

# RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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SUBJECT: EMS DUTY RADIO'S & IAR STAFFING

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## Purpose:

To establish a EMS duty crew radio policy for those who are using county issued 800.Mhz radios to communicate with other EMS responders during medical emergencies on a EMS dedicated channel.

## Background:

2014 Fire & Rescue Consultants report recommended issuing 800 Mhz radios to EMS crews and to create their own 800 Mhz EMS channel.

**Definitions:** IAR ( I Am Responding Staffing & Response software ), RCVFRA ( Rappahannock Co. Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association)

## Policy:

County will issue to any requesting EMS Response Agency at least 2 ( two ) 800 Mhz radios to be used by duty crew members.

Requesting agency will agree to utilize the R.C.V.F.R.A funded IAR computer program. The duty crew who are using the portables for that duty shift must show their staffing availability for emergency calls on IAR. When responding if at all possible use the responding function so the E911 dispatcher can see their IAR response screen in the E911 Dispatch center.

It is to be understood these radios are to be rotated among duty crews and not issued permanently to any one responder.

When a radio isn't in use by a EMS responder it is to be returned to that respective department so to be available to the next EMS duty crew.

The intent is for all traffic on these duty crew radios is to be used to communicate with each other and other department staffing responding to the station or the emergency scene if closer for responder.

Duty radios are not intended for communications with Rappahannock Co. E911 Dispatch unless in a extreme emergency or life threatening situation.

All EMS duty crew radio traffic is required to use the EMS Responder Channel 14M ( INC 5 ) hereby dedicated for EMS responder communications. E911 Dispatchers will not be monitoring the assigned 14M channel.

Issued 800 radios to respective departments will be reviewed every 90 days for compliance with SOG. Non compliance or lack of duty crew use the issued radios will be returned to radio manager if requested to place back in reserve radio cache.