

<b>KITTITAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>				
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**SUBJECT: DISPATCH (RESPONSE AREAS) – Rev. 2018 (post licensure changes)**

**I. STANDARD**

- A. Licensed aid and/or ambulance services shall be dispatched to all emergency medical incidents by the primary County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) per the response maps developed by local EMS & Trauma Care Councils and the South-Central Region. Detailed maps of service areas are available through Department of Health EMS & Trauma website ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)).
- B. Trauma verified aid and/or ambulance services shall be dispatched by the County PSAP to all known injury incidents, as well as unknown injury incidents requiring an emergency response per the response maps developed by local EMS & Trauma Care Councils and the South-Central Region. Detailed maps of service areas are available through Department of Health EMS & Trauma website ([ww4.doh.wa.gov/gis/ems.htm](http://ww4.doh.wa.gov/gis/ems.htm)).
- C. Licensed and verified EMS agencies should update DOH and Regional Council to service area changes as soon as possible.
- D. Dispatchers should be trained in an Emergency Medical (EMD) Program.
- E. KITTCOM is the primary PSAP for Kittitas County. Washington State Patrol can act as a secondary PSAP in Kittitas County.

**II. PURPOSE**

- A. To minimize “dispatch interval” and provide timely care by certified EMS personnel to all emergency medical and trauma patients.
- B. To comply with the South-Central Region Patient Care Procedure #1 guidelines and the Washington Administrative Code for EMS and Trauma Systems.

**III. PROCEDURES**

911 calls go to the KITTCOM dispatch center or the WSP dispatch center in Wenatchee. The criteria used to dispatch the nearest “appropriate” aid and/or ambulance service per the above standards are:

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- A. Emergency Medical Dispatch Guidelines; and
- B. Agency Service Description & Response Area (primary):

1. **Kittitas County Hospital District #1 (EMS & Trauma Response Area #1):**

**Kittitas County Fire District #2 / Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue (KVFR) - 19D02**

is a career/volunteer verified ALS Ambulance Service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response with the following volunteer agencies; KC Fire District #1, KC Fire District #4, and KC Fire District #7. KVFR provides an internal tiered response when logistically feasible within the boundaries of KCFD#2 and the areas not identified as currently having primary tiered response within EMS & trauma response areas #1. KVFR is dispatched to all medical and trauma incidents (known injury only for all motor vehicle incidents) within Hospital District #1, except for the section of Highway 10 from Milepost (MP) 93 (E. end of Bristol Flats) to the junction of Highway 970 to the end of Hwy. 970 at MP 10.3 which turns into Highway 97 (MP 149.5 - Lauderdale Junction). Per mutual aid agreement, KCHD#2 ALS ambulance responds to these areas due to shorter response time. However, KVFR must respond to these areas if specifically requested by a patient. KVFR will respond and provide mutual aid in Hospital District #2 when requested.

**Response area:** Hospital District #1 (HD#1)-boundaries (w/ exceptions to MAA)  
 I90 east to MP 136.5 (Middle of Vantage Bridge)  
 I90 west to Exit 93 (Elk Heights OP/MP 93.5)-per MAA (including Sunlight Waters Development)  
 I82 east to MP 20  
 SR 10 west to MP 93 (E. end of Bristol Flats)-per MAA  
 SR 97 north to MP 163.7 (Blewett Pass Summit)  
 SR 821 south to MP 4.5  
 West of Lauderdale on SR 97

**Kittitas County Fire District #1 (FD#1) - 19D01** is a volunteer verified BLS aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents within FD#1 with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue or KC Hospital District #2 ALS ambulances. FD#1 provides standby mutual aid to the City of Ellensburg when all of KVFR ambulances are out of service

**Response area:** Fire District #1 boundaries  
 Elk Heights area on I90 (West bound to MP 92.5) – HD#2  
 Elk Heights off Exit 93 remote areas (approximate 1/2 mile radius to include Sunlight Waters) – HD#1  
 SR10: MP 93 - MP 101

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SR97: MP 145 - MP 141 (+ access roads up to 2 miles)  
I90 W. to MP89 (Indian John Rest Area)  
Jo Watt Canyon, Taneum Canyon, Robinson Canyon, Elk Heights  
(+5 miles Wilderness access)

**Kittitas County Fire District #4 (FD#4) - 19D04** is a volunteer verified BLS aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents within FD#4 with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue ALS ambulance.

