



# DUCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EMS Deployment Strategy for High Traffic

**Purpose:** To provide an operational alternative for Dare County EMS to post an ambulance at the Duck Fire Department during periods of high traffic congestion.

### Guidelines for notification of traffic congestion conditions:

- When the Duck Fire Chief or Deputy Chief (or Officer in Charge in the absence of the Chief) identifies traffic congestion exists through the Town of Duck and it may negatively impact EMS response times, they may contact the Dare EMS Operations Supervisor and inform them of such (Example: Saturdays during peak season with incoming traffic).
- As part of mass gathering event pre-planning where public safety agencies may need to address event specific hazards. Coordinating agencies will communicate needs and develop an incident action plan for all public safety needs (e.g., flooding, parade, conditions blocking the roadway).

### Considerations and Actions:

Dare EMS Operations Supervisor will evaluate the County's EMS system call load and resource availability. If there are available resources to stage an ambulance at the Duck Fire Department, apparatus bay space will be made available for the ambulance. Duck Fire will reposition their apparatus to accommodate the needed space.

EMS personnel will have access to the station's amenities and both agencies will continue to follow their respective COVID-19 precautionary and decontamination procedures to ensure personnel health and safety.

Dare EMS will perform their normal operational movements to ensure the optimal strategic deployment of their resources and will redeploy resources as necessary to address Countywide call demands.

Any issues that arise or operational changes that need to be adjusted shall be brought to the attention of the Chiefs of both agencies.

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