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Rules and Regulations

Unsecured Scenes

Purpose:

To ensure the safety of emergency personnel responding to unsecured scenes or situations.

Scope:

These Rules shall apply to all uniformed members.

Responsibility:


Unsecured situations shall include, but are not limited to, riots, fights, violent crimes, drug related situations, family disturbances, deranged individuals, and persons interfering with fire department operations. Also included are any incidents involving firearms or other weapons where security of the scene is in doubt, or unknown. (Suicide, etc.)

- 1) No member shall approach or enter any emergency scene that is reported as "unsecured", or "security unknown" without clearance from police officers on the scene.
- 2) If the security of the scene sounds questionable based on the information given at the time of dispatch, **ask Dispatch if the scene is secure!**
- 3) Until clearance is obtained from police officers actually on the scene, the following actions shall be taken by responding Fire Crews:
 - a) Respond "stat", no matter what the reported emergency! Do not use sirens in the vicinity of the scene.
 - b) Stage a minimum of two (2) blocks from the scene, and out of sight. (Do not take a route that puts you in sight of persons on scene.)
 - c) Approach and enter the scene only on clearance from a police officer actually on the scene. **Do not take the word of bystanders that the scene is secure!**
 - d) Should you arrive on scene, and find it still unsecured, or should it become unsecured after arrival, (fight, etc.) **LEAVE!** If patient

contact has been established, an attempt should be made to remove the patient from the hazard area if this can be done without causing further harm to the patient.

- e) It is advisable to monitor the police channel to stay informed as the situation progresses. Keep in mind that we do not monitor all of the Police frequencies, so you may still miss something.

All members must keep in mind that we are not police officers, and have no business becoming involved in unsecured scenes or situations. Our primary obligation in unsecured situations is our own safety, and to be near the scene should law enforcement officers or other persons need medical attention.

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