**Response area:** Fire District #4 boundaries

I90 east to MP 136.5

I90 west to MP 130 (Ryegrass Summit/Rest Area)

South on Huntzinger Road to Getty's Cove (Wanapum Dam)

West on Vantage Hwy to MP 12 (KITTCOM: 6 miles west of Vantage)

Wind farm MP 22

**2. Kittitas County Hospital District #2 (EMS & Trauma Response Area #2):**

**Hospital District #2 Ambulance (HD#2) – 19X01** is a career verified ALS ambulance service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response with the following volunteer agencies, Cle Elum Fire Department, Roslyn Fire Department, S. Cle Elum Fire Department, KC Fire District #1, KC Fire District #3, KC Fire District #6, KC Fire District #7, and Kittitas County FD #51 (KCFD#5). HD#2 Ambulance is dispatched to all medical and trauma incidents (known injury only for all motor vehicle incidents) in Hospital District #2 and parts of HD#1 per mutual aid agreement.

**Response area:** Hospital District #2 boundaries (w /exceptions to MAA)

I90 east to MP 93.5 (Elk Heights OP, Exit 93)-per MAA

I90 west to MP 52.6 (Exit 52/West summit, Alpentel Rd.)

SR 10 to MP 93 (E. end of Bristol Flats-HD#1)-per MAA

SR 970 north to MP 149.5 (Lauderdale Junction/SR 97, MP 10.3-HD#1)-per MAA

W. of Lauderdale Junction on SR 97 (including area around junction and residences accessed from SR 97)-per MAA

SR 970 from Teanaway Junction (MP 2.6) east to Lauderdale Junction (end of SR 970, MP 10.3) - per MAA

**Cle Elum Fire Department (CEFD) – 19M01** is a volunteer verified BLS ambulance/aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents within the Cle Elum city limits with HD#2 ALS ambulance. CEFD provides automatic aid to the Town of S. Cle Elum per mutual aid agreement.

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When HD#2 ALS ambulance is unavailable, CEFD provides primary BLS ambulance response to all incorporated areas within HD#2 per mutual aid service agreement. CEFD provides secondary BLS ambulance response to the unincorporated area of Hospital District #2 when HD#2 ALS and FD#7 BLS ambulances are unavailable or additional resources are needed.

**Response area:** Cle Elum city limits  
Town of S. Cle Elum boundaries-per MAA

**Roslyn Fire Department (RFD) – 19M04** is a volunteer licensed BLS aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all incidents within the City of Roslyn with HD#2 ALS ambulances.

**Response area:** Roslyn city limits

**South Cle Elum Fire Department (SCEFD) – 19M06** is a volunteer verified BLS aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents within the Town of S. Cle Elum with HD#2 ALS ambulances. SCEFD provides automatic aid to the City of Cle Elum per mutual aid agreement. SCEFD will provide secondary response with KCHD#2 ALS ambulance when requested anywhere within HD#2.

**Response area:** Town of S. Cle Elum city limits  
City of Cle Elum – per MAA

**Kittitas County Fire District #3 (FD#3) – 19D03** is a volunteer verified BLS aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents (known injury only for all motor vehicle incidents) within the boundaries of FD#3 with HD#2 ALS ambulance. FD#3 will also provide secondary response outside their fire district boundaries for motor vehicle incidents on I90 to the defined area.

**Response area:** Fire District #3 boundaries  
I90 east to MP 74 (West Nelson Siding OP, Exit 74)-secondary  
I90 west to MP 67 (Top of Easton Hill)-secondary

**Kittitas County Fire District #6 (FD#6) – 19D06** is a volunteer verified BLS aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents within the boundaries of FD#6 with HD#2 ALS ambulance.

