



# Marion Volunteer Fire Department

## EMS First Responder SOG

### Feb 2024

#### A. Purpose:

To provide guidelines on initial response to a medical response call and contact with the patient, family members, and bystanders at the scene.

#### B. Guidelines:


1. All Marion VFD members who wish to respond to Medical Call will complete the MVFD First Responder training program.
2. Marion VFD First Responders will operate under standard Schertz EMS protocols and be directed by Schertz EMS personnel concerning patient care management. If Schertz EMS is not yet on location, the senior Marion VFD EMS individual will have patient care until Schertz EMS arrival.
3. A Marion VFD appropriate uniform is required (T-shirt, uniform shirt, vest). You are required to show some type of name and training identification (STRAC badge, On shirt/uniform (T Amen / FF/EMT))
4. If MVFD medical supplies are used, replacement shall be from the Schertz EMS unit on location; if not done, you are responsible to advise the Primary Response Officer (PRO) or a Marion VFD Officer on the supplies needing replaced.
5. It is highly recommended that we do not "overcrowd" a scene. On most scenes no more that 2-3 members should be in a residence with the EMS crew. Those members should be assisting the EMS crew with evaluations and moving patient(s) as needed. Other responding members should be outside helping control activity on the scene and be ready to help inside crew and help with movement of patient as directed by on scene command.


- #### C. Continuing Education - All personnel who have state and national certifications shall maintain C.E. hours and current certification to participate as per the State of Texas Rules. Those members without state certifications must maintain CPR/AED and bleeding control training. They will also complete a yearly Marion VFD medical response training program.



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- D. Identification Tags: All personnel will be issued an STRAC ID badge with training level and it should be worn on all EMS responses.
- E. All Marion VFD members need to listen for patient complaints or reasons for the EMS call. If the call is a non-urgent complaint (ie. tooth pain, leg cramp, cough, COVID) then a reduced code response is recommended.
- F. Lift Assist calls are not medical and Marion VFD policy is that we respond non-emergent (no light/siren). After assisting a person with need, verify there are no injuries or need for an EMS evaluation. Ensure that the person needing assistance is alert and oriented.
- G. Staging medical calls are situations when the scene must be cleared as safe by law enforcement before the medical response arrival. All Marion VFD responders are to respond as directed by the Primary Response Office (PRO). Responding members who are cleared by PRO are directed to respond to a safe but quickly accessible area to stage without emergency lights on. When cleared by dispatch or on-scene law enforcement, then continue with safe controlled response to scene with the EMS unit.
- H. All Marion VFD without State of Texas and/or National certified emergency medical training are recommended to reduce their response unless there are indications of the need for CPR. They should coordinate closely with Primary Response Officer to be aware of response time of those with EMR/EMT training. If they arrive first, they are to identify themselves as a Marion Volunteer Fire Fighter and are here to assist the ambulance that is on the way. They can quickly assess the situation for safety and life-threatening issues. They should start CPR and/or control bleeding if required. Open and maintain an airway if needed. Otherwise, the firefighter should reassure the family or bystanders that the ambulance and other medically trained members are on the way.

 Date: 15 April 2024  
Jeremy Davenport, Chief

 Date: 2 April 2024  
Tom Amen, President