



## El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

Policy Subject Matter:           **Operations when Fleet Resources are Below Minimum Staffing**  
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### **I. Policy:**

JPA funded on-duty firefighter-paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) will be utilized on first response fire apparatus when there are an insufficient number of ambulances from which they can operate.

### **II. Purpose:**

To provide direction when we have exhausted all ambulance fleet resources leaving on-duty firefighter-paramedics-EMTs without an ambulance from which they can operate.

### **III. Procedure:**

- A. There is always the potential that because of mechanical failures, vandalism, theft, and traffic collisions we could be left without a sufficient number of ambulances for our on-duty, JPA funded firefighter-paramedics and EMTs to utilize for emergency advanced life-support (ALS) medical aid calls and transports.
- B. In the event we have exhausted all fleet resources (including our fleet as well as the partnering agencies we have an ambulance loaner agreement with), the on-duty firefighter-paramedics and EMTs who would have been working out of an ambulance will be reassigned to fire apparatus.
- C. The on-duty company officer and/or duty chief of the affected agency will have the discretion to deploy the ambulance crew(s). Consideration should be given to assigning the paramedic(s) to an engine company that does not have a paramedic on-board thus creating an ALS capable engine company response. The crew and their equipment may also be deployed in a utility vehicle and assigned for a first response, non-transport capable ALS resource within the system.
- D. The affected agency company officer or duty chief will notify the ECC of the situation and how the crew(s) will be deployed. A notification will also be made to the JPA executive director. An Unusual Event report shall be completed and forwarded to the JPA and the EMS Agency as soon as possible.
- E. The ECC shall inform all west slope fire districts of the situation.
- F. The JPA executive director and/or designee will follow up immediately with our fleet maintenance vendors for an expedited repair of our vehicles and if needed expand our scope of potential resources for an emergency loan of an ambulance(s).