

Campbell County Fire Department Policy

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I. PURPOSE:

To establish a policy for operating the medical response unit in a safe and consistent manner by qualified individuals, as directed by the Campbell County Fire Department, in such a way as to provide the best patient care possible.

II. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Campbell County Fire Department Emergency Medical Technicians.

III. POLICY:

1. Responder Qualifications:

1.1. CCFD assigns certified EMT members, to run after hours, medical coverage for the citizens of Campbell County. This is provided to support EMS as a primary or secondary service through an agreement with CCMH. This service is provided under an independent schedule from the on-call county crew between the hours of 18:00-06:00 each weekday, throughout the weekend and holidays. The qualifications for this service apply specifically to this Medical Response Unit. There is no guarantee of the level of medical training for subsequent calls while this unit is committed at an emergency scene. Firefighters or medical volunteers assigned this duty shall meet the following requirements:

- 1.1.1. Be in possession of, and maintain, a current EMT – basic as issued by the State of Wyoming. A copy of the EMT certification is to be filed with CCFD.
- 1.1.2. Be a member in good standing. Individuals who have previous medical training and experience may be considered for coverage before they are officially off their one year introduction period.
- 1.1.3. Maintain a current CCFD Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO) Certification.
- 1.1.4. Maintain a current Medical Response Form on file with CCFD.
- 1.1.5. Complete a minimum of 12 (documented) emergent responses with a qualified EMS Medical Response provider. Six of these responses need to be as the driver / operator. These calls can be obtained during either the career or volunteer duty shift.
- 1.1.6. Complete the Patient Contact Documentation and the Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement training as outlined in SOP 8.1 and 8.2.
- 1.1.7. Maintain a current HIPPA confidentially wavier signed and on file

2. Emergency Responses:

2.1. Emergency service providers are expected to follow all driving procedures as outlined in the CCFD Response Policy. Aggressive driving and / or abuse of the Medical Response Unit will result in loss of privileges to provide this

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service along with appropriate disciplinary measures up to and including termination.

2.2. The Medical Response Unit is responsible for medical / trauma (including traffic accidents) responses in Battalions 1, 2 and 3. Response to Battalion 4 will be by direct request from Battalion 4 or at the direction of the Shift Commander.

2.3. The EMS provider will:

2.3.1. Respond to medical calls within the Gillette City limits.

2.3.2. Respond to medical calls north, west and southwest of Gillette, but north of Savageton.

2.3.3. Respond to medical calls in outlying areas, Battalion 2 and 3, unless cancelled by an medically trained person from that area.

2.3.4. Respond to motor vehicle crashes.

2.3.5. Will respond to their station for all fire calls, unless they are closer to the fire scene. Fire calls take priority over medical calls.

2.3.6. Should be the only fire department unit to initially respond to medical calls in town. Captains and other shift officers should only respond at the request of the Medical officer, Law Enforcement or EMS. This is to limit the number of vehicles and resources that are responding to medical calls.

2.3.7. Stand down if calls to outlying areas if a BEC or EMT responds to a call from a county based station, either as a first responder, or on an engine. This allows the Medical officer to remain in town for better coverage.

3. CCFD Medical Officer:

3.1. The emergency service responder assigned to the Medical Response Unit will be considered the on-duty Medical Officer and will:

3.1.1. Make decisions for the patient(s) and their care based upon the prevailing situation. Authority will be conceded to Campbell County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) emergency medical service personnel on scene and the CCFD Medical Officer will work with them to provide appropriate patient care.

3.1.2. Facilitate continuity of care, and will accompany their patients to the hospital when additional assistance is requested by EMS. Another qualified CCFD care provider should be assigned from available personnel to temporarily cover the Medical Response Unit in their absence whenever possible. The Medical Officer should resume emergency response coverage as soon as is practical.

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- 3.1.3. The Medical Response Unit can be cancelled by EMS, the Command Officer, the Shift Commander, another qualified EMT or the on-scene officer who has medical experience.
- 3.1.4. EMS has primary responsibility for patient care at any emergency scene. CCFD personnel will provide information to the responding EMS unit(s), but will not officially cancel any ambulance that is dispatched to an emergency, unless there is no documented injury/illness.

4. Reports:

- 4.1. All medical response reports will be completed within 24-hours of the call and will be written in compliance with directives in the Patient Contact Documentation procedure.

5. Riders:

- 5.1. A waiver form must be filled out for all non family or non fire department personnel riding in the medical unit. This must be signed by the Fire Chief or Operations Chief prior to the ride along.
- 5.2. A command officer can give approval for transportation of civilians involved in any incident on an as needed basis in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure 301.3.