

	Terryville Fire Department Chiefs Policies	
	<u>Subject</u> EMS Squad – First Responder Vehicle	BP# 4-04
	<u>Authority</u> Chief of Department	Initiated 4/28/2023 Revised

A. PURPOSE

1. Establish the procedure for the use and response of a designated first responder vehicle to ensure expedient medical care to residents and visitors of the fire district.

B. POLICY

1. The spare First Responder, 5A-4-82 will be available for members of the Terryville Fire Department who are EMS Squad members and maintain a current New York State Emergency Medical Technician certification. A copy of the member’s credentials shall be maintained in their personnel folder located in the Chiefs’ Office. Probationary Members may not utilize the vehicle without prior authorization from a Chief.
2. 5A-4-82, or the “82-Car” may be utilized for any EMS alarms, including Motor Vehicle Crashes. The 82-Operator will respond directly to the scene to initiate medical care as appropriate. In situations when the 82-Operator is at the firehouse upon receipt of the alarm, the vehicle will be left at the station and the member will respond on the ambulance if a driver is in quarters or has called in to that station.
 - a. For fire alarms:
 - i. EMS ONLY members (as well as Exterior Firefighter/EMTs and Fire Police/EMTs) may proceed to the scene once any fire apparatus has initiated its response. The 82-Car should be positioned away from the immediate incident location so as not to impede responding fire apparatus.
 - ii. Members who are interior firefighters have the option to respond to their station and respond to the scene on fire apparatus. Members shall have their gear with them in the event the Incident Commander requests him/her directly to the scene to supplement on-scene fire crews.
 - b. For mutual aid alarms:
 - i. The 82-Operator will proceed to the firehouse and respond on the ambulance. If after 2 minutes, no driver has called in and the requesting department can provide an ambulance, the 82-Operator may proceed directly to the scene.

3. When responding to the scene, the 82-Operator shall adhere to the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law governing Emergency Vehicle operation and proceed to all alarms with due caution and in accordance with BP# 3-16 (Emergency vehicle Operation) and BP# 3-17 (Alarm Response).
4. Upon arrival on scene, the 82-Operator will perform patient care as authorized by their state certification. The 82-Operator will provide patient care enroute to the hospital unless they are relieved by another medical provider of equal or higher certification. In such instances, the 82-Car will go back in service and remain available for additional alarms.
5. In situations where the 82-Car is assigned and fails to respond, the dispatcher will make every attempt to determine the cause upon completion of the alarm. The dispatcher will then immediately notify a Chief Officer. Such occurrences may deprive the member of the privilege of participation in this program.
6. The 82-Car will be restricted to the confines of the Terryville Fire District except for responding to mutual aid calls as specified under Section 2b. Any member that uses the car is expected to be available for all alarms during their respective shift. No passengers are authorized in the 82-car except for department members.
7. When utilizing the 82-Car, the vehicle checklist (attachment 1) must be completed and left in the designated folder in the vehicle. Upon returning to the station, the operator will ensure all equipment has been restocked, and fuel is above 3/4. Any broken equipment shall be written up through the EMS Squad leaders.
 - a. EMS Squad leaders shall periodically (no less than monthly) check the vehicle checklist folder for completed forms. These forms shall be maintained for a period of not less than one year.
8. Any member that violates the above policy may be prohibited from utilizing the 82-Car for a period time and are subject to additional disciplinary action.
9. If at any time the district requires use of the 82-car, the vehicle will be promptly returned to its designated station.

(ATTACHMENT #1)

TERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRST RESPONDER (5A-4-82) CHECKLIST

Date: _____

Vehicle Operator: _____ Badge #: _____

Beginning Mileage: _____ Fuel Level: _____

Vehicle Condition: _____

High Band Mobile Radio _____ Low Band Mobile Radio _____
High Band Portable _____

PCR Board and forms _____
Automatic External Defib. _____
Adult pads _____
Pediatric pads _____
Suction _____
Suction Catheters _____
Oxygen _____ psi
Adult NRB _____
Pediatric NRB _____
Flashlight _____
BLS Bag (stocked) _____
Assorted Splints _____
Eye Wash _____
BVM _____
Assorted Collars _____
Disposable Blanket _____
O.B. Kit _____
Universal Protection _____
Gloves (one box ea. size) _____

Operator Signature: _____

Operator (Print name): _____

Date: _____