PURPOSE

To insure proper registration, documentation of training, and reporting of changes as related to First Responders, as well as the availability of proper equipment availability.

MISSION / VALUES RATIONALE

This policy is aligned with the Mission and Values for Presence Health. Our mission calls us to provide compassionate, holistic care with a spirit of healing and hope for all persons in the communities we serve. Our ministry is an enduring sign of our Core Values of HOPE, to instill us with integrity, inspire us to interconnect with each other, encourage us to honor diversity and dignity of each individual and empower us to always strive for exceptional performance to our patients/residents and to best serve those in need.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/FORMS TO BE USED

N/A

PROCEDURE

Presence St. Mary’s EMS System recognizes the First Responder as an important member of the EMS team.

I. An individual who acts as a First Responder as part of an EMS System’s Program Plan must be registered with the Department by August 1, 2000.

II. To register as a First Responder, the individual must submit the following to the Resource Hospital:

   A. A completed First Responder registration form prescribed by the Department, which shall include

      1. The First Responder’s name,
      2. Address
      3. EMS System in which he or she participates as a First Responder,
      4. Employer and supervisor when acting as a First Responder
B. Documentation of successful completion of training in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum for First Responders or equivalent such as ARC - Emergency Response Course and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

C. Verification that the equipment listed below will be immediately available to the individual when he or she is acting as a First Responder.

1) triangular bandage;
2) roller type bandage;
3) universal dressing;
4) gauze pad;
5) occlusive dressing;
6) bandage scissors;
7) adhesive tape;
8) stick (for impaled object/tourniquet);
9) blanket;
10) upper extremity splint;
11) lower extremity splint (set);
12) oxygen equipment and masks (adult and pediatric);
13) bag-mask resuscitator; and
14) oropharyngeal airway (adult, child and infant).

III. A First Responder shall notify the Resource Hospital in writing 10 days after any changes in:

A. EMS System participation;
B. First Responder’s employer or supervisor
C. Name and address.

IV. PERSONS WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE BASED ON OR EQUIVALENT TO THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR who were PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT as a First Responder on July 19, 1995, SHALL BE CONSIDERED FIRST RESPONDERS (Section 3.60(a) of the Act) by submitting to the Department by July 1, 1997, a:

A. First Responder registration form
B. Verification that the equipment listed in subsection II (C) of this Section will be immediately available to the individual when he or she is acting as a First Responder.
NOTE: Policies with original signatures are on file in Administration.