



## Standard Operating Guidelines: EMS 8

Subject: Availability Of EMS Units

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Fire Representative:

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Director:

**PURPOSE:** Franklin County Public Safety shall assure that appropriate personnel and EMS Units are available and staffed to respond to calls for service.

### I. POLICY:

- A. Volunteer Emergency Medical Service (EMS) units shall contact the emergency communications center and inform them each day of the number of EMS units they can staff and the level of that staffing. Example: Squad 2 has one ALS unit marked up until 05:30 tomorrow morning.
- B. These units can be marked up via phone or radio.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the on duty Operations Captain to check with the emergency communications center each evening between 18:00 and 20:00 hours to obtain the status of marked up units.
- D. If the Operations Captain is on calls they shall obtain this information as soon as clearing the call.
- E. The Operations Captain shall include a listing of these units each day in their daily captain's report.
- F. The career staff shall mark units and Quick Response Vehicles (QRV) in service at the beginning of their shifts. Twenty-four hour shift trucks shall be exempt.
- G. When a call for EMS is received by the emergency communications center and a station has no units marked up, the communications center shall notify the next due station having units marked up in addition to the first due agency.