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OPERATIONS MANUAL

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I. PURPOSE

This policy provides operating guidelines and managerial direction for the essential functions of the Mobile Operation Detail (MOD) units.

II. SCOPE

This policy shall apply to all San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) personnel.

III. AUTHORITY

The fire chief authorizes the information within this policy.

IV. POLICY

A. INTRODUCTION

1. MODs are two paramedic personnel teams who divide the county required medical supplies that are mounted on two vehicles (bike, electric scooter or other).
2. The typical MOD team configuration is a fire captain/paramedic and firefighter/paramedic. Any staffing variations will follow the current Staffing Manual.
3. MOD team operations are supplemented with an on-scene transportation resource from the 911 transport service provider.

B. MISSION OBJECTIVES

1. The primary goal of the MOD is to improve medical emergency response times within specific geographic service areas and during special events within the City of San Diego.
2. MOD units (two personnel with vehicles) are stand-alone resources and respond to medical aids and other incidents as described below.

C. STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

1. MOD staffing will be in accordance with current staffing policy.
2. MODs will utilize the designation of "MOD" followed by the numbers as assigned to that unit (MOD 1, MOD 2, and so forth).
3. The MODs will respond to medical emergency incidents within the specific geographic service area or special event identified areas.
4. MODs will respond in place of the closest first responder with an ambulance to all medical incidents. A first responder will be added to any cardiac arrest, difficulty breathing that requires post-dispatch instructions, or shooting/stabbing calls.
5. A MOD unit may be assigned to a fire response should it occur in the identified operations area. The role of the MOD unit on a fire incident is limited to initial investigation only within all response parameters of MOD (see #6 and #7 in this section).
6. MOD units shall only be assigned to responses that are at grade level (first floor of multi-level buildings). This is to ensure the security of their apparatus and gear.

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7. MOD units shall only be assigned to responses that are within the identified special need areas or special event footprint unless approved by the battalion chief or special event incident command (IC).
8. After patient contact and initial assessment, or initial investigation on non-medical calls, the MOD officer shall have the discretion to cancel or add units as appropriate.
9. At no time are MOD units/personnel exempt from any operational policy or established procedure due to the staffing configuration of an MOD unit.

D. ELIGIBILITY

1. Captain/PMs, engineer/PMs and firefighter/PMs that have been selected, trained, and are up to date on all requirements are eligible to fill vacancies as described in the Staffing Manual.
2. MOD team openings shall be filled on an as needed basis.
3. Open enrollment shall be noticed to all SDFD personnel via department bulletin following the current format and information requirements for such openings.
4. Selection will made for openings following the established department process.
5. Personnel shall maintain all training and meeting requirements to remain eligible for the MOD team.
6. MOD certification shall be completed prior to eligibility for assignment.
7. The MOD personnel list shall remain a “closed list” of team members.
 - a. Fire captain/paramedic and firefighter/paramedic MOD personnel must work a minimum of one assignment per rolling quarter to remain eligible for the MOD team, provided the opportunity for an assignment exists. Engineer/paramedic MOD personnel are exempt from this requirement.
 - b. MOD personnel must attend informational meetings or trainings as identified to remain eligible for the MOD team. Informational meeting or training announcements will follow the current department process.

E. TRAINING

1. All MOD personnel are required to complete the following training to be eligible to work MOD assignments:
 - a. Complete and pass (80%) the online training (currently TargetSolutions).
 - b. Complete hands on vehicle training (delivered as scheduled by the MOD program manager).
 - c. Complete a MOD task book.

F. REMOVAL FROM TEAM

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1. Personnel falling below a satisfactory rating on their employee performance report (EPR) may be subject to removal from the MOD team.
2. Personnel failing to maintain minimum training/meeting requirements may be subject to removal from the MOD team.
3. Personnel provided the opportunity, but fail to work a minimum of one MOD shift per quarter may be subject to removal from the MOD team.