



## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

A-06-12

September 6, 2012

### SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TRANSPORT BUS 8-8-12



#### I. PURPOSE

This order:

- A. establishes the organization of EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 as an auxiliary apparatus in the Bureau of Operations, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Division;
- B. establishes the response of EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12; and
- C. becomes effective on September 15, 2012.

#### II. POLICY

EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 is intended to enhance EMS capabilities at mass casualty incidents scenes by allowing for treatment and transport of up to thirteen (13) yellow patients (SMART Triage Priority 2) in either the seated or supine position.

- A. On September 7, 2012, at 0800 hours, EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 shall be placed in-service as an auxiliary apparatus at Engine 60's quarters, located at 1150 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St.
- B. EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 shall be administratively assigned to the Bureau of Operations.
- C. EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 shall be identified as a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 9 Resource and shall be available for dispatch under the MABAS agreement.

#### III. RESPONSE

- A. EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 shall be automatically dispatched to an EMS Plan II.

- B. EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 shall be dispatched when requested by the Incident Commander for large-scale incidents, to include but not limited to:
  - 1. hospital/nursing home/senior care facility evacuation;
  - 2. Stage II or Stage III Power Outage affecting one or more nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities or high-rise buildings; and/or
  - 3. Level III Hazardous Materials Incident with an EMS Plan.
- C. An Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance shall be dispatched to the incident and assigned to staff the EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12. The ALS Ambulance Company's highest-ranking member shall be the EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 Team Leader and shall report to the EMS Command Chief for further direction.
- D. An ALS Fire Company shall be assigned to EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12, convey EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 to the staging area of an incident and assist with patient care, as directed by the EMS Team Leader.
- E. The ALS Ambulance members assigned to EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 shall provide care to the patients on 8-8-12 while en route to the hospital. When EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 transports patients to a receiving facility, a FF/EMT from the ALS Fire Company shall follow 8-8-12 to that facility with the ALS ambulance that is assigned to 8-8-12.
- F. When EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 is requested to respond as a Division 9 Resource, under the MABAS agreement, outside of the corporate city limits, the initial response shall include:
  - 1. one (1) Paramedic Field Chief;
  - 2. one (1) ALS Ambulance; and
  - 3. one (1) ALS Fire Company.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12 Team Leader shall be responsible for all decisions regarding the triage and treatment of patients presented to EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12.
- B. The Incident Commander, in conjunction with the advice of the highest ranking EMS Chief Officer, shall be responsible for the deployment of EMS Transport Bus 8-8-12.
- C. It is the responsibility of Company Officers to ensure that 8-8-12 is inventoried monthly, and the performance of the inventory will be entered into the Company Journal.
- D. Upon the return of 8-8-12, the Company Officer will make an entry in the journal of the engine company to include the OEMC event number, date, time, location of incident, return time and the identification of the company returning it, as well as any other appropriate information. Should a company, other than Engine 60, return said unit the officer of that company will make the same entry in their company journal.
- E. When 8-8-12 returns from an incident, all available personnel in quarters will assist in conducting an inventory of equipment