

### ***Medical Clearance of patients for law enforcement transport to jail.***

When law enforcement wants EMS/Fire, to “check out” a person before they are transported to jail, they are asking us to “Medically clear” them.

- It is not the role of EMS/Fire to “clear them” for jail.
- If we make contact and we do not transport them, we must obtain a signed liability release from the patient.
- If the patient refuses or cannot sign because they are handcuffed, document the verbal refusal and have the officer witness it.
- If the officer is refusing EMS transport for the patient, then that officer must sign the refusal as the patient's guardian.
- As with any refusal, read the appropriate section of the liability release to the patient/officer, document that and their apparent understanding in your narrative.
- **In the event we cannot obtain a signature for whatever reason, we must document the “Exception” in detail.**

If you have any questions, contact the Fire Marshall's office or Dr. Froman.