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### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES *OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 16-01*

Date: April 8, 2016  
To: All Connecticut EMS Organizations  
From: Wendy H. Furniss, RNC, MS *WHF*  
Branch Chief, Health Care Quality and Safety  
Re: Reporting requirement regarding accident reports

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OEMS has become aware that not all EMS organizations may be current in their knowledge of the regulation regarding reporting of motor vehicle accidents. The purpose of this communication is to provide clarification of the reporting requirements.

[Connecticut Regulations of State Agencies 19a-179-8. Accident reports](#) states:

*Each ambulance service or invalid coach service shall report to OEMS, in writing, within ten (10) business days of occurrence, any accident which has been deemed by the law enforcement agency or primary jurisdiction to be the fault of the service or which has resulted in personal injury, or property damage estimated to be in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), or both. Such report shall include a copy of the accident investigation report by the investigating law enforcement officer or a copy of the report filed with the Connecticut department of motor vehicles by the driver of the vehicle involved.*

It's important to remember to notify OEMS, in writing (email is acceptable), as soon as possible after the incident, but no later than the 10 day requirement in regulation. In some cases, the accident investigation report may not be available within the required reporting period, or law enforcement may not file a report at all. Neither situation should delay an EMS organization's notification to OEMS. Your report should include a brief summary of the incident including at least the following:

- Was the ambulance responding to an incident?
- Was a patient being transported?
- Were there any injuries?
- A brief narrative of the incident.

If you have any questions, please contact [Liz Johnston](#) or your [Regional EMS Coordinator](#).



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