

Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline
DEPARTMENT AND PERSONAL CELLULAR PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE
USE

Objective:

To provide guidelines for using Department and personal cellular phones/electronic devices while responding, training, or operating with Falmouth Fire-EMS.

General Information:

Falmouth Fire-EMS owns one cellular phone that is carried by the on-duty Per Diem Firefighter/Paramedic. Fire-EMS personnel should limit their calls on the phone to those regarding business of the Fire-EMS department. It is not to be used for personal calls, personal texts, or using the Internet.

A. Policy on Cellular Phone/Electronic Device Use

1. Cellular phones/electronic devices should not be answered or used by a driver of department apparatus during a response. This includes text messaging or looking at e-mails, Internet, etc.
2. Drivers of any department apparatus should not use cellular phones/electronic devices to send or receive text messages or e-mails, or browse the internet while driving.
3. Personal cellular phones/electronic devices should not be used when a department staff member is assigned a task at an emergency scene.
4. Photos, videos or audio recordings may not be taken at incident scenes unless approved in advance by the Incident Commander.
 - a. Any authorized photos that are taken at scenes must not be shared or posted without advance approval by the Fire Chief.

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire Chief at any time.