

# STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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SUBJECT: Scene Control

DIVISION: Ambulance

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PURPOSE: To define who is in charge of a scene.

APPLICABLE TO: All Personnel

AUTHORITY: DCVFC Ambulance Committee

## 1. Patient Management:

- A. Normal Response—Control of all aspects of patient management at an emergency scene shall be the responsibility of the individual with the highest level of EMS certification/recognition necessary to care for the patient, within the Ambulance Division, unless control is turned over to an individual from another company with a higher or equal level of training.
- B. Mutual Aid Response—Scene control lies with the service whose response area includes the incident scene as per their policy unless turned over to our control.
- C. The hierarchy of certification/recognition to determine the crew chief shall be as follows:
  1. Health Professional
  2. EMT/Paramedic
  3. Emergency Medical Technician
  4. First Responder
  5. CPR certification only
- D. In the event there are two (or more) individuals with the same level of training on the scene, the person with the greatest seniority (service time) within the EMS Division shall have scene control.

## 2. Joint Fire Department Response:

- A. The Fire Line Officers will have control of fire suppression activities, search and rescue operations, etc.
- B. Patient management, as outlined above and per company by-laws, shall be the responsibility of the individual with the highest level of EMS certification/recognition necessary to care for the patient.

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