STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

[Incident Command System]

BRIGHTON
Volunteer Ambulance

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Purpose:

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) is to outline the position of Brighton Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) regarding the utilization of a standardized Incident Command System.

Scope:

The scope of this document applies to all road staff who may encounter a growing or evolving incident and need to be aware of how to set the framework for successful mitigation of a Multi Patient Incident Response or larger.

Guideline:

1. History:
    1.1. The Incident Command System (ICS) was initially developed after wildfires in the Western United States to help coordinate multi-agency response. Now a part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), ICS is used in daily operations, up to large scale, multi-district and resource events.
2. Daily Utilization:
    2.1. The agency utilizes ICS in its daily operations, including our standardized Chain of Command which is formulated using a standardized ICS tree.
    2.2. For Daily Occurrences, Road Crews (Single Resource) report to the Shift Supervisor (Operations Branch) who reports to the Deputy Chief (Operations Section) who reports to the Chief (Incident Command). Exhibited on the leftmost branch of Figure A.
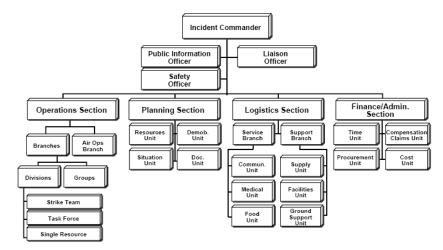

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2.3.   Figure A:

3.   Expanded or Extended Incidents:

    3.1.   In the agency's primary operating district, ICS is utilized while working in conjunction primarily with the Fire Department. However, ICS can certainly be applied to additional Town departments, such as Police, Highway, Public Works, Local Government, etc.

    3.2.   In an expanded or extended incident, The only change will be the integration of additional agencies. Oftentimes, the FD will handle overall Incident Command, with their resources being utilized in the Operations Section as well, with their own branches and divisions. As the incident expands, the use of ICS does too.

    3.3.   Personnel will follow ICS (Chain of Command) at all times and institute ICS for the expanded incident when applicable.

4.   Declared States of Emergency within the Primary Operating District:

    4.1.   In the event that the Primary Operating Districts Government declares a State of Emergency, or activates their Emergency Operation Center (EOC), the Town Supervisor or his/her designee will serve as Incident Command. An agency senior manager will respond to the EOC to lead the Medical Section. Other operations staff reporting to work will fill other command level positions as determined by the senior manager(s). Other town department heads will in turn lead their respective sections.

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