



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

	<h1>GENERAL ORDER</h1> 320.01	
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Emergency Medical Services	3/9/1995	7/13/2009	N/A

SUBJECT: First Responder Units - EMS

APPLICABILITY: All Personnel

POLICY:

When the first-due ambulance or ALS transport unit is not available for response to a medical alarm, Communications shall dispatch a first due support piece as a first responder to augment the response. The purpose will be to provide assistance and patient care until the arrival of the appropriate transport unit.

- 1 Staffing for this unit shall be a minimum of two, licensed, EMT-B personnel.
- 2 Response by the first responder is mandatory and shall be emergent.
- 3 The response may be altered by the station/unit OIC only if they perceive the EMS transport unit to be closer or have the same arrival time as the first responder unit.
- 4 When appropriate, Medical Duty Officers, Suppression Battalion Chiefs or equipped staff officers may be used as first responders.

Approved:



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