



Charles County Department of Emergency Services
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 400 - Emergency Operations

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402.03.01 Purpose

To establish procedures for the immediate treatment and care of injured or ill firefighters and/or rescue workers at the scene of an emergency fire/rescue incident.

402.03.02 Scope

This SOP applies to all uniformed career and volunteer personnel.

402.03.03 Responsibility

It is the responsibility of EMS personnel responding to a fire/rescue incident to adhere to this SOP and follow the outlined procedures.

402.03.04 Procedures

1. EMS apparatus should be parked at a safe distance from the incident, so as not to be blocked in by arriving fire apparatus.
 - a. If the ambulance has a three (3) member crew, the driver should stay with the unit.
 - b. If the ambulance has a two (2) member crew, the driver should ensure the unit is strategically parked as not to obstruct scene access or egress.
2. If the EMS unit is the first arriving piece of apparatus:
 - a. Strategically place your unit,
 - b. Perform a scene size-up;
 - c. Convey appropriate size-up information to the 911 Communications Center;
 - d. Locate any occupants and/or victims, remove them to a safe location, and treat as needed.



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3. Upon arrival at the scene of a fire/rescue incident, the officer in charge (OIC) of the first arriving EMS transport unit shall report to the Incident Commander (IC) or Command Post (CP) and should establish a treatment area in an area designated by the IC or his/her designee.
4. Each EMS Unit at the scene of an emergency fire/rescue incident should have the following items immediately available in the treatment area:
 - a. Portable Radio
 - b. Portable O2 Bag
 - c. Basic Life Support Bag
 - d. Advanced Life Support Bag (if applicable)
 - e. AED or Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator
 - f. Stretcher (ready for use)
 - g. Reeves Stretcher
5. EMS units should insure the above-mentioned equipment is assembled in the area designated the "Treatment Area" and should try to stay within line of sight with the IC/CP.
 - a. On larger scale incidents with multiple EMS units, one designee (EMS Group Supervisor) shall report to the Command Post and after consultation with the Incident Commander, designate operational and staging locations for the other EMS units responding to the incident.
 - b. Expand the EMS Group and assign additional roles as appropriate.
6. EMS units should monitor all radio transmissions to obtain vital information with reference to evacuation routes and points of access and egress being utilized.
7. EMS crews should not take control of the patients until they are clear from the IDLH environment.
 - a. Let the firefighters bring the victims to you unless instructed otherwise.
8. In the event of an extended call where multiple EMS units are needed, the EMS Group Supervisor shall act as the contact for additional EMS resources and request same as needed through Charles County 911 Communications Center.
 - a. The EMS Group Supervisor shall notify incoming resources staging location and/or assignment.
 - b. When these resources are no longer needed the EMS Group Supervisor will also have the authority to place them in service.
9. The EMS Group Supervisor or his designee shall keep a record of all injuries, treatment afforded, patient status, and transport destination as applied.
10. The EMS Group Supervisor or his designee shall surrender all records to the IC at the conclusion of the incident.