

# 1005 ON-VIEWING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

## I. PURPOSE

- A. To coordinate the utilization of emergency medical service resources when responding to and coming upon the scene of medical and/or traumatic emergencies.

## II. DEFINITIONS

- A. On View: When a pre-hospital care provider either comes upon the scene of a medical/traumatic emergency or is flagged down by bystanders requesting assistance for a medical/traumatic emergency for which that provider has not been dispatched.

## III. POLICY

- A. When a pre-hospital care provider comes upon the scene of a medical emergency without being dispatched to that emergency, the crew of that unit shall immediately notify EMS Dispatch of the location and nature of that emergency.
- B. If no pre-hospital care responders are on scene and the on-viewing unit is not enroute to another medical emergency, or not transporting a patient, the crew of that unit must stop and render aid including transport, if appropriate, or wait until other EMS resources arrive.
- C. If enroute to another emergency or transporting a patient notify dispatch and if appropriate the on-viewing unit may stop to render aid.
- D. If other EMS resources are on scene the provider may stop and ask if assistance is needed.
- E. If the incident is within an identified EOA, and a contracted ambulance has been dispatched, the on-view ambulance should not transport unless the delay might jeopardize the patient. The decision to transport should be made based upon the patient's condition and estimated time of arrival of the contracted ambulance.