

**POLICY FOR THE STAFFING OF  
PREHOSPITAL BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RESPONSES AT THE LEVEL OF  
CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER (CFR)  
OR  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)**

---

**NOTE: THIS POLICY APPLIES TO ALL BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PERSONNEL  
AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RESPONSE VEHICLES  
OPERATING WITHIN THE NEW YORK CITY REGION PROVIDING  
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CARE THAT INCLUDES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
DEFIBRILLATION (AED).**

**1. Transporting Basic Life Support Response Units**

Prehospital basic life support responses provided by transporting basic life support response units (ambulances) dispatched to medical emergencies solely via the 911 emergency response system, and those under contract to be dispatched to medical emergencies via the 911 e response system, will be staffed by a minimum of two (2) individuals, both of whom must be certified by the New York State Department of Health at the level of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), following successful completion of coursework in emergency medical technology approved by the New York State Department of Health that includes training in automated external defibrillation (AED).

Prehospital basic life support responses provided by transporting basic life support response units dispatched to medical emergencies by means other than the 911 emergency response system, including those dispatched to medical emergencies via the 911 emergency response system under mutual aid or other similar type of agreement, will also be staffed by a minimum of two (2) individuals, both of whom must be certified by the New York State Department of Health at the level of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), following successful completion of coursework in emergency medical technology approved by the New York State Department of Health that includes training in automated external defibrillation (AED).

**2. Non-transporting Basic Life Support Response Units**

Prehospital basic life support responses provided by non-transporting basic life support response units (basic life support first response units) dispatched to medical emergencies solely via the 911 emergency response system, and those under contract to be dispatched to medical emergencies via the 911 emergency response system, will be staffed by a minimum of two (2) individuals, both of whom must be certified by the New York State Department of Health at the level of Certified First Responder (CFR), following successful completion of coursework in emergency medical technology approved by the New York

State Department of Health that includes training in automated external defibrillation (AED).

Prehospital basic life support responses provided by non-transporting basic life support-defibrillation response units (basic life support first response units) dispatched to medical emergencies by means other than the 911 emergency response system, including those dispatched to medical emergencies via the 911 emergency response system under mutual aid or other similar type of agreement, will also be staffed by a minimum of two (2) individuals, both of whom must be certified by the New York State Department of Health at the level of Certified First Responder (CFR) , following successful completion of coursework in emergency medical technology approved by the New York State Department of Health that includes training in automated external defibrillation (AED).

### **3. Volunteer Basic Life Support Response Unit**

Prehospital basic life support responses provided by volunteer basic life support response units (ambulances or basic life support first response vehicles) dispatched to medical emergencies by means other than the 911 emergency response system, including those dispatched to medical emergencies via the 911 emergency response system under mutual aid or other similar type of agreement, will be staffed by a minimum of two (2) individuals. For transporting units, at least one (1) must be certified by the New York State Department of Health at the level of Emergency Medical Tech (EMT) following successful completion of coursework in emergency medical technology approved by the New York State Department of Health that includes training in automated external defibrillation (AED). For non-transporting units, at least one (1) must be certified by the New York State Department of Health at the level of Certified First Responder (CFR), following successful completion of coursework in emergency medical technology approved by the New York State Department of Health that includes training in automated external defibrillation (AED). At a minimum, the other individual must have successfully completed the American Heart Association Course in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, the American Red Cross Course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for the Professional Rescuer, or the equivalent.

**NOTE: NOTHING WITHIN THIS POLICY SHOULD BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) OR CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER (CFR) TRAINED, EQUIPPED, AND CREDENTIALLED FOR THAT LEVEL OF CARE, INCLUDING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION (AED), SHOULD WITHHOLD SUCH CARE WHEN INDICATED, EVEN IF THE SECOND RESCUER OR TRANSPORTING BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RESPONSE UNIT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT THE SCENE.**