

Wahkiakum County Emergency Medical Service County Operating Procedures (COPs)

COUNTY OPERATING PROCEDURE #1

Subject: Automatic Dispatch of Adjacent Service

If within (5) minutes of initial dispatch, there is no response from the agency with primary jurisdiction, then dispatch shall re-tone the primary jurisdiction and shall also automatically dispatch the next closest licensed EMS agency in Wahkiakum County. "Response" means verification that a full crew is en route to the station or the EMS vehicle is en route from the station with appropriate crew en route to the scene.

COUNTY OPERATING PROCEDURE #2

Subject: Verification of paramedic response

For the following types of calls, dispatch shall verify a paramedic response:

- Motor vehicle collision involving more than one vehicle
- Vehicle/pedestrian or vehicle/bicycle collision
- Any call where the patient is unconscious and/or not breathing
- Any call where the patient is known to be experiencing anaphylaxis or hypoglycemia
- Any call where the patient is 45 years of age or older and is experiencing chest pain
- Any call where the patient is experiencing respiratory distress and is exhibiting an altered level of consciousness
- Any gunshot wound

If the primary jurisdiction does not have a paramedic available, dispatch shall automatically dispatch a paramedic from the nearest available agency.