

Okolona Fire Department
Standard Operating Procedure

RESCUE 8081

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3. For EMS incidents that are full arrests or respiratory arrests, the fire company dispatched to the incident shall also respond (in addition to Rescue 8081). *(Firefighters may be needed to accompany EMS to the hospital, and those firefighters should be the Rescue 8081 crew, thus leaving the company available for service)*
4. In the event of a concurrent incident to which Rescue 8081 would be the primary response unit and Rescue 8081 is committed to an incident the following guidance is to be applied:
 - A. Fires and other Emergency Incidents:

Radio shall be instructed to dispatch the incident as recommended by CAD. Examples of emergency incidents are: carbon monoxide alarms with sick persons, children locked in cars in distress, lock-in/lock-out involving persons in distress, and wires down resulting from traffic accidents.
 - B. EMS Assist Incidents:

If the patient is unconscious or not breathing, Radio shall be instructed to dispatch the incident as recommend by CAD.

For other EMS Assist Incidents such as motor vehicle accidents and the response is only medical in nature, then Radio shall be advised there are no available resources to respond to the incident.
 - C. Public Service Calls:

Mitigations, wires down (not resulting from traffic accidents), carbon monoxide alarms with no distress, children locked in cars with no distress, lock-in/lock-out with no distress and water leaks/broken pipes, if Rescue 8081 is able to complete the original incident within ten (10) minutes, then Radio shall be advised Rescue 8081 will respond to the subsequent incident upon completion of the original incident. If Rescue 8081 is unable to respond within ten (10) minutes, Radio shall be instructed to dispatch the incident as they normally would.

It must be noted that these are merely Public Service Calls and are not emergencies therefore a minor delay in response is unlikely to have an adverse result.
5. If there is any doubt in the mind of the Rescue 8081 as to whether the response of another station is appropriate, then Radio shall be instructed to dispatch the incident as they normally would.
6. In the event that Rescue 8081 informs Radio to dispatch a subsequent incident as they normally would, Rescue 8081 shall request that Radio informs the affected station that Rescue 8081 is committed to another incident.
7. It is the responsibility of the officer of the station that is originally dispatched to an incident to monitor the operations channel to ensure that 8081 is responding. If 8081 has not called responding within one minute of dispatch, then the initially assigned station shall respond. *(8081 is advised to have a portable radio close by, even in the dormitory, so it can call responding as soon as practical thus eliminating the "Are they responding?" question.)*

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DUTIES WHEN NOT RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS:

1. When not responding to incidents, the crew of Rescue 8081 shall be assigned to fire hydrant maintenance (painting, inspection and testing), incident pre-planning, street-book map validations, fire prevention inspections, in-district errand running, smoke detector/battery installation and other tasks as directed.
2. It is preferred that Rescue 8081 remains generally in the center of the district and task assignments are made accordingly.
3. It is *not* the intent of this procedure that Rescue 8081 is solely dedicated to incident response.
4. The crew of Rescue 8081 shall attend regular training as scheduled.

MEALS AND QUARTERING:

1. The crew of Rescue 8081 shall take its meals at the station/location of its choice or as otherwise directed by the person in charge of the shift, noting the desire to have this unit remain generally in the center of the district.
2. When Rescue 8081 is not performing tasks as previously described, it shall remain at station one, unless otherwise directed by the person in charge of the shift or the department duty officer.

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