

	Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission Operations Manual	No. 06.17
	BLS First Response Unit Standard	Effective Date: May 2, 2013 Revised Date: September 4, 2014

I. SCOPE

- A. This standard applies to all Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS Department's.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To establish standards for a BLS First Response Unit.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. All Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS Department's will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this standard.

IV. DEFINITION

- 1. BLS Response Unit – is defined as any unit(s) that responds as a medical assist unit and is only BLS equipped according to current standards.

V. STANDARD

- A. A motorized piece of apparatus with the capacity to carry the proper amount of equipment according to the Maryland Seal of Excellence Program which was adopted by the Ambulance Committee of the Fire and EMS Commission. The BLS First Response Unit must be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. The BLS First Response Unit must be qualified for acceptance by means of an acceptance test if new and a service test if used by the Standards Committee of the Fire and EMS Commission. The BLS First Response Unit must be in good operating condition and not loaded beyond the maximum allowable gross vehicle weight.
- B. All apparatus will have warning devices (lights, bells, whistles, and siren) in proper working order at all time.
- C. All BLS First Response Units will have audible back up alarm.

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D. All BLS First Response Units will be pre-designated by each department.

(Example; Utility 1, Engine 26, Rescue 3, Rescue 4, Engine 52, Rescue 6, Rescue-Engine 7 and Engine 92.)

E. A BLS First Response Unit will be equipped as follows;

1. A BLS First Response Unit will be equipped to meet the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program Standards and will be inspected by MIEMSS biannually to maintain a Seal of Excellence certificate.

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