

	Terryville Fire Department Chiefs Policies	
	<u>Subject</u> EMS Squad	CP# 2-16
	<u>Authority</u> Chief of Department	Initiated 4/1/16 Revised

A. PURPOSE

- The EMS Squad was established to ensure that volunteer EMS personnel and firefighters who actively respond to EMS alarms receive standardized training. In addition, EMS response by volunteer members shall be guided by additional policies (to be created).

B. POLICY

- New members joining the Terryville Fire Department as EMS ONLY will be assigned to one of the three fire companies and assigned to the EMS Squad.
 - EMS members must remain active in the EMS Squad during their entire membership period unless they receive Firefighter I certification and wish to continue their membership as a firefighter or if they meet the criteria for Fire Police, as set forth in Chiefs Policy #2-14 (Fire Police). Completion of the in-house probationary firefighter training program will also be required for those wishing to become firefighters.
- Any firefighting members of the Terryville Fire Department that have completed their probationary period may be eligible to join the EMS Squad. Requests to join the squad may be submitted in writing to the Chief's Office via the company captain.
- The EMS Squad shall have one appointed Squad Leader and one appointed Assistant Squad Leader. The appointed Squad Leaders will be responsible for managing and training the EMS Squad.
- All firefighters and fire police personnel that have received or wish to receive Terryville Fire District funded standardized medical training or refresher training, such as EMT certification, CME courses, etc., will be assigned to the EMS Squad.
- Firefighters and Fire Police personnel who are EMS Squad members are required to attend 25% of EMS Squad monthly trainings.

C. TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

- All firefighters in the EMS Squad should obtain and maintain, at a minimum, a CPR & First Aid Certification. EMS members are required to obtain at least an EMT certification within one (1) year of joining the department. This may be extended on a case by case basis.

- It will be required of EMS members to maintain their EMT certification for a minimum of 20 years. Members who allow their EMT certification to lapse may be suspended until he/she has become recertified. Any lapse in certification exceeding 6 months may result in termination.
 - EMS members that do not qualify for EMS status upon completion of a department physical may be eligible for the Fire Police Company. These members must successfully complete a Fire Police Course offered by the SCFA within one (1) year of reclassification.
- Squad Leaders will schedule training on a monthly basis and will cover the following ten (10) core training topics:
 - Scene Safety
 - Airway Management
 - Patient Assessment
 - Medical & Psychiatric Emergencies
 - OB/GYN Emergencies
 - Trauma
 - Patient Handling
 - Equipment Familiarization
 - Infant/Child Patients
 - New protocols
- Squad Leaders are encouraged to provide above training using a combination of in-house classes or guest instructors. Requests for outside instructors that occur cost must be requested through the Chief's Office.

D. MONITORING

- Squad Leaders will attend the monthly Chiefs and Officers Meeting.
- Squad Leaders will provide the Chief's Office with quarterly updates of training topics and attendance.