



EMS Information Bulletin 2018-16

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SUBJECT: Tourniquet Quantities

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Agencies

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A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to be 'Dylan Ferguson'.

The Bureau of EMS has received inquiries and comments related to the optimal number of tourniquets that should be carried on EMS vehicles. Currently the Pennsylvania EMS required equipment list states two tourniquets must be present on each EMS vehicle.

While there is no change to, or immediate plans to change that standard, the Bureau of EMS would like to encourage EMS agencies to evaluate whether that minimum supply is adequate for the population served, as well the target hazards in their respective communities.

Many services participating in programs across several of the EMS regions, have been placing packs of six tourniquets onto EMS vehicles.

Please reach out to your regional council with any questions.