



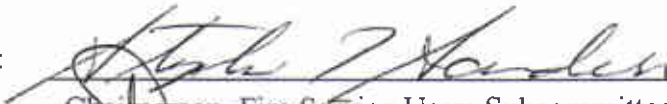
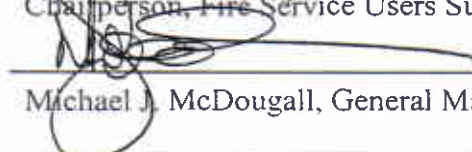
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FIRE
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FIRE SERVICE POLICY

Policy No.	5880	Date Issued:	June 1, 1996
Section:	5800 – Specific Procedures, Continued	Date Revised:	October 1, 2002
Accreditation Standards:	None		
SUBJECT: MEDICALS			
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A medical incident is one with any known or suspected illness or injury. All requests for emergency medical service will be handled in accordance with Policy No. 6410 (Requests for Emergency Medical Service).

Medical incident dispatches will be broadcast in accordance with Policy No. 6370 (Standard Dispatch Format) and should provide responding units with the patient's:

- Age
- Gender
- Chief complaint
- Level of consciousness
- Breathing status

Dispatchers will not broadcast any other patient information except updates that change the patient's status or priority level. For example, if fire and ambulance are responding to a priority D, unconscious but breathing male and he stops breathing, advise the units of the change in breathing status.

Notify responding units of any first aid being administered prior to their arrival.