Purpose:

To establish the minimum allowable arrangement of staff needed to staff a scheduled EMS unit.

Policy:

1. West Des Moines EMS is licensed by the State of Iowa to operate at the Paramedic level on a 24 hour basis. Two staff members will be assigned to each scheduled ambulance at all times. It will be the policy of West Des Moines EMS to have, at a minimum, one staff member certified at the Paramedic level assigned to each unit who is or has:

   - Satisfactorily completed the orientation process.
   - Satisfactorily completed the six-month probationary period.
   - Obtained credentialed status at the Lead Paramedic or Acting Lead Paramedic status from the medical director.
   - Lead Paramedic staffing can be altered to the Paramedic level with Administrative approval.

The second staff member assigned to each ambulance will be at a minimum:

   - Completed the orientation process.
   - Certified at the EMT level.
   - Have Seasonal/Temporary status with the department.
Unscheduled ambulances must have at a minimum one EMT and a driver certified in CPR as per state regulations and may function at the level of the highest certified ECP.