

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS

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**Purpose:** *The Okolona Fire Department provides first responder emergency medical care. This procedure outlines the response to those incidents.*

**Procedure:**

1. Initially only one fire apparatus shall respond to assist EMS calls, that being the one staffed by on duty career firefighters or volunteers who may be at the fire station. The officer of this unit has the discretion to call for additional resources if he or she deems appropriate. The duty officer does not normally respond to assist EMS calls.
2. In the event there is an officer who is reasonably close to the scene (can arrive within two minutes), he or she may respond to the scene provided all of the following conditions are met:
  - a. The officer has a portable radio
  - b. The officer is currently certified as an emergency medical technician
  - c. The officer has a first aid kit that is equipped at least was well as fire department first aid kits.
3. When fire department personnel arrive on the scene, they are to follow the appropriate protocols and procedures related to the incident, bearing in mind they are there as support to Emergency Medical Services personnel.
4. Assist EMS calls dispatched by the telecommunications center which are dispatched over the fire radio channels, will count in fire run attendance determination.
5. Volunteer or off-duty career members of the Okolona Fire Department will not be expected to respond to assist EMS incidents. These incidents will not be counted for or against a volunteer member's fire run attendance.
6. Assist EMS incidents will be handled by career firefighters on duty. If they are unavailable to respond because of another incident, they are to advise Fire radio accordingly.
7. Any required equipment checks shall be performed at the beginning of career firefighter's shift.

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8. When an assist EMS call is dispatched, on duty career firefighters have first preference on the unit assigned to respond to such calls, except as follows:

Volunteer members at the station may have preference if all of the following are met:

- a. Departure of the apparatus is not unreasonably delayed.
- b. The member is currently certified as an Emergency Medical Technician.
- c. The member has successfully passed the Automatic External Defibrillator training program.

9. When fire department personnel arrive on the scene, they are to follow the appropriate procedures related to the incident, bearing in mind they are there as support to Emergency Medical Services personnel.
10. Upon completion of the assist EMS call, a fire run attendance sheet shall be completed, only for incident recording purposes. The run number shall be the incident number assigned by EMS, with an "E" to signify it was an EMS dispatched incident. As stated above, these incidents will not count for, nor against a member's fire run attendance.
11. Wearing of personal protective equipment (fire fighting) is not required on assist EMS runs, however it shall be taken along. (EMS related personal protective equipment is required to be worn).
12. If a fire run occurs while on an EMS run, the unit on the EMS run shall advise the duty officer when he calls responding. This is to be done on Fire 2, and if possible, an estimate shall be given on how much longer the unit will be on the assist EMS run. The duty officer will determine further action.
13. The EMT in charge is responsible for completing all EMS related documents.

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