

**CCEMS
OPERATIONS POLICY 100-44
INCIDENT COMMAND EMS OPERATIONS**

I. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure added safety and consistency to EMS crews when operating in both controlled and uncontrolled environments by defining a leadership role to implement and maintain operations under these conditions.
- 1.2 To define when EMS Command will be activated, how it will be activated and clarify who has the authority to assume these responsibilities.
- 1.3 To provide a working structure within other agencies operating within the same incident by building cooperation and understanding of the National Incident Management System.

II. POLICY/ PROCEDURE:

- 2.1 The senior EMT on the first arriving CCEMS unit will assume EMS Command until relieved by an EMS supervisor or member of CCEMS administration.
- 2.2 EMS Command will be responsible for the direction and safety of all incoming ambulances as well as all aspects of triage and radio traffic.
- 2.3 Once EMS Command has been established that person will identify themselves, by their truck number, to Central Dispatch that all EMS radio traffic will be directed through them. (Example; Medic 2 has EMS US Route 36 command)
- 2.4 It shall be the responsibility of EMS Command to direct all aspects of EMS Operation at the scene in cooperation with Fire and Law Enforcement Command personnel.
- 2.5 EMS Command shall be unified with both Fire and Law Enforcement as soon as possible after arrival on the scene.
- 2.6 It shall not be the duty of EMS Command to attempt to direct or control another operating agency at the scene unless it specifically pertains to safety or patient care.
- 2.7 All CCEMS personnel on the scene, where EMS Command has been activated, will report all issues related to safety, patient care and transport decisions to the EMS Commander.
- 2.8 While CCEMS crews are responding to any potential incident, and no on- scene command has been established, The senior EMT that is responding will be in charge of radio traffic and direction UNLESS a shift supervisor or member of CCEMS administration is also responding then the higher ranking responder will have full and complete operational direction of all responding EMS vehicles and personnel.
- 2.9 If a member of CCEMS administration or supervisor is responding and a responding EMS crew is the first to arrive on scene, then the senior EMT on that crew must assume EMS Command until relieved by the supervisor or administrative personnel..
- 2.10 During EMS Command Operations all EMS radio traffic will be directed toward the person assuming such command.
- 2.11 Operational safety shall be the priority of all CCEMS personnel operating at the scene. If a safety issue is noticed during any incident it must be reported immediately to the EMS Command and should the issue directly involve or prove to be potentially dangerous or hazardous to working personnel then any working personnel on the scene has the authority to immediately stop all operations until it is safe.

- 2.12 To assure additional safety operations and continue a unified command, the EMS Command will station with the Incident Commander which generally will be a ranking Fire Department officer or senior firefighter if no officers working at the scene.

Director: 

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