

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: DOOR COUNTY EMR MUTUAL AID RESPONSE **SOG 503C**

PURPOSE: To provide more efficient, more cooperative, and more rapid EMS care.

SCOPE: This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

DEFINITIONS:

Service Director: The individual recognized by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, as having the authority to act on behalf of the individual First Responder / EMR groups.

Home Department: The First Responder / EMR group with whom the individual responder shows affiliation as indicated in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services data base. In the event the responder shows more than one affiliation, the *Home Department* shall be the individual's primary EMR / First Responder group.

Host Department: The First Responder /EMR group that has the responsibility to provide service based on the call's geographic location as indicated in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Data Base maps.

Automatic Aid: Assistance, aid, and/or help provided by one or more first responders to a location or locations outside of his/her their normal operating geographic boundaries. In addition, assistance, aid and/or help are provided automatically without special request or notification by the Host Department.

Mutual Aid: Assistance, aid and/or help provided by one or more first responders to a location or locations outside of his/her their normal operating geographic boundaries. In addition, assistance, aid, and/or help are provided on and after a request to respond by the Host Department.

Procedure:

- A. This Agreement shall cover First Responders / EMS personnel who are affiliated with the entities participating in this Agreement, i.e., Towns, Villages, and fire departments, joint or otherwise organized, as well as the governmental and departmental entities themselves.

- B. In an effort to promote the purpose of this Agreement, First Responders affiliated with the participating entities are encouraged to render Automatic Aid to those in need in any of the geographic areas included in this Agreement whenever the First Responders are able to render such assistance.
- C. An individual(s) responding under this Agreement shall be required to act under the direction and authority of the Host Department.
- D. The Host Department shall not insure any First Responder providing assistance where such assistance takes place in a geographic area of Door County outside the First Responder's normal geographic operating area.
- E. In the event a First Responder operating under this Agreement is hurt or otherwise injured while on the call, his/her/their Home Department's workers compensation coverage will apply. The First Responder shall follow the notification and reporting policy and procedures as outlined by his/her/their Home Department and insurance provider.
- F. It is the responsibility of each First Responder / EMR group to assure that its individual policies provide coverage outside of its assigned political boundary, and to assure that coverage shall be afforded to the individual group members operating under this Agreement.
- G. The Host Department shall not be responsible to the Home Department nor to the individual First Responder for any lost and/or damaged equipment, nor for any financial compensation for hours worked.

Department included in this agreement:

Washington Island Fire Department	Sister Bay & Liberty Grove
Gibraltar Fire Department	Baileys Harbor First Responders
Egg Harbor Fire Department	Jacksonport Fire Department
Sevastopol First Responders	Sturgeon Bay Fire Department
Southern Door First Responders	Brussels Union First Responders
Gardner First Responders	