**Response area:** Fire District #6 boundaries

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**Kittitas County Fire District #7 (FD#7) – 19D07** is a volunteer verified BLS ambulance/aid service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents (known injury only for all motor vehicle incidents) within the boundaries of FD#7 with HD#2 ALS ambulance. When HD#2 ALS ambulance is unavailable, FD#7 provides primary BLS ambulance response to all unincorporated areas within HD#2 boundaries per HD#2 mutual aid service agreement. When HD#2 ALS ambulance and CEFD BLS ambulance are unavailable or additional resources are needed, FD#7 provides secondary response to the incorporated areas of Hospital District #2 service area as the backup BLS ambulance. When responding as backup ambulance, FD#7 provides an internal tiered response when logistically feasible within the boundaries of KCFD#7 and the areas not identified as currently having primary tiered response within EMS & trauma response area #2.

**Response area:** Fire District #7 boundaries  
I90 WB/EB MP 74 (Easton Hill)  
I90 WB/EB MP 92.5 (Elk Heights)  
SR 97 to Summit (Blewitt Pass w/KVFR)  
SR10 to MP 93  
Area between SR 10 and SR 970  
SR 903 between Cle Elum and Roslyn

**Kittitas County Fire District #51 / King County Fire District #51 (Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue-SPFR)** is a volunteer and part-time staffed verified BLS ambulance service dispatched as part of a primary/tiered response to all medical and trauma incidents within the boundaries of Kittitas County Fire District #51 with HD#2 ALS ambulance. SPFR is verified in Kittitas and King County. Due to quicker response times, volume, weather, or traffic related issues, King County ALS and BLS services may be dispatched into Kittitas County automatic or mutual aid per the *King County/Bellevue Fire Department & Kittitas County Hospital District #2 Working Agreement for the Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue Response Area*.

**Response Area:** Kittitas County FD#51 boundaries  
I90 MP 65.5 (W. of chain up area)  
I90 east to MP 67 (Top of Easton Hill - mutual aid)

### C. *General Guidelines*

1. Agencies interested in serving as a secondary PSAP in Kittitas County for EMS should contact KITTCOM and the Kittitas County EMS & Trauma Care Council.

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2. Trauma verified, and licensed EMS services should proceed in an emergency response mode until they have been advised of non-emergent status, per agency SOP.
3. BLS aid services are encouraged to respond to unknown injury or medical, and/or unknown specific locations within their agency's capabilities and internal policies to reduce response times for emergency medical care to incidents potentially requiring an emergent response. Upon verification of patient status, request for appropriate level of service should be made.
4. Signature agencies of the County wide mutual aid agreement, agree to render assistance to each other in mass casualty incidents, multiple emergencies, fire suppression or medical responses beyond the capabilities of local agencies.
5. Response areas noted reflect primary response areas, areas identified for automatic mutual aid, or areas per mutual aid agreements, unless otherwise noted. Copies of Service Agreements should be included as addendums when ever possible.
6. MCI Response Areas -- See Kittitas County Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan, MCI Response Area Key and MCI Response Cards for MCI response areas.  
Addendums:
  - a. MCI Response Area Map Key
  - b. MCI Response Cards
    - MCI HD#2-A
    - MCI HD#2-B
    - MCI HD#1-A
    - MCI HD#1-B
    - MCI HD#1-C

#### IV. DEFINITIONS

**Appropriate** – Defined as the trauma verified or licensed EMS service that responds within an identified service area that can meet the patient care needs. Appropriate agency may be part of a tiered response.

**Emergency Response** – Defined as a response using warning devices such as lights, sirens, and use of Opticom devices where available.

**Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)** – is a call center regulated by the FCC that is responsible for answering calls to an emergency telephone number for police, firefighting, and ambulance services. Trained telephone operators are also usually responsible for dispatching these emergency services.

**Dispatch Interval** – Defined as the time the call is received by the dispatcher to the time the first unit is dispatched.

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