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| <b>TITLE</b><br>O P E R A T I O N S   M A N U A L                      | <b>STANDARD</b><br><b>INSTRUCTION 09</b> |                       | <b>DEPARTMENT</b><br>F I R E - R E S C U E |
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**I.     PURPOSE**

This policy gives direction in the event a first responder encounters a new incident while available, responding, on scene, or transporting.

**II.    SCOPE**

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

**III.   AUTHORITY**

The fire chief authorizes the information within this policy.

**IV.    POLICY**

**A.     Available**

1.     Stop and provide the following information to Emergency Command and Data Center (ECDC):
  - a.     Location of the incident
  - b.     Type of incident
  - c.     Estimated number of patients
  - d.     Potential hazards to other responding units
  - e.     Request for additional resources
2.     Provide medical care when safe to do so
3.     Transport or await the arrival of other first responders

**B.     Responding**

1.     Priority is to continue to the assigned incident
  - a.     Stop if immediate action would make a significant difference.
  - b.     Report the incident to ECDC and provide the following information:
    - 1)     Location of the incident
    - 2)     Type of incident
    - 3)     Estimated number of patients
    - 4)     Potential hazards to other responding units
    - 5)     Request additional resources
2.     If contact is made with the public, provide information regarding the current response obligation and advise that other units are responding

**C.     On Scene**

1.     Conduct rapid triage to determine resource needs
2.     One crewmember shall remain with the original patient unless the scene requires a mass casualty approach
3.     Contact ECDC, advise of the new incident, and request resources
4.     Provide treatment and transport of patients based on acuity

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D. Transporting

1. Priority is to continue with transport
2. Stop if immediate action would make a significant difference and the patient being transported can tolerate a transport delay
  - a. Report the incident to ECDC and provide the following information:
    - 1) Location of the incident
    - 2) Type of incident
    - 3) Estimated number of patients
    - 4) Potential hazards to other responding units
    - 5) Request additional resources
  - b. If contact is made with the public, provide information of the current transport obligation and advise that other units are responding
3. If stopping to assist
  - a. Provide medical care
  - b. One crewmember shall remain with the original patient
  - c. Inform the patient being transported of the reason for the stop
  - d. Advise the next first responder of the situation and continue with the original transport