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PURPOSE

The Peoria Fire-Medical Department EMS Dispatch Policy continues to revolve around an adequate, early and timely response of the closest units required to handle a particular medical emergency.

PROCEDURE

The following medical emergencies will receive a dispatch of the closest fire suppression unit backed up by a paramedic unit. When an ALS unit is the closest unit the dispatch of an additional company will be determined by the judgment/experience of the dispatch personnel.

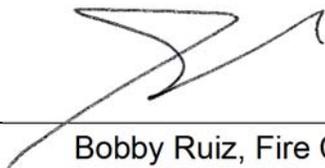
- Cardiac or respiratory arrest.
- Near drowning.
- Chest pain.
- Difficulty in breathing.
- Symptomatic high or low blood pressure.
- Second or third degree burns covering major portions of the body, especially the head and face. ALL ELECTRICAL BURNS.
- Serious blunt or any penetrating injuries.
- Diabetic emergency:
 - Insulin shock
 - Diabetic coma
- Overdose or accidental poisoning.
- Patients with altered levels of consciousness.
- Cerebral vascular accident (stroke).
- Imminent or post childbirth, including miscarriages or complications relating to the pregnancy or labor.
- Shootings.
- Stabbings.
- Cuttings/lacerations with significant blood loss.
- Repeated or extended seizures, first time seizure, febrile seizure.
- Any severe orthopedic emergency (spinal injuries, pelvic fractures, multiple fractures, etc.).

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- Excessive body temperatures with convulsions or deliriums including heat related disorders (exhaustion or heat stroke).
- Serious internal medical emergencies, such as:
 - Vomiting blood
 - Hemorrhaging
- Possible recent death.
- Cancer patients (terminal) in distress.
- Auto accident described as:
 - Car/pedestrian
 - Car/bicycle
 - Motorcycle and/or car/motorcycle
 - Serious in nature (car rolled over, person trapped, etc.)
- Any child under 18 months exhibiting any of the above and/or:
 - Dehydration
 - Hypothermia/hyperthermia
 - Poor muscle tone
 - Failure to feed
 - Decreased or altered level of consciousness
- Any other medical emergency that judgment suggests, based on available information, evaluation by a paramedic is necessary.

All medical emergencies not defined above will receive a dispatch of the nearest fire suppression unit only, to access and treat the patient as well as determine the need for an ALS unit, Rescue or both.

Approved:



 Bobby Ruiz, Fire Chief

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 Date