

## ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

*Rules, Policies, and Guidelines*

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### **First Responder**

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### ***PURPOSE:***

Escambia County Fire Rescue has various levels of certification of its members, and various complements of response on emergency apparatus. All members need to know the limitations and operational criteria for deployment of those members.

### ***OBJECTIVE:***

To define the roles and responsibilities of non-fire certified, yet EMS certified First Responder members in the organization to ensure appropriate safety and operational procedures are being met.

### ***SCOPE:***

All non-fire certified, EMS certified First Responders

### **DEFINITIONS**

**First Responder** – A member of ECFR that has been appropriately certified as a First Responder or EMT, without fire certification.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** – The issued protective clothing and safety equipment issued to a member and worn in accordance with SOG.

**Unit Crew** – Those complement of members that respond on a piece of emergency fire apparatus.

### **OPERATIONS**

Certified First Responders, who are not fire certified, may respond and operate only at the scene of medical incidents or vehicle accidents. Full personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn while in the hot or warm zone of the incident.

Certified First Responders will only respond on fire apparatus when there is adequate seating to do so. At no time will a non-fire certified First Responder assume a riding position on apparatus that will diminish the number of qualified firefighters that are able to respond.

Patient care skills and tasks performed by the non-fire certified First Responder shall be limited to only those medical duties to which they have been appropriately trained and certified to perform. **At no time will they be permitted to engage in fire related skills and tasks.**

The incident commander of the incident or the direct division or group supervisor of the designated area will have direct responsibility to ensure that these guidelines are enforced. If at any time, there are identified hazards or risks beyond the scope or medical training of the First Responder, they shall be removed from the hot or warm zone that they are operating in.