

## **STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE - 1.3.2**

### **TOPIC: CODE 1 MEDICAL – NON-CERTIFIED DRIVER**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To clarify circumstances and conditions relating to when it is appropriate for personnel who are not certified as an apparatus driver to use a staff vehicle to respond to a Code 1 medical alarm.

#### **GENERAL:**

Occasionally the District is notified of a request for medical or rescue service that is not of an emergency nature, known as a "Code 1" alarm. The nature of these alarms may include, but are not limited to, the following: Lifting assistance, fall from standing, finger trapped, etc. Because this type of request may require some form of medical treatment it is preferred that a rescue vehicle respond. Even though personnel may be ready to respond there is not always a certified rescue apparatus driver available at the initial time of dispatch. This guideline is meant to describe the degree of flexibility that may be exercised to meet the needs of the alarm whenever there is not a certified rescue apparatus driver available.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

1. Crews must wait the prescribed time identified by their station response protocol.
2. If a certified rescue apparatus driver does not arrive within the prescribed time, then the next step is to have dispatch give a second tap-out with a specific request for a driver.
3. If a certified rescue apparatus driver does not respond, after an appropriate period of time, as a result of the second tap-out, the crew may use a staff vehicle to meet the response request.

#### **Conditions:**

1. For this option to apply there must be a person present who has, on file, documentation of successful completion of the Staff Vehicle Task Book.
2. Pick up green medical equipment bag and yellow AED.
3. Upon arrival, assess the need for additional resources or the need for an upgrade of the alarm, from non-emergency to emergency.
4. Based upon the assessment, make any required request through dispatch for additional alarms or resources.