

Town of Wainwright



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Policy Subject/Title: FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT RESPONDING TO
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT:

This purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for Wainwright Fire & Rescue when responding to medical emergencies and medevac call-outs.

PROCEDURES:

I. MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

A. STATEMENT OF INTENTION

The Wainwright Fire/Rescue Department is an emergency response department created by the Town of Wainwright for the provision of fire and rescue services within the corporate limits of the Town and, by agreement, to the M.D. of Wainwright to their fire zones 4 and 5.

B. AUTHORITY

The Department shall be authorized to respond to a request for assistance from on scene medical personnel as needed, at the Standard First Aid / Level C CPR level. They shall also be authorized to respond to a request to assist medical personnel with medevac procedures as necessary.

C. MEDICAL DIRECTION/SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Since the Department will be responding at the request of on scene medical personnel and at a Standard First Aid level of service, heavy involvement of medical direction will not typically be necessary. The

MFR program does require all levels of care to have a medical director assigned however. This individual will be assigned by AHS. Wainwright Fire & Rescue members providing assistance to medical personnel shall not exceed the scope of practice dictated by their training level.

D. RECORDKEEPING

As fire personnel are acting at the request of, and under direction of, on scene medical personnel, Patient Care Reports are the responsibility of said medical personnel. Strict privacy and confidentiality will be maintained in relation to these events. The Fire Officer completing the call report shall indicate the reason that the assistance was requested.

E. DISPATCH

Wainwright Fire & Rescue will only respond to medical emergencies which are dispatched through the current dispatch agency for fire dispatch. At the time of implementation of this policy, that agency is the East Central 911 Dispatch Center.

F. RESPONSE DESIGN AND AREA

Wainwright Fire and Rescue will respond as requested by on scene medical personnel, within the limits of the Town of Wainwright, into fire recreation areas as designated in the agreement between the Town of Wainwright and the MD of Wainwright (regions 4 & 5), and into areas covered by mutual aid/reciprocal service agreements.

G. DISCLAIMER OF SERVICE CAPABILITY

Services are provided within the capabilities of the Department, and any requests for such medical assistance may be declined due to resource unavailability, staff constraints, or other impediments preventing the timely response of an agency resource.