

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG 408

MULTIPLE PATIENT/MULTIPLE CASUALTY INCIDENT

I. PURPOSE

A. History has shown that Jefferson County Fire District #1 has responded to, and assisted in, Multiple Patient/Multiple Casualty Incidents (MPI/MCI) in the past. This guideline will help facilitate personnel in the event of a major incident. Oregon Health Division defines a MPI as five (5) or more patients injured in any single scene.

II. SCOPE

A. These standards apply to all personnel operating at MPI/MCI's.

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

A. It will be the responsibility of the Chief and the officers to insure that these guidelines are followed.

IV. STANDARDS

- A. Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service, has the ultimate decision in dealing with patient care, it is the responsibility of the District to assist whenever possible.
- B. Upon arrival at the scene the first arriving Officer shall report directly to a JCEMS Paramedic or the highest ranking EMT on scene. At that time Command should be established and relayed to Dispatch and incoming emergency vehicles.
- C. The IC has the discretion of assigning these positions or consolidating at their discretion
1. **Triage**—Using department triage tags, preferably an EMT. EMT should be familiar with the START triage method, and can consult District EMS protocols for further assistance.
 2. **Transport**—This person coordinates transportation of sick and injured. Person should have an understanding of EMS and be able to differentiate ALS and BLS patients. Area hospitals should be notified with approximate number of patients that are being transported to their facility.
 3. **LZ Coordinator**—Refer to **SOG 407 Aeromedical Operations**
 4. **Staging**—This person coordinates staging of incoming emergency vehicles
 5. **Treatment**—First Responder and above levels of EMT's can fill this position. Individuals provide life saving procedures prior to transport.

6. **Extrication Officer**—requires a person who has a knowledge of EMS and extrication. This person coordinates priorities in extrication.
 7. **Safety Officer**—This person is responsible for the overall safety of the scene and personnel.
- D. The IC shall order and coordinate through JCEMS additional resources. The IC should be specific in ordering additional help, stating desired EMT level and rescue capabilities.

THE FIRE DISTRICT DOES NOT TRANSPORT PATIENTS. BUT WILL PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN TRANSPORT.

- E. IC will terminate command after the last patient has been transported to an appropriate facility and conditions have been restored.
- F. If this incident involves HAZMAT refer to **SOG 305 HAZMAT Response** for further instructions.
- G. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing may be need. Contact Air Life of Oregon at 800-353-0497, and they will contact the on-duty coordinator.

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