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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 Re: Transportation by ambulance of disturbed patients.**

James Rivers Mabry, Jr.  
Certified Emergency Technician  
Abbeville Rescue, Inc.  
126-B North Main Street  
Abbeville, SC 29620

Dear Mr. Mabry:

You have requested that this Office advise you as to whether the Abbeville Rescue Squad would be liable for suit for injuries received by a patient being transported by members of the Abbeville Rescue, Inc.

Abbeville Rescue, Inc. is a non-paid service, and furnishes gratuitous medical transportation on an emergency basis. Under the applicable laws of this State, specifically the Good Samaritan Law, you would not be liable for any injuries received by a patient when you are transporting them on a gratuitous basis, and there is no gross negligence involved on your part. It is not necessary for a law officer to request that transportation services be rendered, however if the service is requested by an officer, and the patient is disturbed it is advisable that the officer ride in the ambulance with the patient however such is not required.

I hope this has been sufficient in answering the question which you posed. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

Timothy G. Quinn  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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