

	<b>Terryville Fire Department Chiefs Policies</b>	
	<u>Subject</u> <b>In-House EMS Standbys</b>	<b>BP# 3-15</b>
	<u>Authority</u> <b>Chief of Department</b>	Initiated 8/1/2017  Revised 3/16/2023

**A. PURPOSE**

- To assist in our timely response to the growing number of EMS alarms, EMS ONLY members are required to participate in in-house standbys. Firefighter/EMTs or other firefighters qualified to drive the ambulance may participate in In-House Standbys. Participation in these standbys ensures that our resources and personnel deploy and respond in the most effect manner possible.

**B. POLICY**

- Members participating in an In-House Standby will assist and supplement the on-duty district EMS crew.
- New EMS Squad members who are not yet qualified to drive an ambulance AND do not have a current EMT certification may participate in an in-house standby to ride along with the on-duty district EMS ambulance for training purposes.
- EMS Squad members who are qualified to drive the ambulance but do not hold a current EMT certification may participate in an in-house standby under the following conditions:
  - If such member is the only member participating in the standby, he/she shall standby at Station One and function as the driver for one of the duty crew ambulances. This may free up a district medic to staff the First Responder or an additional ambulance.
  - If such member is part of a crew consisting of a least one other EMS Squad member who holds a current EMT certification, they will respond to alarms in conjunction with the district Duty Crew in accordance with Best Practice 3-14 (EMS Response). The crew may elect to standby at the station of their choice provided there is an available ambulance in service.
- EMS Squad members who hold a current EMT certification but are not yet qualified to drive an ambulance may participate in an in-house standby at Station One and will ride along with the district Duty Crew. Such members may provide patient care enroute to the hospital when BLS care is deemed appropriate.

### **C. SCHEDULING / ATTENDANCE**

- All in-house EMS standbys should be conducted in 4-hour blocks and prescheduled using the TFD EMS Sign-Up Genius.
  - 0000 – 0400
  - 0400 – 0800
  - 0800 – 1200
  - 1200 – 1600
  - 1600 – 2000
  - 2000 – 0000
  
- It is encouraged, but not mandatory, for members to participate in standbys with at least one other person, allowing an ambulance to be staffed with a driver and EMT.
  
- At the beginning of the standby, the member or crew shall advise the dispatcher of the In-House Standby crew staffing. The dispatcher should immediately create an In-House EMS Standby event in Red Alert. The dispatcher shall be notified upon completion of the standby.
  
- In-House Standby crew members will receive credit for the standby and ALL alarms occurring during the standby.

### **D. RESPONSE**

- When an ambulance is staffed with EMS Squad members conducting an in-house standby, they shall respond to ALL alarms as outlined in Best Practice 3-14 (EMS Response)