



# Fire & EMS Staging

## Standard Operating Procedure

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### Greene Central Communications

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

#### I. Purpose

To establish a procedure for staging Fire Department/EMS personnel on law enforcement calls with an immediate threat of danger, violence or an unsafe scene.

#### II. Dispatch Procedure

This Fire and EMS staging policy is designed to provide dispatchers of the Xenia Greene Central Communications Center and the Fire/EMS personnel served by the center with clear definitions, direction, and guidelines for providing and promoting a consistent, procedure for staging Fire/EMS personnel on law enforcement calls wherein there is an immediate threat of danger, or is a scene of violence.

- A. For the purposes of this procedure, Scenes of violence are any type of incident in which Fire/EMS personnel may be exposed to harm as a result of a violent or threatening act(s). Scenes of violence may include but are not limited to domestic disturbance, fights, overdoes, shootings, stabbings, suicides, weapon calls or any other circumstances under which Fire/EMS personnel may reasonably be in danger.
- B. Fire/EMS personnel will be dispatched and advised to stage on any law enforcement call wherein there is reasonable belief that an injury has/will occurred and wherein there is an immediate threat of danger, or is a violent scene.

##### 1. Dispatch Staging Responsibilities:

- a) Dispatch Fire/EMS units. The original dispatch will include the following:
  - 1) Advise units to stage;
  - 2) The Location of the incident;
  - 3) The nature of the incident.

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- b) Staging Fire/EMS units. Dispatch will advise the following:
  - 1) Nature of the incident;
  - 2) Patient information if known;
  - 3) Law enforcement response status.
- c) Advise Law Enforcement that a Fire/EMS unit has been dispatched and staged.
- d) Give the staging units updates as needed regarding scene safety and any known patient information.
- e) Advise the staging unit when the scene is secure and that EMS services are required and request that the unit move into the scene. In the event, that medical services are not required, advise the staging units immediately to go back in service.
- f) *In the event, that Law Enforcements has cleared the violent scene prior to dispatch, advise the Fire/EMS units on dispatch that Law Enforcement has already cleared the scene and advise the unit to go directly in to the scene.*

2. Fire/EMS Personnel Responsibilities:

- a) Fire/EMS personnel will stage at all scenes of violence at a safe distance from the scene.
- b) Fire/EMS personnel shall not enter the scene until law enforcement has deemed the scene secure and advised to do so by dispatch. In the event that Fire/EMS personnel are advised on scene by law enforcement that the scene is secure, the unit shall advise dispatch immediately.
- c) Fire/EMS commanding staff have the right to change response to any scene based on patient status as based on their individual department's policy and procedures and will advise dispatch of their response.
- d) *In the event, that Fire/EMS units are dispatched to a scene that upon arrival is determined to be a violent scene; request a Law Enforcement response and if possible stage in a safe area.*

Domestic Disturbance – no weapons/not active

Domestic Disturbance – weapons/active fighting

Fights

Overdose (responsive vs. non-responsive)

Suicides / Suicide Attempts (weapons, pills, hanging, violent, combative vs. non-violent, non-combative)

Shootings

Self-inflicted gunshot wounds

Stabbings

Weapons Calls of any type