

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY RURAL FIRE BOARD
GUIDELINES AND STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SUBJECT: MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS

PURPOSE: To insure that the highest caliber of pre-hospital emergency medical care is provided to all patients served by the Fairfield County EMS and the Fairfield County Fire Service.

POLICY: It will be the policy of the Fairfield County Fire Board to provide medical first responders to assist County Emergency Medical Service whenever possible. While this service may not be necessary in some of the more centrally located districts on an automatic basis, the large size of Fairfield County and the availability of volunteers spread out in the rural areas creates an opportunity for valuable assistance to be rendered by FCRFB to the citizens of the county.

- A. All Fire Department personnel operating at alarms or responding to calls for emergency medical assistance will endeavor to provide such care to the best of their abilities, skill and knowledge within the scope of their training.
- B. All Fire Department personnel operating at alarms or responding to calls for emergency medical assistance will endeavor to provide the necessary assistance to the EMS crew(s) at the scene, in such a manner as to be consistent with good teamwork and efficient operations.

GUIDELINES:

1. A standard for initial training as well as on-going training will be established in a cooperative effort between the Fairfield County Rural Fire Board and the Fairfield County Fire EMS.
2. Initial first responder training (First Aid / CPR / AED) will be made available to all Fairfield County Firefighters by the Fairfield County EMS through the FCEMS Training Division. First Responders (DOT) and EMS training will be made available thru a cooperative effort with Midlands Technical College. Cost will be determined by Midlands Technical College.
3. Continuing Education of first responders will be the responsibility of the Fairfield County Fire Board.

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SCOPE: To provide a brief explanation and clarification of the Fire Company rules in order to insure that teamwork, standardization and professionalism will exist in the administration of emergency medical care.

FIRST COMPANY RULES: Fire Company Operations on medical aid responses relating to patient care will be governed by the protocols and guidelines established by the Fairfield County Fire Board and the Fairfield County EMS. Those operations may include:

1. Basic Life Support
2. AED
3. Splinting
4. Bandaging
5. Providing assistance to EMS personnel

A. Any Fairfield County Fire Department may participate in the First Responder Program. The Chief of the department should forward a letter to the Fire Board requesting to be added to the dispatch list as regards to first responding to emergency medical calls.

B. Fire Departments will maintain workers compensation insurance covering their first responders.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY EMS DUTIES:

A. Fairfield County EMS will make available training to fire departments within the first responder program. Initial First Aid / CPR / AED courses will be made available, as time and scheduling allow, by the EMS Training Division.

B. EMS will provide any paperwork the First Responders are required to complete.

C. EMS will provide Q/A (Quality Assurance) feedback to responding agencies.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY FIRE BOARD:

The Fairfield County Fire Board will maintain a current list of all participating departments and responders and provide a copy to EMS on a quarterly basis. This list will include the departments participating, number of responders for each, the first responders training level, and expiration dates. The Fairfield County Fire Board or their designee will be responsible for maintenance of all equipment within their care.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDER LEVELS:

First Responder I - First Aid / CPR / AED

First Responder II - DOT approved 40 hr First Responder course

First Responder III – EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P

1. A general orientation must be attended before beginning program.
2. All responders are responsible for keeping their training certificates up to date and meeting the requirements for recertification (DOT FR and all levels of EMT).
3. Only approved courses will be accepted (ASHI, AHA, or ARC)

CALL RESPONSE:

1. Responders will be dispatched according to the dispatch procedures.
2. Dispatch will tone out the fire departments within the call area. **ONLY** responders within the area should respond.
3. Responders will adhere to fire department policies as regard to Code 3 response in a POV.
4. Administers care as appropriate for their level of training.
5. Completes required paperwork provided thru EMS.
6. Restock first aid kit and AED.

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RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Tone Activated:

1. Determine if AED is needed (signals – 8, 9, 70, and 83). If needed, proceed to station and secure AED and then proceed to location.
2. Determine quickest route to call.
3. On scene – determine scene safe, mechanism of injury or nature of illness, number of patients, and if additional resources are needed.
4. Maintain BSI.
5. Assess patient and determine needs.
6. Treat patient as required.
7. Assist EMS with care as needed.
8. Complete paperwork.
9. Restock first aid kit and/or AED.