
	Department of Public Safety	
	Standard Operating Guidelines	
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PURPOSE

To establish standards for emergency response for the Battalion Chief.

SCOPE

This applies to the Battalion Chief.

RESPONSE GUIDELINES

The Battalion Chief shall respond on any call in which they are needed and in close proximity to.

The following dispatched priority calls will warrant immediate response unless not needed because adequate resources are available or in the case of extended travel distance:

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| Cardiac Arrest | Assaults | Stabbing/Gunshot Wounds |
| Respiratory Arrest | Boating Accidents | Industrial /Machinery Accidents |
| Mental/Psychiatric | Unresponsive | MVC |
| Fires | Drownings | Hazmat |
| Burns/Electrocutions | | |

The Battalion Chief will provide any assistance needed to a request for an attendant, driver or additional crew member.

The Battalion Chief will be provided a pager that will alert them to calls for Oak Hall, Parksley, Onancock, and Painter/Wachapreague. The Battalion Chief will monitor these calls and make the determination if any assistance is needed and respond accordingly.