

ex. "Control, Rover 13 Emergency traffic"

Control will announce emergency traffic on channel and direct all units to hold traffic until the emergency is cleared. Only call for Control if you have urgent or emergency traffic also.

If you see a contestant out of the race, note the contestant number and relay that information to Control.

If you come across an accident requiring medical attention, notify Control, and stay on scene until you are relieved by Fire/EMS or a Rover vehicle. Monitor your radio (handheld, since you'll be with the patients, not in your vehicle) carefully as you may need to provide further information for the medical crews. As soon as possible, advise Control the number of patients, and a rough description of the injuries. The communications would go something like this:

Rover 13: Control, Rover 13, Emergency Traffic.

Control: Rover 13, this is Control, go ahead.

Rover 13: Control, Rover 13, we have a bicycle accident at Marker 23, two riders involved, requesting an ambulance.

Control: Control copies, we will dispatch ambulance to Marker 23.

(at this point, you'll get out, and survey the damage.. turn on your hazard lights, and put your vehicle between the patients and oncoming traffic. Put on your latex gloves before you get out of your vehicle, just in case.)

Rover 13: Control, Rover 13, condition report.

Control: Rover 13, go ahead with condition report.

Rover 13: We have two patients, Rider number 243 with minor road rash, and Rider number 723 with a possible broken arm. Continue the ambulance.

Provide as much medical care as you can (within your level of training and ability), and make an attempt to determine which participants will need to be transported via ambulance. If you have other needs (CHP for traffic control, etc.) let Control know as soon as possible. If there is any doubt about the injuries, always err on the side of caution, and let the EMS professionals make the judgment. There's nothing worse than canceling an ambulance when it's really needed. It's no big deal to request an ambulance and have the paramedics determine the patient doesn't need transport. Transport bicycles of injured riders back to the Visitors Center.

Things to have in your vehicle:

- Your complete information packet
- High power VHF and UHF radios (or dual-bander)
- VHF Radio, GPS & TNC for AVL
- VHF handheld in case you are out of the vehicle
- Bicycle carrier or room for at least two bicycles + passengers

- Two five-gallon bottles of water (to replenish aid stations if necessary)
- Drinking water for yourself, your passenger, and riders you pick up
- Pad of paper and pen or pencil
- First Aid Kit if possible (including latex gloves)
- Lunch and snacks
- Sunscreen