

**Standard Operating Procedures Manual**  
**City of Poquoson Fire and Rescue**



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**EMS OPERATIONS**

**SOP#:** EMS 10.00

**Title:** ALS Engine Response

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City Manager's Signature

  
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Operational Medical Director

**ALS ENGINE RESPONSE**

**I. PURPOSE**

Provide Dispatch/Response Guidelines for ALS Medical Emergencies for the Poquoson Fire/Rescue Department.

This SOP is not all-inclusive and cannot encompass all situations that may be encountered.

**II. APPLICABILITY**

All career and volunteer personnel

**III. PROCEDURE**

The following medical emergencies will receive a response of a fire suppression unit **along with** the medic unit.

- Cardiac or respiratory arrest
- Near drowning
- Chest pain
- Difficulty in breathing
- Second or third degree burns covering major portions of the body, especially the head and face
- All Electrical Burns
- Serious blunt or any penetrating injuries

- Patients with altered levels of consciousness
- Cerebral vascular accident (stroke)
- Imminent or post childbirth, including miscarriages or complications relating to the pregnancy or labor
- Shootings
- Stabbings
- Cuttings/lacerations with significant blood loss
- Repeated or extended seizing, first time seizure, febrile seizure
- Any severe orthopedic emergency (spinal injuries, pelvic fractures, multiple fractures, etc.)
- Excessive body temperatures with convulsions or deliriums including heat related disorders (exhaustion or heat stroke)
- Possible DOA
- Auto accident described as:
  - Car/pedestrian
  - Car/bicycle
  - Motorcycle and/or car/motorcycle
  - Serious in nature (car rolled over, person trapped, etc.)
- Any child under 18 months exhibiting any of the above and/or:
  - Dehydration
  - Hypothermia/hyperthermia
  - Poor muscle tone

**In the event there is no medic unit available in district when any medical emergency occurs, a fire suppression unit will respond and render treatment until the next closest medic unit arrives.**

**The fire suppression unit may be cancelled en route or released from the scene at the discretion of the senior medical personnel on scene, the EMS Supervisor or the Officer in Charge on scene.**