

	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 4/13/2023

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.
 - 2300 – 0300
 - 0300 – 0700
 - 0700 – 1100
 - 1100 – 1500
 - 1500 – 1900
 - 1900 – 2300

- 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)