

	Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission Operations Manual	No. 06.19
	Special Unit Standards	Effective Date: May 2, 2013 Revised Date: December 3, 2020

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 Special Unit.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

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

IV. DEFINITION

- 1. Special Unit – is defined as any unit(s) that responds as a medical assist unit ALS or BLS.

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 Special Unit must be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. The Special Unit must be qualified for acceptance by means of an acceptance test if new and a service test if used by the Standards Committee and by the Ambulance Committee of the Fire and EMS Commission. The Special 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, sirens) in proper working order at all times.
- C. All Special Units will have audible back up alarm.

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D. All Special Units will be designated by a 2-digit number, first number is the station, and second number will be a 9.

(Example; Special Unit 99.)

E. Special unit will be equipped as follows.

1. Special Unit will meet or exceed the current Seal of Excellence Program equipment list.
2. One (1) two-way radio to meet county standards and one (1) portable radio.
3. One (1) forcible entry bar, 24" minimum.
4. One (1) 5 lb. (minimum) rated powder type extinguisher and bracket.
5. QAC ADC map book and all other counties in which you respond to, or an electronic GPS mapping device
6. One (1) Emergency Response Guidebook to Hazardous Materials for First Responders.
7. One (1) Hand light

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