

	Terryville Fire Department Chiefs Policies	
	<u>Subject</u> EMS Squad	CP# 2-16
	<u>Authority</u> Chief of Department	Initiated 10/17/16 Revised 3/16/23

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 Best Practice 3-14 (EMS Alarm Response).

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 shall 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 a minimum of 4 EMS Squad monthly trainings.

C. IN-HOUSE STANDBYS

- EMS ONLY members are required to participate in a minimum of twenty-six (26) in-house standbys.

- Members participating in an In-House Standby will be guided by Best Practice #3-15 (In-House EMS Standbys)

D. 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 ONLY 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 re-certified. Any lapse in certification exceeding 6 months may result in termination.
 - EMS ONLY 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 monthly and will cover the following seven (7) core training topics:
 - Airway Management
 - Infant/Child Patients
 - Medical & Psychiatric Emergencies
 - New Protocols Equipment Familiarization
 - OB/GYN Emergencies
 - Patient Assessment / Scene Safety
 - Trauma
- Squad Leaders are encouraged to provide the above training using a combination of in-house classes or guest instructors. Requests for outside instructors that incur cost must be requested through the Chief's Office. Training on additional topics is also highly encouraged.

E. 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.