

York Fire Department Response Guidelines Effective 3/28/20 12:15 hrs

YFD Sq2 (or E4 if Sq2 is busy) will respond to all med calls with U21 positive EMD from dispatch and remain in standby mode in service outside of residences in a ready condition.

YFD Staff should assist EMS Team if needed in donning PPE and providing them with a visual check before entry and then disperse from the immediate patient care area prior to the EMS Team making entry.

If YFD entry is needed as determined by YA EMT-P-- full PPE will be utilized including gloved hands, eye, nose and mouth /mask protection and gown/suit over street clothing. **Members will only use mask that they have been fit tested for in all cases.**

Sq 2 (or E4) will respond to med calls with U21 negative EMD from dispatch and remain in standby mode in service outside of residences in a ready condition.

In the event entry is needed for this call, gloved hands, eye, nose and mouth/mask protection will be needed.as noted above. The goal with this procedure/policy/guideline is to limit the number of providers with direct exposure, until an assessment can be made and course of treatment determined.

YFD Fire Call Response - Inside a structure requiring members to enter a building--example; CO or smoke alarm activations, investigations etc. Attempt to inquire from occupants, info on fever, cough and medical symptoms before entry.

- This can be done by using similar EMD U21 questions. Regardless of call type, the first member making contact with any resident should be doing so from a distance and inquiring about recent illness, symptoms or contact with COVID positive patients prior to entering any building. A Radio call to dispatch requesting callers to await FD arrival outside of the home to help limit exposure is a good idea.

Members in all cases will only wear masks that they have been fit tested with. .

Full turnout gear will be worn with gloved hands, eye, nose and mouth/mask protection required.

Decon procedures shall be employed if required per OIC.

The "2 IN 2 OUT" firefighters rule will require only two members to enter a building with no apparent fire ("nothing showing") to investigate which will minimize member's exposure. OIC will dictate all orders and tactical actions for arriving companies. A staging area near the command post will be used to assemble remaining firefighters in a ready condition in case the "2 IN" members in the building request assistance.

Full actual working fire response will be, as always, full scba, with full turnout (T/O) gear

YFD Fire Call Response-Outside Fires:

Firefighters will wear appropriate PPE for the task at hand as dictated by the incident and OIC – brush gear should be utilized, including work boots, steel toe, gloves and helmets with safety eyewear.

General Notes: At all times, member should maintain a 6ft distancing rule. If a possible covid exposure should occur, a member should report same to OIC at once for appropriate action. Documentation must occur of all facts. Any PPE used shall be recorded in writing in radio room, so reorder or decon can occur.

