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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 sworn San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) personnel, except lifeguard 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 mounted on vehicles (bikes, electric scooters or others).
2. The typical MOD team configuration is a fire captain/paramedic and firefighter/paramedic. Any staffing variations must comply with the current staffing policy.
3. MOD team operations are supplemented with an on-scene transportation resource from the ambulance 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 and as outlined in County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Policy S-476.
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 must comply with current staffing policy.
2. MODs will utilize the designation of "MOD" followed by the numbers 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 with an ambulance in place of the closest first responder 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.
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. 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.
8. At no time are MOD units/personnel exempt from any operational policy or established procedure due to the staffing configuration of a MOD unit.

D. **ELIGIBILITY**

1. All Department recognized paramedics in the ranks of firefighter and captain must complete initial/periodic MOD training and will be required to staff MOD assignments in accordance with the Staffing Manual.
2. Captain/PMs, engineer/PMs and firefighter/PMs that have been MOD trained are eligible to fill vacancies as described in the Staffing Manual.

E. **TRAINING**

1. All Department recognized paramedic personnel will be provided with the following initial MOD training necessary to work MOD assignments:
 - a. Online training module (currently Vector Solutions).
 - b. Hands-on vehicle training module (delivered as scheduled by the MOD program manager).
2. All Department recognized paramedic personnel will be provided MOD refresher training through mandatory paramedic CE biannually.
3. Personnel may request additional MOD training by contacting the MOD program manager.