

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG 405

AMBULANCE ASSIST MEDICAL RESPONSE

I. PURPOSE

A. From time to time the District is requested to assist in emergency medical situations to assist the ambulance service, Jefferson Co. EMS.

II. SCOPE

A. These standards apply to all personnel operating at medical incidents.

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

A. It will be the responsibility of the Chief and the officers to insure that these guidelines are followed.

IV. STANDARDS

A. Jefferson Co EMS personnel are primarily responsible for patient care, Fire District personnel are in charge of safety and rescue efforts. In instances of multiple injuries Fire District EMT's will assist with patient care. District BLS protocols shall be followed when administering patient care.

B. Scene safety - At scenes personnel will use extreme caution when operating at riots, shootings, knifings, etc. The officer shall determine the proper positioning of the apparatus to protect personnel prior to law enforcement gaining control of the scene. All personnel shall use universal precautions.

C. The response to calls before the ambulance arrives is basically the same except that the fire department EMS personnel will be responsible for patient care until JCEMS arrives. The decisions to transport by other than ambulance shall be made by the senior EMS person at the scene. **THE FIRE DISTRICT DOES NOT TRANSPORT PATIENTS.**

1. When intercepting a private vehicle carrying an emergent patient the medics shall enter the vehicle to provide care and not to ride along to the hospital. Care will be given along side of the road until an ambulance arrives. If the private party wishes to continue to meet the ambulance or travel to the hospital the medic will not ride along.

D. RESPONSE AND STAFFING

1. Only personnel assigned to rescue duty for the shift shall respond, unless directed otherwise by the officer in charge.

2. Personnel SHALL report directly to the station, UNLESS the emergency is in the **DIRECT** PATH OF TRAVEL to the fire station.
3. Out of District EMS calls - All personnel shall report to the station. The rescue vehicle shall respond with a minimum of three (3) personnel. An EMS person and one (1) officer, if possible. We will not respond to 3 Rivers' calls unless specifically requested by 3 Rivers or Jefferson Co EMS.

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