It is strongly recommended that communication take place between the on-scene first-responder and responding EMS crew when the following situations are present:

a. Patients considered unstable or potentially unstable.
b. When required to do so by a specific protocol.
c. When doubt or confusion exists regarding any aspect of patient care.
d. Incidents involving multiple patients-MCI.
e. Incidents involving hazardous materials, when possible exposure to radiation has occurred, or when any aspect of the scene is considered unsafe.

Verbal reports to EMS unit should be done via Fire Dispatch and be as brief as possible; information relayed should include at a minimum the following:

a. Patient age and gender.
b. Unstable conditions noted from the primary assessment.
c. Vital signs.