

## Collaboratively Moving Emergency Medical Services Staff and Resources Cross Borders – Saving Lives

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*Abstract:* The “Operational Plan for Moving Emergency Medical Service Staff and Resources Across the Washington and British Columbia Border” addresses the needs of patient care, e.g. chronic and local emergency patient movement during routine, mass casualty incident (MCI), and disaster transports. The presentation will address the unique aspects of building an international, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-discipline plan. The plan includes a three page text, three checklists, glossary, and Ports of Entry contact lists that simplify the process. The plan establishes patient movement guidelines for all patients crossing the Canada and United States borders from Maine to Alaska. The plan and presentation are adaptable to meet needs within a Community Health Care system and the Emergency Medical Services. Each health care system should work together to better prepare for patient movement.