

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL AID RESPONSE

Purpose:

To provide a fire department based first responding, non-transporting, emergency medical service, which operates within the current parameters of accepted practice within the Burlington Fire Protection District.

Responses:

- A. Apparatus and/or personnel shall respond, as requested, to any type of emergency medical call within the district. These calls could include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Cardiac/Respiratory arrest and/or DOA.
 - 2. Motor vehicle accidents.
 - 3. Mass casualty incidents.
 - 4. Manpower or special equipment requests.
 - 5. Life threatening emergencies where additional assistance may be needed.
 - 6. Calls where a mutual aid ambulance has been dispatched into the district.
- B. The fire department shall endeavor to have the most qualified personnel respond on medical aid responses.
 - 1. Only those personnel so trained shall participate in providing medical care unless the situation is of such magnitude as to require first aid to be given by all personnel involved in the incident.
 - 2. Personnel not trained as Emergency Medical Technicians or greater shall assist those individuals so trained as directed.
- C. Emergency medical equipment shall be carried on Engine 701, 702, Utility 718, and all Chief's vehicles. Engine 701 and Car 728 will also be equipped with Advanced Life support equipment in the event that a paramedic is available. This equipment shall be compatible with that carried on the ambulances and is to be maintained in proper operating condition.

Safety Equipment:

- A. The Burlington Fire Protection District shall provide PPE on all first response apparatus for protection during medical emergencies.
- B. All personnel responding on medical aid calls are expected to use available PPE to provide against exposure to infectious diseases.