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Section P
PERSONNEL
Procedure P-9

VOLUNTEER EMS RESPONDER

I. Position Summary:

Under the general direction of a company officer, the EMS person in charge, or through independent judgment, volunteer EMS personnel are required to effectively provide emergency medical services at, and within, their scope of practice; within the content of their standing orders; within District policies and procedures; and under the direct control of the physician advisor. EMS personnel may perform other non- firefighting activities at an officer's discretion.

II. Distinguishing Features of Class:

Volunteer EMS Responder are responsible for the appropriate and effective medical care of patients under their care. They are also responsible for completion of all tasks assigned to them by an officer. Volunteer EMS Responders duties at a minimum require a knowledge and understanding of emergency medical protocols, procedures, techniques, bloodborne pathogens, and hazardous materials.

II. Essential Physical and Mental Functions of Position:

In addition to those physical and mental functions required to perform the duties set forth above, this position requires the following:

1. Ability to evaluate patients and to gather information on their present condition, medical history and circumstances surrounding the incident.
2. Ability to prepare medical reports either by hand or computer, using proper detailed descriptions and appropriate terminology within the prescribed timeframe of the physician advisor.
3. The Volunteer EMS Responder shall portray a positive image to the community through appearance and conduct.

II. Participation as an EMS Responder:

Members that are EMS Responders respond to all emergency incidents that have an EMS component. EMS Responders respond to motor vehicle accidents for patient care and may participate in motor vehicle extrication if they have completed the required training. EMS Responders respond in rescue vehicles to fire calls to provide EMS, rehabilitation, or other logistical functions. EMS Responders are not allowed to participate in any activity where training in fireground operations or the use of SCBA's is required.

EMS Responders are required to:

1. Attend required physician advisor meetings.

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2. Attend 50% of the EMS drills each quarter to ensure familiarity with equipment and procedures.
3. Maintain the ability to complete emergency rescue functions and tasks, which are physically demanding over a prolonged period of time, recovering quickly when given a short break.
4. Respond on medical vehicles only. 221, 224, 264
5. EMS Responders will be issued turnout gear for motor vehicle accidents.
6. Member will be identified by EMS blue helmet.

IV. Minimum Basic Requirements:

The Volunteer EMS Provider must maintain residence within the District, an area contiguous with the District boundary, or as determined by the Fire Chief.

The Volunteer EMS Provider must have successfully completed and maintain the following:

1. First Responder or EMT certification.
2. Initial and annual requirements:
 - A. Bloodborne Pathogens.
 - B. Hazardous Materials.
 - C. Additional training as required.