

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

A. PURPOSE

- To assist in our timely response to the growing number of EMS alarms, EMS Squad members are encouraged to participate in in-house standbys. Participation in these standbys ensure 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. The driver and on-duty 80-Operator will respond to alarms, as needed, in the second due ambulance out of Station One.
 - 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, as needed. 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 80-operator. Such members may provide patient care en route to the hospital when BLS care is deemed appropriate. If not needed to provide BLS patient care, the member should remain in service and return to Station One with the 80-Operator in preparation of an additional alarm. If an additional alarm is received, the 80-Operator shall respond and the EMT shall remain in-house and await a driver for the ambulance.

C. SCHEDULING / ATTENDANCE

- All in-house EMS standbys should be conducted in 4-hour blocks whenever possible.
- 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 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 may 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 follows:
 - For EMS alarms in which the duty crew is responding, the in-house crew shall respond Signal 4 and provide assistance at the scene if necessary. For CHARLIE, DELTA, or ECHO alarms as prioritized through dispatch, the in-house crew shall respond in emergency mode.
 - For EMS alarms in which only the 80-Operator is responding, the in-house crew shall respond to the scene in emergency mode. For ALPHA alarms as prioritized through dispatch, the in-house crew shall respond Signal 4.
 - For Motor Vehicle Accidents, the in-house crew shall respond in emergency mode.
 - For all other alarms not reporting an injury or illness, the in-house crew shall respond Signal 4 only after an engine is responding. The ambulance shall stage several houses away unless called up to the scene by the Incident Commander. When practical, the ambulance should be turned around to ensure a timely exit to the hospital or additional alarm.
 - For mutual aid requests, the ambulance shall respond in emergency mode to the scene. For mutual aid requests prioritized as a CHARLIE, DELTA or ECHO alarm, the 80-Operator shall also respond to the scene in the event ALS care is appropriate.
 - For mutual aid requests to stand by at a station, the ambulance shall respond Signal 4.