of this protocol, a situation in which injuries or illness have not been confirmed does not constitute an “emergency” (i.e. motor vehicle crash with unknown injuries, unknown medical alarm).