

## **Back-up Crew**

1. The back-up crew shall consist of 2 EMT's per shift.
2. *The Back-Up Crew is Responsible for:*
  - All fire calls. (Includes Carbon Monoxide Alarms)
  - All transfers out of the hospital.
  - All interfacility transfers out of town.
  - Stand-by's for Police/ERU teams.
  - Any stand-by with no known patient at time of page.
  - Mutual aid standbys for another community (no patient at time of page, just for coverage)
  - Being primary crew when the first ambulance is out.

*Primary Crew is Responsible for:*

- All emergency calls or non-emergency calls involving taking a patient to the hospital.
- Any fire call or stand-by with a known patient at time of page. (both crews will respond)
- Mutual aid assist to another community to pick up a patient or patients.
- ALS intercepts with another ambulance service.

**\*Note:** The crews may need to arrange themselves so appropriate personnel are available for the transfer or stand-by. A member from the primary crew may need to switch with someone on the back-up crew or vice versa to ensure both the call and our city are covered appropriately.

3. The back-up crew shall follow the Responding to Calls guideline.
4. In the event of a back-up call where there is BLS personnel on scene and a patient requiring ALS interventions is being transported, the back-up crew shall intercept with the primary crew or another crew, if available, with ALS personnel on board. The crew dropping the ALS person to the back-up crew shall continue on to resume the ambulance standby, if needed.
5. In the case of 2 rig runs, both on call EMT's for the back-up crew shall be present before the ambulance goes enroute. An exception would be poor driving conditions for the responding crew that would impede the response of the ambulance. The crew may choose to wait four minutes from the time of the page for a third crew member to show up.
6. In the case of 3 or more rig runs (multiple patients or calls) all on call personnel for both primary and back up crews shall be in one or more of the responding ambulances.