

Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline

EMS Standby / Event Coverage

Objective:

To define the goals and procedures to be utilized when functioning at an EMS Standby.

General Information:

EMS Standby assignments are intended to provide EMS coverage to a specific event or agency hiring the position(s). This standby is to supplement existing Towns coverage by providing on-site EMS capability.

Guidelines:

Personnel providing EMS standby coverage will respond to medical problems at the event or facility. They will provide medical treatment and determine if transport is required. If transport is required, Fire Alarm will be contacted to dispatch on-duty ambulance. If on-duty ambulance is not available, EMS coverage ambulance will make the transport.

Personnel hired for EMS standby will report to designated location with Ambulance 1 or other assigned apparatus with EMS equipment.

Upon arrival at an event or facility the crew will make contact with the designated contact person. The crew will place their unit in a mutually agreeable location and discuss with the contact person procedures for notification and response in the event of an emergency.

The crew is responsible for responding to medical emergencies at the event, or agency to perform initial treatment and triage. If transport by ambulance is warranted, they will contact Fire Alarm to request the appropriate apparatus.

If additional units are responding, the standby crew will relay information concerning the situation and best access.

The standby crew will use their best judgment to determine if the patient must be transported immediately, by Ambulance 1, prior to the arrival of another unit.

In the event of any emergency the senior firefighter or EMT, or officer present, will function as Incident Command until relieved

The crew will notify dispatch when they are treating a patient. Dispatch will log the event and a report will be generated.

A report in IMC must be filled out when the crew returns to the station.

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