

Stage Away

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Guidelines:

1. When EMS / Fire is dispatched to a scene that needs Police Department intervention, and the scene is not or has not been secured by the police prior to the dispatch or the arrival of EMS / Fire personnel, the Dispatcher will use the term **SUGGEST** or **RECOMMEND**, to the EMS / Fire responding personnel to stage away from the scene until the police advise that the scene is secure. ***AT ALL TIMES, IF THE DC 911 DISPATCHER DOES SUGGEST OR RECOMMEND TO STAGE AWAY, IT WILL BE THE POLICY OF THE UNION VALE FIRE DISTRICT THAT NO PERSONNEL APPROACH THE SCENE UNTIL IT IS SECURE. This means to not be in visible site of the location of the alarm.***
2. The Dispatcher is expected to obtain as much information as possible from the caller regarding not only the status of the patient, but also the status of the scene.
3. The Dispatcher will no longer tell the responding personnel to stage away from the scene. They will only **SUGGEST** or **RECOMMEND** to responding units that they stage away.
4. A VIOLATION of this policy/procedure will result in swift and severe disciplinary action.

Procedures:

- 1) Incidents that EMS or Fire personnel are dispatched to that may need police intervention include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a) Shootings
 - b) Stabbing
 - c) Assault
 - d) intoxicated subject
 - e) Suicides and attempted suicides
 - f) Overdoses
 - g) Psychiatric Emergencies
 - h) Those incidents that the Dispatcher feels may need police assistance or have the potential to become threatening to responding EMS / Fire personnel.
- 2) When EMS / Fire personnel are dispatched to the scene of incidents that need police intervention, the Dispatcher will advise the responding personnel that police are en route or are on the scene. If a police unit is not on the scene, the dispatcher will obtain an estimated time of arrival (ETA) of the responding police unit and relay the information to the responding EMS / Fire units.
- 3) If a police unit is not on the scene, or the Dispatcher has not been advised that the scene is secured, the Dispatcher will use the terminology that it is **SUGGESTED** or **RECOMMENDED** that the responding EMS / Fire units stage away from the scene until a police unit arrives and advises the scene is secured. ***AT ALL TIMES, IF THE DC 911 DISPATCHER DOES SUGGEST OR RECOMMEND TO STAGE AWAY, IT WILL BE THE POLICY OF THE UNION VALE FIRE DISTRICT THAT NO PERSONNEL APPROACH THE SCENE UNTIL IT IS SECURE. This means to not be in visible site of the location of the alarm.***