Purpose: To achieve a uniform approach when responding to and operating at Emergency Medical Incidents consistent with RI Pre Hospital Care Protocols.

It shall be the goal of the NKFD to dispatch a minimum of one (1) ALS Rescue and (1) Fire Apparatus to all calls for Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Incident volume or call specifics may reduce or increase the number of Companies responding to any given EMS incident. In such cases the FAO or Shift Commander will alter the initial dispatch to either adhere to minimums or increase manpower to meet specific goals.

Individual Company Assignments/Responsibilities

Rescue Company Assignments

- Upon arrival at the scene of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) incident it is the responsibility of the First Arriving Rescue Company to conduct the following:
    - Establish contact with patient(s)
    - Direct personnel on scene as needed relative to patient care
    - Request additional apparatus as deemed necessary, however do not break patient care to do so.
    - Rescue Officers shall consider advising the Fire Officer of resources needed and allow the Fire Officer to make the request.
    - Act in the best interest of the patient.

- For incidents involving only one (1) patient - Rescue Company Officer should have focus on patient.

First arriving Fire Apparatus

- Upon arriving at the scene of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) incident it is the responsibility of the first arriving Fire Company to conduct the following:

    - Retrieve and assist with EMS equipment
    - Request additional personnel or apparatus as needed
    - Initiate Patent Care and/or assist in patient care at the direction of Rescue Officer
    - Provide additional personnel for transport
    - Act in the best interest of the patient

Fire Apparatus arriving prior to an Emergency Medical Unit (Rescue) will assume the responsibilities of the First arriving Rescue until either relieved by a NKFD Rescue Officer or mutual Aid Company.