

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	5 Rescue Operational Information
Title:	Rescue Squad Operations
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RESCUE SQUAD OPERATIONS

Reference:

- a. Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health Commonwealth of Virginia Governing Emergency Medical Services dated July 1, 1990.
- b. Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council Pre-hospital Standard Operating Procedures.

GENERAL

Rescue Squads are expected to respond to all dispatched calls in a rapid and safe manner consistent with existing road, traffic, and weather conditions. Rescue Squads shall ensure that service is available to the public or population within their regular operating areas on a 24 hour continuous basis unless other arrangements are made. Each Rescue Squad is responsible for operating in compliance with reference (a).

PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

1. Each Rescue Squad will ensure that they have sufficient personnel to carry out required operations.
2. Each Rescue Squad will ensure that assigned personnel are trained at the appropriate level equivalent to their EMS license as outlined in reference (a).
3. Each Rescue Squad will ensure that operators of ambulances are trained in accordance with reference (a).

VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

1. Each Rescue Squad will ensure that assigned vehicles and equipment are maintained in an operational readiness condition.

2. Each Rescue Squad will ensure that vehicles meet the standards outlined in reference (a). Furthermore, each Rescue Squad will ensure that all equipment required by reference (a) is on-board each assigned vehicle as appropriate.

MEDICAL OPERATIONS

1. All medical procedures and operations will be conducted in accordance with reference (a) and (b) and/or as directed by the appropriate local Medical Control Physician.
2. The local Medical Control physician in voice contact is in charge of patient care. All effort should be routinely made to contact the appropriate Medical Control. When unable to contact Medical Control, Rescue Squads should follow the procedures outlined in reference (b) and other appropriate medical protocols as published locally.
3. No Rescue Squad personnel should perform any procedure for which they have not had specific training. Accordingly, Rescue Squad personnel must inform the Medical Control physician when orders are contrary to previous training.