



# *City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue*

## *Standard Operating Guideline*

# 310.02

**Title: Special EMS Scene Operations**

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**Purpose:** To establish a procedure for Fire/Rescue personnel to follow when responding to incidents that involves the treatment of patients while operating under the current Medical Authority jurisdiction employed by the agency.

**Scope:** This procedure is to be followed by all Fire/Rescue employees. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the Battalion Chief, the EMS Supervisors or their designee, who is solely responsible for the results of any deviation.

### **General:**

#### **310.02.01. Responding to EMS scenes:**

When responding to EMS scenes, the Paramedic or Company Officer may request additional personnel or units when there is sufficient information indicating that the responding unit is unable to handle the potential situation or the potential number of patients in need of medical attention.

- As soon as possible the first unit arriving to the patient's side shall announce over radio traffic "patient contact"
- On those scenes where multiple units are dispatched, the first arriving paramedic should notify all other units the condition of the patient so they can adjust their response.
- When presented with a patient whose condition is serious in nature units on scene shall announce over radio traffic. "unstable medical or unstable trauma"

#### **310.02.02. Handling EMS scenes:**

The Responsible paramedic in charge of patient care is in charge of all aspects of that patient while treatment is being rendered. The Incident Commander will remain in

charge of the overall incident and should utilize the entire Incident Command System if needed.

Decisions concerning patient transport should be handled by the paramedic in-charge utilizing the procedures set forth in SOG 310.01. The EMS Supervisor or their designee may divert transport destinations under conditions that benefit operations during a mass casualty incident.



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