

# Springdale Fire Department

## Policy & Procedures Manual

### Volume 2 – Operations

#### Section 204 – EMS Operations

#### 204.10 – EMS Standby on Fire Responses

Springdale Fire Department will provide EMS standby at working structure fires to surrounding fire departments within the SFD EMS response area when requested. Squad crews (while responding to and on the scene) should monitor fire ground activities on the radio frequency being utilized by the department with jurisdiction and also monitor either SFD Fire 1 or Fire 2.

Squads assigned to an EMS standby shall respond Code 1 unless notified of possible victims, in which case the response mode will be Code 3.

Squad crews are to primarily provide EMS related services when on an EMS standby. These services include providing medical evaluations of fire personnel, providing medical treatment as needed, and assisting with fire personnel rehabilitation. Squad crews are also authorized to provide support services when requested by the incident commander. Support services shall be limited to low risk exterior activities such as re-filling air bottles, assisting with hose deployments, assisting with water supply, etc.

If an emergency event occurs, such as the need for immediate rescue of a civilian or a firefighter victim, the squad crew may directly assist in emergency firefighting operations. The Incident Commander of the department having jurisdiction must request the SFD squad crew to assist in emergency firefighting operations.

If a squad crew assists in emergency firefighting operations, the crew **MUST** contact Springdale Fire Dispatch and transmit their change in status from “EMS Standby” to “Assisting in Firefighting Operations”.

EMS Standbys provided to another department must be entered in Firehouse within the fire incidents module. Incident type code # 381 is appropriate code for this type of EMS standby. Action taken code # 92 is the appropriate code for these type responses.