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SUBJECT: Announcing Staffing with Unit Response	EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/26/2011
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this guideline is to establish procedures for announcing staffing with apparatus response.

BACKGROUND: To better inform companies of resources responding to emergency events, the following procedure will be followed when units mark responding.

DEFINITIONS:

POLICY: A. As a suffix to the responding unit's radio identifier, the individual marking the unit responding will indicate the number of qualified providers on board the apparatus followed by the number of non-qualified members on board the apparatus.

B. The unit officers must exercise judgment based on the nature of the call and the type of apparatus they are responding with.

1. Suppression apparatus responding to structural calls should identify their SCBA qualified providers first followed by their non-qualified providers.
2. Apparatus responsible for extrication duties responding to incidents should identify their extrication-trained providers first followed by their non-qualified providers.
3. EMS units should indicate when they are responding to events with additional certified EMS providers above what is required by VA OEMS. **BLS 1-EMT-B & 1-EVOC driver**
ALS 1-EMT-I /P & 1-EMT-B may be driver

C. The dispatcher will request staffing levels of units that do not identify their staffing level.

Examples

A. **Structural Event**

Engine 5 is responding to a house fire with a qualified driver, officer, two SCBA qualified providers and one non-qualified member.

Rappahannock, from Engine 5 responding with 4 plus 1

B. MVA w/Entrapment

Rescue Engine 2 is responding to an MVA with qualified driver, officer, three qualified providers, and two non-qualified providers.

Rappahannock, from Rescue Engine 2 responding with 5 plus 2

C. EMS incident

Ambulance 4 is responding to medical emergency with three EMT-Bs on board.

Rappahannock, from Ambulance 4 responding plus 1

Medic 1 is responding to a chest pain with an EMT-I/P, two EMT-Bs, and one non-qualified member.

Rappahannock from Medic 1 responding with plus 1

This policy is designed to provide information to the dispatcher and incident commander. This information will allow them to decide if more resources are required or if responding resources will be able to manage the emergency.