

Response Plans for Emergency Calls

Purpose: To ensure the most efficient and safest way of responding to Emergency calls, while keeping the best interest of the community in mind.

Scope: For all Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance members respond to any Emergency Call.

Definitions:

A) **Emergency Calls:** At Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance, all of our calls are to be considered Emergency Calls.

B) **Alpha Response:** A response that was once indicated as a non-emergent response. After re-evaluating the system, there is no valid reason that an ALPHA response is not an emergency.

C) **First Responding Unit:** Will be the first unit (responder, ambulance or Chief) on the road shall be designated the first responding unit. This unit will be responsible for giving a situational report of the scene, and will be responsible for issuing a Signal 4, or upgrading the ambulance.

Procedures:

A) As of **January 1, 2011**, all responses to Alpha designations will be changed.

B) Only the **FIRST RESPONDING UNIT** will go to the scene using lights and sirens, as well as using due regard for other vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

C) The first responding unit will be responsible to give a situational report of the scene over BSBRA OPS, as well as upgrading or downgrading the response of all other responding unit.

D) All responding units **MUST** use due regard when approaching intersections, and responding to emergency situations.

E) Failure to comply with any of the above may bring disciplinary actions upon the crew.

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