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***1 RE: Emergency Medical Technicians.**

Mr. James B. McNabb
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Dear Mr. McNabb:
By a letter of March 13, 1974, you inquire:

I. Does the law require the driver of an emergency vehicle to be an emergency medical technician?

Answer. This is not a legal requirement.

II. At the scene of an accident, does an emergency medical technician have authority over officers of a rescue squad?

Answer. There is no State law on this point. Normally any law enforcement official present will be in overall charge of an accident scene. The division of responsibilities between ambulance personnel and rescue squad personnel regarding emergency medical care of accident victims should be worked out by agreement. In no event should any disagreement be allowed to result in a patient being untreated. The medical techniques used to treat a patient should be based upon the best judgment of the person attending to the victim.

III. How many medical personnel may lawfully ride aboard an emergency vehicle?

Answer. There is no State law on this point.

Hoping this information is of some assistance, I am
Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General

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