

## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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SUBJECT: Ambulance Crew Qualifications

DIVISION: Ambulance

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PURPOSE: To establish guidelines to ensure proper staffing of the ambulance.

APPLICABLE TO: All Personnel

AUTHORITY: DCVFC Ambulance Committee

1. A BLS Crew shall consist of at a minimum one (1) qualified driver (minimum of First Responder certification with EVOC training) and one qualified aide (minimum of EMT certification).
2. An ALS crew shall consist of a minimum of one paramedic and one EMT with EVOC training. Every attempt shall be made to satisfy ALS staffing standards. ALS availability shall be communicated with the PSAP as per the SOP on communicating with Public Safety Answering Points.
3. The ambulance, being equipped as a MICU, shall satisfy BLS staffing standards when responding to a BLS call. If the nature of the call is unknown, the MICU shall respond as if the patient requires ALS care unless dispatched as BLS.
4. A standard crew should not exceed four (4) crewmembers, except at the discretion of the Crew Chief. A Crew Chief may request additional personnel for a specific incident requiring assistance, manpower, etc. The Crew Chief must be able to justify the additional manpower.
5. All drivers and additional crewmembers shall assist the Crew Chief as needed. The driver of the ambulance may not act as Crew Chief.
6. All crewmembers shall be familiar with radio procedures and operation.
7. All crewmembers shall be familiar with the equipment on the unit.

8. The following dictates the highest level of certification/recognition which will determine who acts as Crew Chief. If two (2) of the same qualifications are on board, the individual with the most seniority will prevail.
  - A. EMT/Paramedic, Pre-Hospital RN
  - B. Emergency Medical Technician
  - C. First Responder
  - D. CPR certification only
9. All aspects of patient management are to be handled by a pre-hospital practitioner with the level of EMS certification or recognition necessary to care for the patient based on the condition of the patient.
10. On joint fire and ambulance responses, all requests for assistance (medevac, police, rescue, etc.) will be made through the Fire Chief or Officer In Charge. The Ambulance Crew Chief shall control all actions with regard to patient care.
11. If joint response is made and assistance is required prior to the Fire Chief or Officer in Charge arriving, the Ambulance Crew Chief will make the necessary notifications and requests.

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