

EMS FIRST RESPONDER

A. Purpose:

To enhance medical care to the PFD district via first responders for CCEMS, and to assist other districts if necessary.

B. Scope:

To respond to EMS events with sufficient resources to improve patient survival rates within the capabilities of PFD First Responders.

C. Guidelines:

1. State certified EMS PFD personnel will be dispatched on PFD pagers to respond as first responders within the PFD territory per ComCenter protocol.
2. PFD medical personnel will operate under standard CCEMS protocols and be under the direction of CCEMS personnel on scene. In the event that CCEMS is not yet on location, the senior PFD EMS individual will be in charge until CCEMS arrival.

CAUTION: IF YOU ARE NOT STATE EMS CERTIFIED YOU ARE NOT TO RESPOND, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO DO SO.

3. Apparatus will respond from their respective stations. PFD appropriate dress is required (T-shirt, jumpsuit, bunker pants, identification tag or combination of above). It is appropriate to modify the dispatched apparatus as necessary to reduce response time on larger apparatus.
4. If PFD EMS supplies are used, replacement shall be from the CCEMS unit on location, or at CCEMS Headquarters from the on duty supervisor.
5. It is highly recommended that we do not "overcrowd" a scene.

D. Continuing Education - All personnel shall maintain C.E. hours and current certification to participate as per State of Texas Rules.

E. Identification Tags - All personnel will be issued an ID tag with certification level and should be worn on all EMS responses.

F. CCEMS Members - PFD members who are also CCEMS members and are paged as CCEMS first responders shall follow the rules and regulations set forth by CCEMS.