



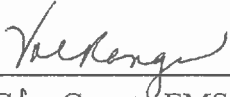
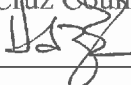
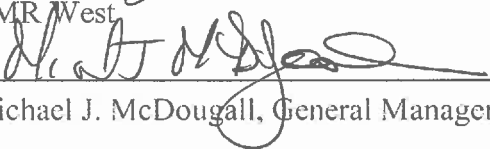
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9-1-1 FIRE
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE POLICY

Policy No. 6220	Date Issued: June 1, 1996
Section: 6200 – Field Unit Safety	Date Revised: October 1, 2002
Accreditation Standards: None	
SUBJECT: DISPATCH TO VIOLENT CRIME SCENE	
APPROVED:	 _____ Santa Cruz County EMS
APPROVED:	 _____ AMR West
APPROVED:	 _____ Michael J. McDougall, General Manager

Dispatchers will notify all responding Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel of any security or safety risks at an incident. Dispatchers must receive an acknowledgement from responding units of all information regarding security or safety risks. Responding units will determine what constitutes a safe perimeter. Dispatchers will, as time permits, inform responders of the incident’s law enforcement status (on scene, en route, not responding) and response code (if known). Dispatchers will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of all such incidents unless they know law enforcement has already been dispatched.

Security or safety risks include, but are not limited to: violent crime scenes, domestic violence, suspicious reports, attempted suicides, 5150 subjects, overdoses, etc. Dispatchers will use clear text when informing field units of a risk.

Scenes are not “secure” until they are determined safe for unarmed personnel to enter. In general, this will only occur after law enforcement personnel have advised “code 4”.