
Section: 6.1 EMS Unit Assignments

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SCOPE

This guideline applies to all South Metro Fire Department personnel responsible for emergency response

PURPOSE

The guideline identifies a procedure to ensure appropriate and adequate response to medical emergencies in the Cities of South St. Paul and West St. Paul. This guideline also ensures adequate fire/medical units and personnel are available to respond as additional calls for service are received.

PROCEDURE

1. Fire/medical units will be assigned according to the table below:

	South St. Paul	West St. Paul
Medical #1 – 1 st BLS Transport	Ambulance 2	Ambulance 1
Medical #2	Engine 2	Engine 1
If 2 nd BLS Transport	Ambulance 1	Ambulance 2
Medical #3	Ambulance 1	Ambulance 2
If Ambulances assigned	Engine 2	Engine 1
Additional Medicals	Utilize Health East, Mutual Aid and additional units as they become available.	

2. Unit assignments will be determined by resources needed, unit availability and the discretion of the officer in charge.
3. If an ambulance is assigned to a medical when a working fire is dispatched, the ambulance will clear from the medical to respond to the fire as soon as medically appropriate, ensuring proper transfer of care.
4. During working fires, fire/medical units will be assigned as they are available. If no South Metro Fire Department units are available, Command will ask dispatch to notify other appropriate EMS and law enforcement agencies.